

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the March 2012 Meeting

Planning Applications: there were three applications for the Councillors to consider at this meeting: the first FUL/MAL/11/001118 Pensarn, Lower Burnham Road, Cold Norton: roof conversion, side extension and conservatory to bungalow – the Councillors had no objections. FUL/MAL/12/00030 Land adjacent Eastholme, Latchingdon Road, Purleigh: creation of a new vehicle crossing to provide access from Latchingdon Road to Plots 5 & 7 for maintenance purposes – this was the second application considered, which whilst this is not within Cold Norton's administrative area is located near to the boundary – the Parish Council had no objections to this application, subject to Highways approval of the arrangement. The final application to be considered was FUL/MAL/12/01119 Lower Burnham Road, Cold Norton: The proposal seeks permanent road widening works for the purpose of facilitating access for abnormal load deliveries to the proposed wind farm at Turncole Farm. The new highway created will be fenced or similar to allow access to the abnormal loads only and not all traffic. The works will take place at the two road junctions between Lower Burnham Road and Fambridge Road near Cold Norton. The works will result in a change of use from residential and agricultural land to form new highway. (Resubmission of Previous Application FUL/MAL/11/00806) – detail of this application had been supplied on a disc (no hard copy supplied) as it was not possible to view the disc at the meeting it was agreed that the disc would be reviewed and the response would be submitted based on the decisions made at the meeting according to the outcome of the review. The PC response will be included in the next report and will be available to view on the MDC web site.

Planning Decisions: Cold Norton Primary School has been granted permission by ECC to continue using the temporary class base until August 2017. In addition there were 2 decisions from MDC relating to Cold Norton: the first was FUL/MAL/11/00970 Barn Farm, Burnham Road, Cold Norton for change of use of part of an agricultural building to B8 storage and distribution – this had been approved by Maldon District Council. The second was RES/MAL/11/00832 Bardwells Yard, Latchingdon Road, Cold Norton for demolition of existing industrial units and erection of ten3, 4 and 5 bedroom dwellings and associated parking. (Submission of reserved matters following Outline Planning Permission OUT/MAL/09/00512) – this also was approved by MDC.

Signs: Members were advised that new signs for the village hall car park (to stop unauthorised parking), the playing field and Cowpiece were now all installed.

Playing Field: The Council agreed to Pre School's request to hold their annual BBQ on the playing field on Saturday 7th July 2012. At the meeting the Council discussed the outdoor play area that Pre School have been fund raising towards and details of the project were agreed. Pre School are planning to have the play area installed before the end of the school year.

Emergency Planning: Mrs Garnham and the Clerk attended a very interesting and worthwhile two part training course at Maldon District Council offices on setting up and operating a rest centre.

Jubilee Celebrations: Members were advised that a village resident who wished to remain anonymous had contacted the Clerk and very generously offered to donate £200 towards the costs of the Jubilee mugs that the Parish Council had decided to give to every child (either at school or younger) living in the village. A form will be distributed with the Annual Parish Meeting notice for parents to register their eligible children for a mug. It is also proposed to have some mugs available for residents to purchase.

Best Kept Village Competition: the Councillors decided to enter this competition.

Broad Band: is there anyone who has the time and would be willing to help the Parish Council investigate this for the village? Please contact the Clerk for more information or to offer your services.

Parish Council Meetings: Scheduled or provisionally scheduled for 2012:
Wednesdays: 4th April, 2nd May, 6th June, 4th July, 5th September, 3rd October, 7th November, 5th December. Meetings start at 8 pm 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.

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