

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS
From the February 2013 Meeting

Planning Applications: At this meeting there were two planning applications for the Councillors to consider, firstly: HOUSE/MAL/12/01069 PP-02364671, 6 Ferris Avenue, Cold Norton – demolish existing garage and erect single storey side extension comprising garage, dining room and conservatory. The Parish Council had no objections to this application. The second application was: HOUSE/MAL/13/00031 6A St Stephens Road, Cold Norton – to part demolish side garage/store, erect single storey side and rear extension and detached garage. The Cllrs had no objections to the proposed works.

Planning Decisions: There were two decisions from MDC advised to the Council this month, namely: HOUSE/MAL/12/000956 27 St Stephens Road, Cold Norton – removal of existing conservatory to rear of property, construct single storey rear extension and single storey side extension - MDC approved (Cold Norton PC had not objected to this application). The second decision notified was for HOUSE/MAL/12/01008 Great Canney Farm, Hackmans Lane, Cold Norton Alterations, remodelling and extensions consisting of mainly first floor additions to existing bungalow - approved by Maldon District Council (Cold Norton PC had not objected to this application).

This is just a summary of planning applications and decisions – if you would like to see full details of any of the above please contact the Maldon District Council offices on 01621 854477 or visit the web site www.maldon.gov.uk or contact the Clerk – details below.

Erection of tarpaulin on old railway bridge: Members had been advised that this had been reported to the Enforcement Officer at MDC who was now investigating and that a meeting would be arranged with the Resident concerned. The Clerk had received several e-mails and Cllrs had been approached by a number of residents regarding this subject.

2013 Villager of the Year: In 2011 the Parish Council decided to create this award to be presented on an annual basis. The first person to be given this title was Mr Alec Paul from Green Trees Avenue. In 2012 the title was bestowed on Mr Roger Hawes from St Stephens Road for all the volunteer work he did (and continues to do) around the village including, amongst many 'jobs', being the Editor of The Beacon Magazine, the Parish Paths Partnership Representative for Cold Norton Footpaths and was responsible for producing the very comprehensive and detailed marketing plan and application that resulted in the village being awarded a very large Big Lottery Grant to extend the village hall.

Would you like to nominate an individual or group of people in the village for the Parish Councillors to consider for this year's award which will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 24th April? The person or persons nominated must live in the village. Please contact the Clerk (details below) by 2nd April 2013.

Free Warm Pack: the local Village Agent, Christine McDonald advised that: "*The British Red Cross, Age UK Essex and Essex Community Foundation have teamed up together to bring help to those who need it through the Surviving Winter*"

Campaign. When you sign up for this FREE support, and your registration has been accepted as eligible (Age 65 or over) you will receive A Warm Pack including a blanket fleece, a flask to keep drinks warm and a hot water bottle. If severe weather hits and you can't get out to the shops, a Food Pack will be arranged delivered to you by the British Red Cross, along with an electric heater if your heating breaks or you run out of oil. I'm happy to arrange your registration for the Warm Pack for you or someone you know who is over 65 and may benefit from this support"

Call Christine McDonald on 0800 977 5858, or 07540 720608 or email: christine.mcdonald@vaessex.org.uk

ECC Community Volunteering Initiative: The Community Capacity Officer at ECC advised a new initiative that has been launched with the Bishop of Bradwell. The concept called 'Lent Invest' is to encourage people to come together to give time instead of giving up chocolate or wine etc. during Lent and to use this time to progress a project that will benefit the local community. There is not space here to include all the information supplied in the papers supplied to the Parish Council, which includes lots of ideas involving the 'donation' of just one hour during Lent (13th February to 31st March), so if you would like a copy this can be e-mailed or posted to you – please contact the Clerk, details at the end.

Parish Council Meetings: Scheduled or provisionally scheduled for 2013: Wednesdays 6th March, 10th April, 1st May, 5th June, 3rd July, 4th September, 2nd November and 4th December. Meetings start at 8pm in The Norton Meeting 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.

Annual Parish Meeting: scheduled for Wednesday 24th April 2013 at 8pm

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.