

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the Annual General Meeting and the May 2013 Meeting

The Parish Council Annual General Meeting was held on 1st May 2013

The Parish Councillors are:

Mr John Archer
Professor Leslie Barclay
Mrs Sue Garnham
Mrs Von Jennings
Mr Charles Litscher
Mr Stewart Rivers
Mr Philip Wakeling

At the AGM officers were elected as follows:

Chairman: Mr Stewart Rivers
Vice Chairman: Prof Les Barclay
Playing Field Rep: Mr Charles Litscher
Nature Conservation Area Rep: Mr Charles Litscher
Village Hall Reps: Mrs Sue Garnham and Prof Les Barclay
Public Rights of Way (Footpaths) Rep: Mr Philip Wakeling
Transport Rep: Prof Les Barclay
Police/NAP Rep: Mr Stewart Rivers

The Internal Auditor was confirmed as ASAP Office Services and Professor Barclay, Mr Wakeling and Mrs Garnham will remain as signatories as at present.

The AGM was followed by the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council

Planning Applications: At the May meeting there was only one planning application for consideration: FUL/MAL/13/00284 Land rear of Imps Camp, Purleigh Grove, Cold Norton – application for a new dwelling, open car port, garden store and access. The Parish Council objected to this application as it is outside the village development boundary and it is a backland development.

Planning Decisions: There was also only one decision from MDC advised to the Council this month: namely: NMA/MAL/13/0027 17 St Stephens Road Cold Norton - Application for non-material amendment following grant of Planning Permission for FUL/MAL/10/01089 (Construction of a rear ground floor extension). This was refused by Maldon District Council – the Parish Council had not been consulted on this as it was a NMA.

Planning Appeals: Members were advised that RES UK & Ireland Limited have submitted three appeals, relating to the development of a Wind Farm at Turncole Farm, Southminster and road widening at Lower Burnham Road, North Fambridge and at Twizzlefoot Bridge, Marsh Road, Burnham on Crouch to facilitate abnormal load deliveries. The second appeal advised to the Members referred to Little Cooks, Lower Burnham Road, Cold Norton Application Ref.No.FUL/MAL/12/00719. Appeal Ref No.APP/X15454/A/13/2194280. Demolition of outbuildings and barn and

conversion of former milking parlour to form 2 bed dwelling with associated extensions. Change of use from agricultural land to residential.

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.

Surface Water Issues on Latchingdon Road: Members had been advised of ECC Highways response/report re the various water issues on this road:

1. **Adjacent to bridge:** Highways had advised: *“A channel has recently been created to allow surface water to get to the gully which appeared to be working correctly and no evidence found of a drainage problem.”*
2. **Surface water issue near 46 Latchingdon Road:** Highways has advised: *“The road gully appears to be fine, no evidence of a drainage issue found. Outside number 48 there has been recent patching work around water valves, which could possibly be linked to repairs following a water leak.”*
3. **Surface water issue on road near Thistledown, Latchingdon Road:** Highways has advised: *“No evidence of a drainage problem found on site. Adjacent ditch shows evidence of recent clearance.”*
4. **Surface water issue on Latchingdon Road near Burnham Avenue:** Highways has advised: *“Ditches appear to be working correctly, water observed to be free flowing. Westbound view shows some minimal vegetation in the ditch but water still flowing in correct manner.”*

Members asked Clerk to ascertain exactly what was done at the area adjacent to the bridge.

Highways Issues: in addition to the above the Council is still awaiting response/action from ECC Highways re surface water issue at junction of Stow Road and Hagg Hill, drain and damage to road at Station Crescent, overgrown vegetation from the bridge to Palepit Roundabout and reinstatement of kerb at the Fambridge Road of St Stephens Road. Members agreed to put forward to ECC Local Highways panel two projects: railings for outside the school pedestrian entrance and renewal of the footway from the bridge to Palepit Roundabout.

Vandalism: Members were advised that the fencing surrounding the new Pre School free flow play area had been badly damaged. The Police are now making regular visits, but if you saw anything or know who was responsible please contact the Police and /or the Parish Council.

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

Parish Council Meetings: Scheduled or provisionally scheduled for 2013: Wednesdays 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.

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