

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the April 2016 Meeting

Planning Applications: there were five planning applications considered at this meeting; the first was: HOUSE/MAL/16/00124 Oakland Manor, Station Road: create a manege for pony kept on site in existing stables: the Members had no objections to this, but stated that they would not wish to see lights installed in the proposed area. The second application was: FUL/MAL/16/00270 PP-04903721 Honeywood Farm, Honeypot Lane: Removal of Condition 3 (Agricultural Occupancy Condition) on approved planning permission FUL/MAL/82/00003: the Cllrs had no objections to Condition 3 being removed. The next application considered was: HOUSE/MAL/16/00216 Tamina, 1 Latchingdon Road: Formation of dormers either Side of ridge in roof slope including new fully glazed window in gable end: there were no objections to the proposed works. The last two applications related to Stow Maries Aerodrome, Hackmans Lane - FUL/MAL/16/00306 and LBC/MAL/16/00307: Change of use of buildings 3 & 4, vehicle workshop (for high performance engines) to museum & museum shop: the Members had no objections to this change of use planning application or in relation to a listed building.

Planning Decisions: there were no planning decisions relating to Cold Norton this month.

Planning applications and decisions: if you would like to see full details of any planning application, 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 .

Village Hall: although some work to the soffits has been completed, additional soffit works is required, together with guttering – all works need urgent attention. Whilst the VHMC were delighted to report that they had been successful in obtaining a £250 grant from the Olympic Fund towards the Village Hall Summer Event in June it was sadly reported that a broken window to The Les Barclay Room was going to cost circa £200 for a replacement. The broken window was caused by children playing football against the window. The VHMC and Parish Council are now looking into the installation of CCTV, due to this incident, the damage to soffits and guttering caused by unknown persons and other acts of vandalism at the Village Hall and playground.

Speeding Issues: Members were advised of two recent accidents on Latchingdon Road and concerns raised in relation to Fambridge Road (the section leading to North Fambridge). Highways and the Police are being asked to undertake speed checks and to review sight lines.

Rail Services – Southminster Branch Line Sunday Service - Update: re the issue of the Southminster branch line Sunday service and the fact that the connecting service on the branch line is not 'in sync' with the connecting services to/from Liverpool Street/Southend Victoria, leaving travellers missing the 'connecting' branch line service, Members were advised that Abellio Greater Anglia has advised that it is

drafting a proposal to put to the Department for Transport to implement changes to the Southminster to Wickford timetable. These changes will eliminate the 3 or 4 minute connection times and extend them to 15 minutes. If the Department for Transport gives its approval the changes will come into effect in December.

Footpaths: Footpath FP20 (Crown Road) was reported as becoming more difficult to walk due to water/mud issues even with the board walk that was installed a few years ago – ECC Public Rights of Way Officer advised.

UK Power Networks: have supplied the Parish Council with leaflets for residents who may need extra support if there is a power cut. These leaflets will be available at the Seniors Coffee mornings and Lunch Club or contact the Parish Clerk for a copy – details at end.

Superfast Broadband: if you haven't done so already you are encouraged to register your interest for improved broadband in the village by going to www.superfastessex.org follow the link 'Where, When and How' and 'Get Involved' and complete the 'Make the Connection' survey.

New Waste Service: Members were supplied with details of the new waste service Maldon District Council will be operating from 6th June 2016 and advised that starting from 3 May wheeled bins and recycling sacks will be delivered to homes. All homes should have received a letter from MDC regarding the new service. If not please contact MDC on 01621 854477 or visit the MDC web site: www.maldon.gov.uk

Villager of the Year: it was unanimously agreed at this meeting that the 2016 award should go to Darren Skitmore in recognition of all his work on the Village Hall Management Committee – he took on the role of Chairman, even though he works full time and has a young family and undertakes his role with no fuss, just quietly gets on with many of the manual jobs at the hall himself. Thank you Darren. The award was announced at the Annual Parish Meeting.

New Residents: if you are a new resident to the village or you have a new neighbour, please let the Clerk know so you or your new neighbour can be given a copy of the Cold Norton Footpaths Map and a copy of the last Village Survey.

Parish Council Meetings: Meetings start at 7.30pm in The Les Barclay Room at the Village Hall. Provisionally scheduled for 2016: Wednesdays 4th May, 1st June and 6th July. 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.