

**PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**  
From the April 2014 Meeting

**Planning Applications:** At this meeting there was just one planning application for consideration, namely WTPO/MAL/14/00120 10 Stephens Road - T1 Horse Chestnut: reduce crown back to previous pruning points; T5 Field Maple: remove; T7 Field maple: reduce crown by 30% - the Members had no objections to these works.

In addition Members had been supplied for information only the following: AGR/MAL/14/00210 Land at corner of Fambridge Road and St Stephens Road - Erection of barn for storage of hay and straw, but at the meeting were advised that MDC had advised that this application would require planning permission: *“On the basis of the information submitted, the Local Planning Authority considers the siting and appearance within an open and prominent location would result in the building having a significant and detrimental impact upon the rural countryside in this location. Under Schedule 2 Part 6 Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (as amended), for these reasons the proposal does not constitute permitted development and therefore requires planning permission.”* The Members welcomed this decision as the PC had objected to the previous AGR at his site which had also been deemed by MDC to require planning permission.

**Planning Decisions:** There were five decisions from MDC advised to the Parish Council this month, the first was FUL/MAL/13/01165 De Laches 60 Latchingdon Road: Convert garage into annex accommodation and alter front elevation – MDC granted planning permission (the PC had not objected to this application). The second related to: OUT/MAL/13/01172 Land Adjacent 7 Cherry Blossom Lane Single storey bungalow and garage – this application was refused (Cold Norton PC had objected to this). The third decision advised was: HOUSE/MAL/14/00022 6 Ferris Avenue Demolish existing garage and erect single storey side extension comprising of garage, dining room and conservatory – planning permission was granted (the PC had not raised any objections to these works). The fourth advised was HOUSE/MAL/14/00052 Tamina 1 Latchingdon Road Detached carport and boundary wall and railings – MDC refused permission (the PC had not objected to this application). The final decision related to: FUL/MAL/13/00380 Valentines Cottage Crown Road. Alteration to dwelling to continue the use of the garage as an annex and erect a conservatory and link to connect the dwelling to the annex (An amendment to FUL/MAL/04/00816 erect dwelling house and garage). Whilst technically this property is in the Parish of Purleigh, Cold Norton PC had been consulted as the property is so close to the boundary. MDC approved this application (Cold Norton PC had not objected).

The Members were also advised that in relation to LDP/MAL/14/00028 Bay Lodge 1 Newport Avenue Claim for Lawful Development Certificate: Proposed conversion of loft to habitable room that MDC advised that: *“The proposed development constitutes Permitted Development within the allowance provided by Schedule 2 Part 1 Class B & C of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (as amended) and would therefore not require planning permission”*

The PC had been represented by the Chairman at the MDC NW Area Planning Committee on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 at which OUT/MAL/13/01078 Three Rivers Golf &

**Country Club** (outline application for 6 dwellings): Mr Stewart Rivers addressed the committee advising Cold Norton Parish Council's reasons for objecting to this application. Following consideration of all reports, the NW Committee refused permission.

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](http://www.maldon.gov.uk) or contact the Clerk – details below.

**Speed Checks:** Members were advised that speed checks had been carried out on Latchingdon Road on the Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2014 between 12 noon and 1pm near Cherry Blossom Lane - 100 vehicles were checked and the highest speed recorded was 33.

**Traffic Lights at Bridge:** Cllrs reported that the phasing of these lights was out of sync - to be reported to ECC Highways.

**Village Hall Toilets:** Members agreed to proceed to designs, quotations and grant applications to update the ladies, gents and assessable toilet, plus refurbishment works to the original meeting room at the village hall (now known as the St Stephens Room) if funds/grants permit.

**Vandalism:** has occurred at the allotment site with the slashing of the poly tunnel (which was being used to grow produce etc. to sell to raise funds towards the senior citizens lunch club) and the destruction of the drainage system at FP19 created by local residents to prevent flooding of the footpath and local properties. If you have any information about who carried out either of these, please contact the Parish Clerk or the Police.

**Web Site:** apologies, but due to extreme technical difficulties this is not up to date and some reports cannot be accessed. Measures are in hand to rectify this as soon as possible.

**Annual Parish Meeting:** Took place on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2014 attended by 26 residents. Informative reports were given by our District Cllrs (Ms Sue White and Mr John Archer), our ECC Cllr Mrs Penny Channer and the Police; Representatives/Trustees of Stow Maries Aerodrome were also present with the Chair of the Trustees giving a very interesting talk about the present and future plans for the site.

**Villager of the Year:** the engraved shield for this award was presented at the Annual Parish Meeting to Debbie Guppy for all her hard, and ongoing work, as Chairman of The Norton Community Pub Committee to ensure the future of this village asset.

**Parish Council Meetings:** Provisionally scheduled for 2014: Wednesdays 7<sup>th</sup> May (and AGM), 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 1<sup>st</sup> October, 5<sup>th</sup> November, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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