

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the July 2015 Meeting

Planning Applications: there was only one planning application considered at this meeting, namely AGR/MAL/15/00658 Land at Corner of Fambridge Road and St Stephens Road – prior approval notification of the extension of the steel portal building (Class A Agriculture). The Parish Council objected to this application in respect of the siting of the structure, its size and location in relation to the means of access to the site.

Planning Decisions: five decisions were advised to the Members:

PDE/MAL/15/00415 High Upfold 33 Latchingdon Road: Single storey rear extension with flat roof and parapet walls 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 (glass lantern) – this was refused by MDC (the Parish Council does not submit comments on PDE applications).

SCR/MAL/15/00495 Land West of Flambirds Farm Flambirds Chase: Request for a Screening Opinion to determine the requirement for an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to accompany a planning application for a proposed solar farm (submitted by Lightsource Renewable Energy Ltd). MDC has advised that an EIA is not required.

LDP/MAL/15/00357 18 Green Trees Avenue: Claim for Lawful Development Certificate: Proposed installation of oil tank in rear garden and installation of solar panels to rear roof. This was approved by MDC (the Parish Council had not objected to this application)

HOUSE/MAL/15/00305 Toad Hall Station Road: Single storey side extension with rooms in roof and linked to existing property (re-submission). MDC approved this application (the Parish Council had not objected to these works).

HOUSE/MAL/15/00401 Dunromin Fambridge Road: Detached 3 bay garage. MDC approved these works (the Parish Council had not objected).

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

Village Hall: would like some help marketing the hall to new groups and to spread the word that the hall with its variety of rooms and up to date kitchen and toilet facilities is available and suitable for a wide variety of functions from children's parties through to weddings and other special events. Can you help? Are you (or your children) doing Business Studies at School or College – this would help the VH and you would gain 'real' experience to contribute to your course. Contact Sue Garnham on 01621 828673 to discuss.

Badminton: the hall with its high ceiling is suitable for playing badminton (lines already marked out) – do you currently travel to another location to play? Would you like to cut out the travel time and petrol costs? Please contact the Booking Clerk to discuss on 01621 828475.

Vacancy on the Parish Council: this will be filled by co-option; applications will be considered at the September meeting. Please contact the Clerk to express your interest, for more information on what is involved and how to apply.

Winter Salt Bag Scheme: the Parish Council will be participating in this for the coming winter. If you would like to help in your road please contact the Parish Clerk for more information.

Dog Fouling: is a constant problem on the footways (pavements) and footpaths. It is an offence not to clean up after a dog that has fouled. However, it is not the responsibility of the police but that of Maldon District Council. The maximum fine for this offence is £1000 or alternatively a fixed penalty of £50 may be issued. If you know someone who allows their dog to foul and fails to clean up after the dog, you should make a note of the time and date of the offence and the details of the dog owner and then contact the Council who will advise you how to proceed:
Maldon District Council - Dog Warden: 01621 854477

Bus Users: the Dengie Hundred Bus Users Group is looking for new members to join the committee and help improve the service in the Dengie. At present most of the committee live in Burnham and there is a need for people who live in the more rural parts of the Dengie: *“The work is not onerous; we meet monthly, and are a friendly bunch. Have a look at our website: <http://www.dhbug.org.uk/>”*. If you would like to be involved to contribute to improving the local bus service, but because of the current limitations of the bus service through Cold Norton may have difficulty attending meetings, please contact the Parish Clerk to discuss assistance with transport to meetings.

Parish Council Meetings: Meetings now start at 7.30pm in The Les Barclay Room at the Village Hall. There is no meeting scheduled for August, but extraordinary meeting(s) will be called if necessary for planning or other urgent matters. Provisionally scheduled: Wednesdays 2nd September, 7th October, 4th November and 2nd December. 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.