

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the July 2013 Meeting

Planning Applications: At the July meeting there was only one planning application for consideration, namely: FUL/MAL/13/00505 Thistledown, Latchingdon Road, Cold Norton – Demolition of former joinery workshop and erection of detached two storey dwelling. The Parish Council objected to this application because it is outside the village development boundary and therefore contrary to the Parish Council's Planning Policy and the scale and bulk of the proposed development.

Planning Decisions: There was also only one decision from MDC advised to the Council this month, namely: FUL/MAL/13/00299 Three Rivers Golf & Country Club Stow Road, Cold Norton - Extend time limit for implementation of approval FUL/MAL/10/00161 (80 bedroom hotel, associated car parking, landscaping and revised access arrangements - Variation to FUL/MAL/98/0120). MDC had approved this application (Cold Norton Parish Council had not objected)

Maldon District Council Local Development Plan: the second public consultation for this is due to out in August 2013 – please look out for it and have your say in this very important consultation.

Highways Matters: A request had been put in to have the surface of the footway from the bridge to Palepit Corner renewed, but ECC Highways have advised that this is not eligible at the moment for a reconstruction scheme, but ECC will inspect/monitor this now every 3 months. Highways Rangers are undertaking vegetation clearance along this area.

Playground: two pieces of wooden play equipment have been removed from the enclosed younger children's area for repairs. The trees behind the swings will be removed and then new flooring under the swings can be installed – the roots from the trees have caused the existing flooring to lift.

Neighbourhood Watch: Carole Kirk is now the NW Co-ordinator for Cold Norton.

Footpath Map: Every home in the village should now have received a copy – if you have not received a copy please contact the Clerk, or if you do not want your copy of the map, please do not throw in the bin, please return to the Clerk or contact the Clerk to have it collected from you (details at end). Please note with reference to the two Heritage Walks marked on the map, guides to these will be added to the web site as soon as possible.

Broadband: following on from the presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting, we have been advised that Essex County Council has now agreed the first phase of broadband roll-out for villages in Essex. This means that they will now select the priority villages and place contracts. Whether you are a business or a residential user, be counted and help to move Cold Norton up the list.- please visit the website www.superfastessex.org and register for better broadband for Cold Norton by completing a short survey. Superfast Essex is providing 'Dell XPS 10 Tablets' to two lucky survey responders. The winners will be announced on 27 September 2013. The prize draw is open to all, and will include all those who have responded to the

survey since it started in September 2012. Minimum information required will be a landline number, e-mail address and postcode.

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.

Winter Salt Scheme: ECC are running this scheme again this year, whereby they supply the Parish Council with salt to be spread on areas not covered by the Highways Gritting Teams. If you would like to join the team of volunteers for your road, please contact the Clerk (details below)

Mobile Library Additional Stop: as well as the fortnightly stop at the Village Hall between 13.50pm and 14.20pm, the library bus will also be coming every two weeks on Fridays, stopping at the corner of St Stephens Road and The Fairways between 15.35pm and 16.30pm – these changes to the timetable started week were implemented week commencing 8th July 2013 – so in August the library bus will be calling at the Village Hall on 7th and 21st and in St Stephens Road on 9th and 23rd.

Parish Council Meetings: Scheduled or provisionally scheduled for 2013: Wednesdays 4th September, 2nd October, 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.

The Parish Council does not meet in August, but if for any reason (e.g. planning applications) an Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting has to be called, details will be posted on the main Parish Council notice board which is the one outside No.14 Latchingdon Road (the notice board outside the school is not accessible during school holidays).

NEWS JUST IN:

Essex Best Kept Village Competition 2013: Cold Norton has received a Merit Award from the RCCE (Rural Community Council of Essex).

(The competition was about encouraging vibrant, enterprising and caring rural communities. The judges were looking for villages which, irrespective of size, were doing most to enhance the quality of life for all its inhabitants.)

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