

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the October 2007 Meeting

New Parish Councillor: The meeting started with the Chairman, Mrs Gloria Gold, welcoming Mr. Paul Guppy onto the Parish Council as a co-opted member selected at a closed session after the September meeting. Mrs Alison McDonald and Mr. Guppy are both set to attend a Councillor training day at the EALC (Essex Association of Local Councils).

Affordable Housing: The Members requested the Clerk accept the invitation from the RCCE (Rural Community Council of Essex) for a presentation at a future meeting re: affordable housing.

The Norton: Maldon District Council have refused a planning application to change The Norton from a Public House to a residential dwelling.

Highways Matters: The long awaited pram ramps and associated works near the bridge/'Ferris Avenue path' are scheduled to be carried out this month. Vegetation from the bridge to Country Produce – the landowner responsible for the section from Junction Road to Country Produce promptly trimmed back this section to make it easier to walk along the footway, but the landowner responsible for the section from the bridge to Junction Road cannot be contacted, so Highways are arranging for this work to be carried out. New signs and road markings relating to Fambridge Road, St. Stephens Road and Newport Avenue should be completed by the end of November, together with the road markings and speed signs between Cold Norton and Stow Maries. The School PTA are arranging for the fence (broken and leaning out towards the footway in St. Stephens Road) to be repaired ASAP.

Temporary Road Closure: From 7.30am Monday 12th November to 4.30pm Friday 16th November Woodham Road: from Scarr Cottage (Stow Maries) to junction with Hagg Hill (1.34 kilometres). Please see coloured map showing full details of diversion/road closure etc in the closed notice board on Latchingdon Road.

Police Matters: Please be vigilant there has been a spate of distraction burglaries in this district. Burglars are purporting to be from the police, water board or offering tree felling services.

Playing Field: Early November – the sinking play equipment is scheduled to be removed and replaced with a new section. The other pieces of equipment will be renovated and once the bark/alternative surface has been laid this area will be reopened.

Public Rights of Way: new ECC guides are now available – please contact the Clerk if you would like a copy.

Parish Council Meetings: scheduled or provisionally scheduled for 2007: 14th November and 12th December. All meetings start at 8pm in the committee room at the village hall. Members of the public are welcome 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 maridyer30@yahoo.co.uk or phone (Monday to Friday before 5pm please) 01621 829566.

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