

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the Annual General Meeting and May 2009 Meeting

The Parish Council AGM was held on 13th May 2009

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 were elected as follows:

Chairman: Mr. Paul Guppy

Vice Chairman: Mrs. Gloria Gold

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

Parish Council Nominee on School Board of Governors: Mrs. Allen remains - this is permissible even though Mrs Allen is no longer a Parish Councillor.

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 Applications: the Councillors considered four applications at this meeting. (NB the following is only a summary of each application and the Parish Council's response to Maldon District Council, where the final decision is made – if you wish to view the actual plans and all relating correspondence to these or any planning applications please visit the MDC web site on www.maldon.gov.uk or the District Council offices in Maldon). The first two applications both related to The Aerodrome, Hackmans Lane, Purleigh – the first of which was seeking planning permission to convert two buildings (nos. 9 & 12 – former motor transport sheds and stables) to B1 use and accommodation for a Model Flying Club, the second was permission for the erection of an aircraft hanger – the Parish Council had no objections to either of these applications. The third application considered was the retention of a single storey ornamental oriental style tea house at No.10 The Fairways – the Councillors had no objections to the retention of the tea house providing the land on which the tea house is positioned is within the garden curtilage for the property. The last application related to entrance gates at Bluebell Barn, Lower Burnham Road – the Parish Council had no objections to this application.

Highways Matters: Members were advised that the tree by the bridge and electricity sub station has now been cut down and work has been carried out by the bridge/Ferris Avenue 'alley way' to rectify earlier work carried out. Overgrowing vegetation will be cut back from the bridge down towards Country Produce once the nesting season is over.

Affordable Housing for Local People: a copy of the questionnaire to determine if there is a need in Cold Norton will be delivered to all households in the village in the later part of June – the return date for completed questionnaires will be 17th July 2009. All households are encouraged to complete this confidential and anonymous questionnaire in the pre-paid envelope which will be provided.

Essex Youth Bus: three trial sessions were arranged for 29th April, 13th May and 27th May – Some of the Parish Councillors visited the bus before this Parish Council meeting started and were advised that the Youth Workers were very pleased with the turnout for the first two sessions and that the teenagers enjoyed themselves.

Village Hall Project: a progress report was given to the Members and advised that the hall will close on Friday 17th July 2009 for works to commence the following week (NB there will be a 'closedown' social event at the hall on Saturday 18th July)

Parish Council Meetings: Scheduled or provisionally scheduled for 2009: Wednesdays 3rd June, 1st July, 2nd September, 7th October, 4th November and 2nd December. All meetings start at 8 pm in the Committee Room at the Village Hall (NB the September to December meetings will be held in an alternative venue TBA) 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.