

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the July 2012 Meeting

Planning Applications: At the July meeting there were four planning applications for consideration: the first was LPD/MAL/12/00459 7 Stow Road, Cold Norton: claim for lawful development for single storey side extension – the agreed response was to thank MDC for sight of the plans, but to advise that the parish Council had no comments to make. The next application considered was FUL/MAL/12/00378 Land rear of Lone Pines, 63A Latchingdon Road, Cold Norton: 2 x 3 bedroom bungalows with garages and new access road. The Council objected to this this back land development because:

- It is outside the village development boundary
- It is contrary to the Council's Parish Plan
- Highways issues and concerns – it is close to the traffic lights
- Over intensive development of the site
- If this proposal were to be permitted it would set a precedent for other properties along this stretch of the village to develop in a similar way

The third application on the agenda was FUL/MAL/12/00509 Little Canneys, Stow Road, Cold Norton: Proposed new stables and garage building (providing three garages). The Council object to this application because of the significant scale of the development and it is proposing development outside the village boundary which is contrary to the Council's Parish Plan. The final application considered at this meeting was HOUSE/MAL/12/00513 16 Ferris Avenue, Cold Norton: lean-to porch to front of existing detached dwelling - the Parish Council had no objections.

Planning Decisions: There was only one decision from MDC advised to the Council this month, namely: FUL/MAL/12/00237 Little Cooks Farm Lower Burnham Road Cold Norton: Demolition of outbuildings and barn, conversion of former milking stable to form 2 bed dwelling with associated extensions. Change of use from agricultural land to residential. This had been refused permission by MDC - Cold Norton PC had not objected to this application.

Best Kept Village (Essex) Competition: the Parish Council generally enter this and this year Cold Norton was in the final of the 'Village of the Year' section of the competition which is more to do with the 'spirit' of the villagers than the aesthetics of the actual place. All finalists had a visit from a team of judges to meet a sample of villagers to learn more about village life and recent projects; thanks from the Clerk go to Cllrs Sue Garnham and Charles Litscher, Paul and Debbie Guppy and Sue Kieley for making up the Cold Norton team to prepare and deliver a presentation about the village in one week!!! Main projects covered were the Village Hall renovation, Pre School's Outdoor Play Area, the Weekend of Jubilee Celebrations, the formation of the Norton Community Pub Committee, their achievements and future plans, the regeneration of the village allotments and Cowpiece. The presentation to the judges was held in The Norton (thank you), and then the judges were taken on a whistle stop tour of the allotments, the Outdoor Play Area, the Church Yard and Cowpiece.

Philip Wakeling, Chairman of the Parish Council attended the awards ceremony (this took place after the July Parish Council meeting) at which The Norton Community Pub was publically acknowledged for their achievements for not only saving the pub but making it a viable proposition. Philip collected a 'Highly Commended' 'Certificate for the village and on behalf of St Stephens Parochial Church Council collected their

Second Place certificate and a cheque for £250 in the Best Kept Churchyard competition.

Queen's Jubilee Mugs: The Parish Council had agreed to give all children at school (primary or senior) or younger a commemorative mug. Forms were distributed with the Annual Parish Meeting notice to register for the mugs. If you mislaid your form or 'forgot' to collect your child's mug please contact the Clerk (details below) to arrange completion of a form/receive a mug. Surplus mugs are also available to purchase via the Clerk at £3 each.

Parish Council Meetings: Scheduled or provisionally scheduled for 2012:

Wednesdays: 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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