

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the December 2014 Meeting

Planning Applications: There was just one planning application for the Members to consider at this meeting, namely FUL/MAL/14/01039 Land Rear of Imps Camp, Purleigh Grove, Cold Norton - amended plans to planning application FUL/MAL/13/01118 permission given for single storey dwelling and cart lodge garage, amended plans for one and half storey dwelling and cart lodge garage. The Members objected to this amendment as it is outside the village development boundary and therefore contrary to the Parish Council's Planning Policy and is a back land development.

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

Defibrillator at the Village Hall: Apologies last month it was reported that the Village Hall Management Committee had been successful in its application for a grant towards costs and only needed a further £400, apparently the VHMC have made an application for a grant, but are yet to be advised.

Grants: The Members considered two applications for grants and agreed to grant £500 to St Stephens Church towards grass cutting expenses and £65 to Essex Air Ambulance.

District Cllr Report: District Cllr Ms White gave a brief report including advising Members that in regards to the Local Development Plan (LDP) that for the January hearing that MDC had c150 questions to respond to and that MDC were contributing £90,000 towards Broadband Services.

Solar Panels at the Village Hall: The Parish Council proposes to proceed with installing these in 2015 – please see details in this edition of The Beacon.

Toilets at the Village Hall: earlier in the year the Parish Council was successful in its application to the Essex Environment Trust and was granted £10,000 towards the costs of totalling renovating the ladies, gents and accessible toilet, plus the St Stephens Meeting Room, which due to lack of funds were not upgraded in the Village Hall Project in 2010. Following the meeting the PC was advised that the grant application to the ECC Community Initiative Fund had also been successful and had been awarded £14,772, so together with monies the PC had put aside, means that the works will now be undertaken in 2015.

Police Street Meets: this is a new initiative by our local Police to give you the opportunity to meet your Police Community Support Officers and speak to them

about any concerns you may have. Street Meets will be held in all the villages – the Cold Norton Street Meet will be on Saturday 24th January 2015 11am to 12noon at the Village Hall.

Watercourse Mapping Survey: two Cllrs, Mrs Garnham and Mr Litscher, have been undertaking the survey and are nearing completion; they reported at the meeting that they had found it very interesting and that the mapping of ditches and other watercourses would be useful data to ECC and the Village.

Bradwell Power Station: Professor Barclay reported back on the meeting he had attended earlier in the day, advising that due to the processing of fuel debris that there was now less intermediate waste to store; intermediate waste will remain at Bradwell until 2040.

Parish Council Meetings: meetings are held at 8pm in The Norton Meeting Room at the Village Hall. Provisionally scheduled for 2015: Wednesdays 7th January, 4th February, 4th March and 2nd April. 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.