

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the July 2014 Meeting

Twelve Members of the Public attended this meeting.

**Planning Applications:** There were two applications for the Members to consider this month. The first was FUL/MAL/14/00452 Bluebell Barn, Lower Burnham Road: Change of use of redundant agricultural land to residential garden – the Members had no objections to the change of use proposed within the above application providing it is strictly complied with, that there is no building on the land and the application is referred to North Fambridge Parish Council for its opinion/comment to be taken into consideration due to the proximity of this property to the North Fambridge boundary. The second application was OUT/MAL/14/00496: Site adjacent former Stow Bullocks PH, The Street, Stow Maries – the Members objected to this application as it is outside the village development boundary and is a ‘ribbon’ development.

**Planning Decisions:** There were no planning decisions from MDC for Cold Norton this month. But Members were advised that regarding the decision from the appeal to build on Land to the rear of Imps camp, Purleigh Grove had been received and the appeal was allowed.

This is just a summary of planning applications and decisions, please note that most approved applications also carry conditions – 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](http://www.maldon.gov.uk) or contact the Clerk – details below.

**MDC Planning:** Mr Derek Lawrence, Head of Planning Services, attended this meeting outlining the operational format of this department, changes to procedures implemented to standardise processes between the NW and SW planning divisions, staffing of the enforcement ‘team’ and the general planning department to cope with the increase in number of planning appeals. Mr Lawrence explained the ‘process’ re AGR applications and considerable time was spent discussing this in relation to a recent AGR application, the Unilateral Undertaking in relation to The Norton and other planning matters/concerns. The meeting was closed at one stage to allow Members of the Public to speak.

**Watercourse Mapping Project:** Having heard a report of the focus meeting attended by Professor Barclay and the Clerk the Members agreed to wait for further information from ECC before making a decision to participate in the feasibility study.

**Brownstock Music Festival in Stow Maries:** Members were advised that the hearing to consider extending the capacity of this annual event adjourned from 29<sup>th</sup> May 2014 to 27<sup>th</sup> June 2014, had been adjourned again.

**Public Telephone Box in Howe Green Road:** this has now been removed.

**Village Hall Train Event:** Members were advised that the VHMC had raised c£1,450 from this fund raising event held in June – some of this money will be used towards setting up the Lunch Club for Seniors which will start in the Autumn.

**Buses:** Professor Barclay advised in a report that at the Transport Spring Meeting held in June, there was demand from Althorne and Burnham, to increase the frequency of the 31X bus service from Chelmsford to Burnham to every 30 minutes during the day instead of hourly. This has the impact that it is proposed to withdraw the service through Cold Norton. Currently one bus to Chelmsford goes through Cold Norton at 0732 on weekdays, with 2 return journeys leaving Chelmsford at 1600 and 1720. Do you or your family use the current service? Please let the Parish Council know so it can make representations on your behalf at the next Transport Meeting, otherwise it may be that work or College related travel to Chelmsford could only be made via the day time only hourly service to Maldon, or, possibly, the on demand service to South Woodham Ferrers. The loss of a scheduled South Woodham Ferrers service means that Cold Norton is increasingly cut off from onward travel. Please email or write to the Clerk by 26<sup>th</sup> August for inclusion in the agenda for the September Parish Council meeting or please attend the meeting to give your views.

**FREE Telephone Befriending Service called CheeRing:** a new service for over 60s has been launched to provide friendly conversation and companionship on a weekly basis over a continual period of time to promote wellbeing, confidence and to help prevent feelings of loneliness and isolation. If you think this service could be beneficial to you, or someone you know, please contact Carol Hymus on 01621 853211 for further information.

**Web Site:** following technical difficulties the minutes and news pages are now up to date; other pages will be updated as soon as possible.

**Parish Council Meetings:** Provisionally scheduled for 2014: Wednesdays 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 1<sup>st</sup> October, 5<sup>th</sup> November, and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

The Parish Council does not meet in August, but if for any reason (e.g. planning applications) an Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting has to be called, details will be posted on the main Parish Council notice board which is the one outside No.14 Latchingdon Road (the notice board outside the school is not accessible during school holidays).

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