

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the October 2013 Meeting

Planning Applications: At this meeting there were three planning applications for consideration, the first, whilst actually in Purleigh Parish, because of its proximity to the border with Cold Norton details of the application were supplied to Cold Norton PC for an opinion: FUL/MAL/13/00380 Valentine Cottage, Crown Road: alteration to dwelling (an amendment to FUL/MAL/04/00816) – there were no objections to this application. The second application was: HOUSE/MAL/13/00747 Norwendor, 26 St Stephens Road: two storey rear and single storey side and front extension. First floor extension to front and side over garage, conservatory to rear, double garage to front of front of property. Removal of existing outer skin of brickwork and replace with new facing brickwork – the Parish Council objected to this application for the following reasons:

- This scale of the development
- The cohesion of the design
- The proposed installation of a garage at the front, and the size proposed – there are no garages present in this front position at any of the other properties on this side of the road.

The final planning application considered at this meeting was: HOUSE/MAL/13/00792 Sherae, Latchingdon Road: proposed garage conversion and construction of a single storey garden room link to form a new annexe – there were no objections to this proposal.

Planning Decisions: There were six decisions from MDC advised to the Council this month, namely: HOUSE/MAL/13/00623 3 Cherry Blossom Lane: two storey extension to the side of the existing property – this was approved by Maldon District Council (Cold Norton Parish Council had objected to this application); HOUSE/MAL/13/00613 and LBC (listed building consent)/MAL/13/00614 both for The Barn, St Stephens Road: erection of a single storey extension to the cowshed, access to which will be through converting a previously approved window into a doorway, adding a window to the cowshed to a previously modernised section. Erection of a single storey cart lodge and adding a swimming pond to the front garden. Minor alterations to the main barn will involve moving a fireplace from the middle of the building to the far east side and moving the stairs to the left side of the landing. Changing the use of the downstairs rooms so that the current kitchen becomes a play room and the living room becomes the kitchen. The addition of three conservation grade, small, (300mm x 450mm) black roof lights to the entrance hallway, upstairs bathroom and dressing room – these both received approval from MDC (Cold Norton Parish Council had not objected to these applications); the fourth decision related to: FUL/MAL/13/00695 Land Between Koombora & Mansfield, Victoria Road: erection of 2 No. three bedroom dwellings and change of land use to C3 – this was refused by MDC (Cold Norton Parish Council had objected to this application); the fifth decision advised was for: HOUSE/MAL/13/00703 Hillsborough 42 Latchingdon Road: two storey side extension and roof alterations to form rear dormer and front dormer: Maldon District Council approved these works (Cold Norton Parish Council had objected to the proposed works); the final decision this month was: FUL/MAL/13/00727 Blue House Farm, Hagg Hill: extend time limit for implementation: Demolition of existing dwelling with replacement dwelling (FUL/MAL/10/00488) – this received approval from MDC (Cold Norton PC had not objected to this time extension).

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.

Completion of Annual Audit for Year Ended 31st March 2013: the annual return has been audited and returned ‘approved’ by the External Auditor appointed by the Audit Commission – copies of the audit, plus both the Internal and External auditors’ reports are now on display on the main Parish Council notice board outside 14 Latchingdon Road.

Maldon District Council Local Development Plan Consultation: at the meeting the Cllrs, having prior to the meeting read and considered the draft document, agreed the response to be sent from the Parish Council – it is too long to reproduce here, if you would like to see a copy please contact the Clerk (details below)

Local Bus Services - Consultation on bus services run by Essex County Council: The consultation is asking residents about their travel needs and what types of services are most important to them, but the consultation is not looking at individual bus services at this stage. The consultation, plus all accompanying literature and documentation, including a comprehensive list of the bus services paid for by ECC, is available on www.essex.gov.uk/busreview . The consultation will close on Monday 9 December 2013. Copies of the consultation are available through libraries or by calling 0845 603 7631. Or contact the Clerk (details below) for a copy of the questionnaire and a return envelope.

Remembrance Day: The Chairman of the Parish Council, Stewart Rivers, will lay a Poppy Wreath on behalf of all residents of the village at the service at St Stephens Church on Sunday 10th November at 10am. All are most welcome to attend this special service.

Street Lights along Latchingdon Road: these are the responsibility of the Parish Council – if you spot one that is not working please report it to the Clerk.

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)

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

To contact the Parish Council: please write to: The Parish Clerk (Maria Dyer), at Exordium, 30b Latchingdon Road, Cold Norton, Chelmsford, Essex. CM3 6JG. E-Mail to mariadyer30@yahoo.co.uk or phone (Monday to Friday before 5 pm please) 01621 829566.