

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the Annual General Meeting and May 2008 Meeting

The Parish Council AGM was held on 6th May 2008

The Parish Councillors are:

Mr. John Archer
Professor Leslie Barclay
Mrs. Gloria Gold
Mr Paul Guppy
Mr. Charles Litscher
Mrs. Alison McDonald
Mr. Philip Wakeling

At the AGM officers etc were elected as follows:

Chairman: Mrs. Gloria Gold

Vice Chairman: Prof. Leslie Barclay

Playing Field Reps: Mr. Charles Litscher and Mr. Philip Wakeling

Nature Conservation Area Reps: Mrs Gloria Gold and Mr. Charles Litscher

Village Hall Reps: Mrs Alison McDonald and Mr Paul Guppy

Public Rights of Way (Footpaths) Rep: Mr. Philip Wakeling

PC Nominee on School Board of Governors: Mrs. Allen remains and this is permissible even though Mrs Allen is no longer a PC Member

The Internal Auditor was confirmed as ASAP Office Services and signatories will be Professor Barclay, Mr Wakeling and Mrs McDonald.

The AGM was followed by the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council

Planning Appeal Decisions: Members were advised of the results of two appeals: the first Appeal was Ref: **APP/X1545/A/07/2053164 1 & 2 White Acres, Crown Road**, application FUL/MAL/07/00412 proposed the demolition of the existing 2 dwellings and the building of 1 x new 5 bed dwelling and 1 x new 4 bed dwelling – the appeal was dismissed the main issue given by the inspector was: “I consider that the main issue in this appeal is the effect of the proposed development on the character and appearance of the surrounding countryside.” The second appeal was Ref: **APP/X1545/A/07/2059860 54 Latchingdon Road, (The Norton Public House)**, application FUL/MAL/07/00929 proposed a change of use from a Public House to residential use – the appeal was dismissed - the main issue given by the Inspector was: “... the effect on community life in Cold Norton.” If anyone would like a copy of the appeal decision reports in full please contact the Parish Clerk.

Essex County Council Proposed Traffic Regulation Order: St. Stephens Road/Cold Norton Primary School: as part of the locally determined programme for 2008/9 and in the interest of road safety, ECC proposes to implement parking restrictions as follows: No stopping Monday to Friday 8am to

9.30am and 2.30pm to 4pm on school entrance markings (which for Cold Norton Primary School means: west side, from a point 3 metres north of the boundary of 7 and 9 St. Stephens Road, north for a distance of 81.22 metres (43.56, 10mm gap 37.56 metres). Parish Council Members were advised that should the County Council decide to proceed with the proposal notice will be in the press in the normal way, but Members were asked if they had any comment on the proposals before further procedural steps were taken. The members were all in agreement with the proposals and requested the Clerk advise ECC accordingly. The Clerk has a copy of the letter and map detailing the above – please contact the Clerk if you wish to see the map/letter.

Essex Network Saver Ticketing Scheme: Members were advised that this new scheme will be introduced on Tuesday 1st July 2008; publicity for the scheme will be appearing shortly, but essentially the premise is that Essex Saver Tickets will allow users unlimited same day travel on every registered local bus service within the administrative boundary of Essex County Council, and also into neighbouring counties, providing the journey starts or finishes in Essex and no change of bus is made outside of Essex. The ticket price will be £8 and will be issued Monday to Saturday inclusive on all non exempt registered local bus services (tickets will be valid on, but not issued on, community transport or demand responsive based services, replacing or supplementing registered local bus services). Service exemptions advised to date (April 08) include all coach or National Express Coach services, plus service nos. X1, X10, X22, X30 and 724 – tickets will be valid for, but not issued on Transport for London bus services starting or finishing in Essex. Please contact the Clerk if you would like a full copy of the letter/information sheet the above is quoted from or look out for local publicity.

Maldon Victorian Evenings 4th & 11th December 2008: the Victorian evenings have now been running for over 20 years. This year the committee would like to increase the entertainment on the High Street and is seeking additional new acts – singers: solo, groups or choirs, theatre groups, musicians and entertainers of any description who would like to showcase their talents on either or both evenings – they can use one of the stages or just roam the High Street. If interested please contact Gwynneth Moylan, Entertainment Secretary on 01621 855456 or e-mail gwyn.moylan@talk21.com

Planning for Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation in the East of England and NATS – new proposal re air space above this area: (both carried over from the March meeting): Having viewed both draft proposals the Members decided to respond individually. NB the NATS public consultation was due to close on 22nd May 2008, this has now been extended to 19th June 2008, please visit www.nats.co.uk/TCNconsultation for detailed information and an online questionnaire. Or NATS information leaflets are available at the village hall.

Stray Dogs: From 6th April 2008 the Police no longer have responsibility for stray dogs – this now falls to local councils. For this area please contact Maldon District Council on 01621 854477 during office hours or 07711 885894 at all other times.

Playing Field: the holes in the hard standing area are scheduled to be repaired by mid June.

Annual Parish Meeting was held on 30th April 2008 - a report will appear in a future issue of The Beacon.

Parish Council Meetings: scheduled or provisionally scheduled for 2008: Wednesday 4th June and Wednesday 2nd July. All meetings start at 8 pm in the Committee Room at the Village Hall. Members of the public are warmly welcomed to hear the proceedings and to speak during the time set aside for that purpose.

To contact the Parish Council: please write to: The Parish Clerk (Maria Dyer), at Exordium, 30b Latchingdon Road, Cold Norton, Chelmsford, Essex. CM3 6JG. E-Mail to mariadyer30@yahoo.co.uk or phone (Monday to Friday before 5 pm please) 01621 829566.