

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS
From the February 2015 Meeting

Planning Applications: the Cllrs considered three planning applications. The first was HOUSE/MAL/14/01125 The Rectory, Howe Green Road - front porch extension and detached garage to front garden; the Parish Council had no objections to these works. The second application related to: OUT/MAL/14/01165 PP-03809968 Land at Bencott, Newport Avenue - outline planning application for one dwelling; the Parish Council objected to the proposed dwelling because: it is outside the village development boundary and therefore contrary to the Parish Council's Planning Policy; it is an 'alien' intrusion into the rural landscape and contrary to the views of village residents as expressed in the Village Survey; and if this application was permitted there would be the potential for the proliferation of development in this and other rural locations. The final application considered was: HOUSE/MAL/15/00017 20 St Stephens Road - single storey rear extension with lean to roof continued over adjoining flat roof extension and repositioning ground floor window. The Parish Council had no objections.

Planning Decisions: there was only one planning decision advised by Maldon District Council this month relating to Cold Norton, namely: HOUSE/MAL/14/01083 Lone Pines 63A Latchingdon Road - Alterations to existing conservatory including the provision of a new roof and the erection of a link between the conservatory structure and existing swimming pool – MDC approved this application (the Parish Council had not submitted a view on this application)

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: the remaining £400 had now been sent off and delivery of the defibrillator is awaited; training is still to be undertaken and The Norton is now being considered as a possible site for the Defibrillator to be located rather than the Village Hall.

Solar Panels at the Village Hall: there were no objections raised by residents to the Parish Council applying for a Public Works Loan. The paperwork for the loan has now been submitted. If successful the Solar Panels will be installed in March 2015.

Toilets and St Stephens Meeting Room at the Village Hall: renovation works will commence on 23rd February and take 4 weeks.

Villager of the Year 2015: the winner will be announced and the shield will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 24th March.

Parish & District Council Elections: these will be held on Thursday 7th May 2015 (same day as the General Election). Please contact the Clerk if you would like to know what is involved in being a Parish Councillor.

Parish Council Meetings: meetings are held at 8pm in The Norton Meeting Room at the Village Hall. Provisionally scheduled for 2015: Wednesdays 4th March, 2nd April and 13th May. Members of the Public are warmly welcomed to hear the proceedings and to speak during the time set aside for that purpose.

Annual Parish Meeting: will be held on Tuesday 24th March 2015 8pm in the Village Hall. All Parish and Town Councils throughout England are required by law to hold an Annual Parish Meeting at this time each year. The purpose of calling this meeting is so that the Parish Council can explain what it has been doing over the last year and it enables residents to have their say on anything which they consider is important to the people of Cold Norton. Refreshments will be served at the end, when there will also be time for individual discussions with Cllrs.

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.