

## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

From the June 2007 Meeting

**Question session at APM re Village Pub:** The Parish Council would like to make clear the response given to the question raised at the APM regarding the closure of the village pub and possible change of use: “The Parish Council would consider every application on its merits, but would prefer to see the existing use retained.”

**Highways:** regarding the question raised at the APM regarding the speed limit between Cold Norton and Stow Maries (concerns were voiced that since the measures recently installed to reduce speeding through Stow Maries it gave the impression that once beyond these i.e. near the Golf Club the speed limit was higher than 40 mph.) a site visit has been held with Highways and, once some checks have been made, Highways will arrange for larger repeater (speed) signs to be erected, also for 40 mph roundels to be painted on the road adjacent to the repeater signs. To aid safer exiting from St. Stephens Road into Fambridge Road Highways are arranging for SLOW signs and distance plates on Fambridge Road and clearance of vegetation on the verges, plus the hedges to the right will be trimmed back by the farmer. Highways will also be putting up a sign to indicate Newport Avenue. (Information not available at the meeting, but advised since by Highways that part of St. Stephens Road will be ‘resurfaced’ – work to commence July/August – exact date TBA).

**Footpaths:** Cold Norton has joined Essex County Council’s P3 Partnership (The Parish Paths Partnership), which essentially means that using volunteers in Cold Norton, headed by Roger Hawes, the official Cold Norton P3 representative, all the footpaths will be surveyed and remedial work etc. carried out. Once the surveys have been carried out, work will be able to start on producing footpath maps.

**Vacancy on the Parish Council:** following the recent elections there is one seat on the Council vacant. If you would like to be considered for this, please indicate your interest in writing to the Parish Clerk by the end of July 2007 giving reasons why you want to join the Parish Council. All applications will be considered during a closed section of the September meeting of the Parish Council. Eligibility to be a Parish Councillor:

- 18 years old or over and
- UK, Republic of Ireland, Commonwealth or EU Citizen and
- Elector in the Parish or
- Living in Parish or within 4.8 kilometres or
- Occupies as owner or tenant, land or property in the Parish or
- Works in the Parish

(You cannot put your name forward if you are subject of a bankruptcy restriction order, or have within 5 years previous been convicted in the UK of any offence with a sentence of imprisonment, suspended or not, for over 3 months without the option of a fine).

If you would like to discuss what is involved in being a Parish Councillor, please contact any of the current Councillors, namely:

Mrs. Gloria Gold (Chairman), Norton Grange, St. Stephens Road.  
Prof Les Barclay (Vice Chairman), 12 St. Stephens Road. Tel 01621 828576  
Mr. John Archer, Ambridge House, 29 Greentrees Avenue. Tel 01621 828797  
Mr. Philip Wakeling, 9 St. Stephens Road. Tel 01621 828244  
Mr. Charles Litscher, Tamina, 1 Latchingdon Road.  
Mrs. Alison McDonald, Pembury House, 16 Latchingdon Road.

**Parish Council Meetings:** scheduled or provisionally scheduled for 2007:  
4<sup>th</sup> July, 5<sup>th</sup> September, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 7<sup>th</sup> November & 5<sup>th</sup> December. 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](mailto:mariadyer30@yahoo.co.uk) or phone (Monday to Friday before 5 pm please) 01621 829566.

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