

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the April 2015 Meeting

Planning Applications: the Councillors considered three planning applications. The first was WTPO/MAL/15/00134 PP-03987089 7 St Stephens Road – TPO 15/96 T4 Oak – reduce crown by up to 2 metres in all aspects to prevent encroachment on the highway and on the dwelling house. The Parish Council had no objections to these works. The second application considered was HOUSE/MAL/15/00069 PP-03927298 34 The Fairways – proposed single storey rear extension. There was no objection to this by the Cllrs. The final application considered was HOUSE/MAL/15/00044 South View, Station Road - extensions and alterations to existing dwelling. (This application had come before the Council in March, but the Cllrs had been unable to consider then as the plans were not clear; MDC had since obtained further information and passed to the Parish Council). The Cllrs considered the plans and agreed the following response be submitted to MDC: *“This property is outside the village development boundary, and the Parish Council would normally object, but whilst the orientation of the property is completely changing, the proposed 'extensions and alterations' do not appear to increase the mass of the property. The supporting information was indistinct and plans were not clear and required an explanation via MDC Planning Department. This is a substantial construction, but as it is not significantly altering in overall size, the Parish Council is NOT OBJECTING to the proposed works”*. In addition the Council had been supplied with the following *“For Information Only/No Response Required”*: PDE/MAL/15/00216 33 Latchingdon Road. Proposed single storey rear extension which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 5.515m, height to the eaves would be 3m and the maximum height would be 3.91m.

Planning Decisions: These had not been supplied to the Members, will be advised at the May meeting,

Planning applications and decisions: if you would like to see full details of any planning applications, please contact the Maldon District Council offices on 01621 854477 or visit the web site www.maldon.gov.uk

Comments by Residents on Planning Applications: residents can comment on any planning application (comments must relate to planning issues) by writing to Maldon District Council (Princes Road, Maldon CM9 5DL) or emailing: dc.planning@maldon.gov.uk

Solar Panels at the Village Hall: now installed at the hall and working well.

Toilets and St Stephens Meeting Room at the Village Hall: all works now completed and minor snagging issues in hand.

Maldon District Council Local Development Plan: the Inspector’s report is expected after the Elections in May.

Annual Parish Meeting: held on 24th March 2015, had been an informative event with Mr Andy Ambrose, General Manager, Arrow Taxis talking about *“DaRT and Local Transport.”*, advising that whilst the future was ‘election dependent’ it was proposed that 2 new DaRT services would be introduced, but that overall transport strategy for the County would be based on the Transport Survey. The Chairman of

the Parish Council Mr Stewart Rivers, District Cllr Ms Sue White and County Cllr Mrs Penny Channer each gave an overview of Parish, District and County activities respectively. Mr Rivers also read out a report from the Police, advising that there had been 28 reported crimes in Cold Norton (one more than the previous year), including 7 thefts, 6 criminal damages, 2 thefts of motor vehicles and 5 burglaries others (shed or outbuilding burglary).

Villager of the Year: this was announced at the APM and was awarded to Mrs Chris Edwards in recognition of all her work on the Village Hall Management Committee and The Norton Community Pub and more recently helping to run the Seniors coffee mornings and producing delicious lunches for the Seniors Lunch Club. Unfortunately Mrs Edwards couldn't attend the APM so was presented with the Villager of the Year shield at a seniors coffee morning.

Local Council Police Partnership Conference: Chairman of the PC attended this event in March and reported back to the Council, including advising Members that numbers of Police are being reduced nationally, but that if in Essex Council Tax was increased by £65 per annum per household, it would be possible to recruit 300 more officers; cyber-crime is on the increase; Essex Police had introduced a new service "Essex Community Messaging", go to www.essex.police.uk/ecm for more information or to sign up to receive up to date community safety information by email, text or voice message.

Village Hall News: the VHMC Annual General Meeting will be in May; there will also be an open evening for all to view the new upgraded facilities and make bookings; also an opportunity to meet all the clubs that hold sessions at the hall, with the chance to enrol (date now announced as Wednesday 6th May 2015 at 7.30pm).

Les Barclay: Members thanked Les for 45 years of service as a Parish Councillor. As Les will be moving away, he would not be putting his name forward for the forthcoming elections. At the APM it had been announced that, in recognition of Les' time on the Council, not only as a Cllr but also over the years as Chairman and Vice Chairman, The Norton Meeting Room, used for Parish Council meetings, would be renamed The Les Barclay Room.

Parish Council Meetings: meetings are held at 8pm in The Les Barclay Room at the Village Hall. Scheduled for 2015: Wednesday 13th May. 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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