

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the March 2016 Meeting

**Planning Applications:** there were two planning applications considered at this meeting; the first was: HOUSE/MAL/16/00056 PP-04771606 2 Brennan Close - two storey side extension: the Members had no objections to this. The second application related to: 26 Station Crescent Cold Norton: TPO 7/00: T18, T33, T34: Willows - pollarded back to main limbs at approximately 5.5m from the ground: the Members had no objections to these works provided they are carried out under the guidance of the MDC Tree Officer.

**Planning Decisions:** there were two planning decisions relating to Cold Norton this month, namely: HOUSE/MAL/15/012631 Green Trees Avenue - proposed two storey side extension: this was approved by MDC (the Members had not objected to this application). The second decision advised was: HOUSE/MAL/15/01324 Pensarn, Lower Burnham Road - Extension to bungalow to provide roof conversion and side and rear extensions (revised scheme): this was also approved by MDC (the Members has not objected to this extension, but had suggested that due to the close proximity to the boundary with North Fambridge that North Fambridge Parish Council also be consulted.

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](http://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](mailto:dc.planning@maldon.gov.uk)

**Essex Air Ambulance:** wrote to thank the Parish Council for its donation.

**Village Hall:** work to the soffits has been completed, but further works still to be undertaken. The new exercise class on Friday afternoons for the 'Young at Heart' is proving very popular (for the over 55s 2.30pm to 3.30pm – suitable for all). Broadband system now operating fully at the hall.

**Rail Services – Southminster Branch Line Sunday Service:** the Members agreed to offer their support to North Fambridge Parish Council and the Dengie Hundred Group of Parish Councils in regards to an issue raised by a South Woodham Ferrers resident to improve the service to the Southminster branch line Sunday service, especially in relation to 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.

**Dog Fouling:** this is recurring again outside the school. It is an offence not to clean up after a dog that has fouled. 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 Maldon District Council on: 01621 854477. The maximum fine for this offence is £1000

**Cold Norton Footpath Map:** please contact the Clerk if you would like a copy.

**Guide to Ordinary Watercourse Maintenance:** please contact the Clerk if you would like a copy (residents who have responsibility for a ditch may find useful). The Clerk also has some copies of the maps "Where Does Water Go" produced by ECC as a result of the Watercourse Survey undertaken last year by Cold Norton Cllrs.

**Parish Council Meetings:** Meetings now start at 7.30pm in The Les Barclay Room at the Village Hall. Provisionally scheduled for 2016: Wednesdays 6<sup>th</sup> April, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 1<sup>st</sup> June and 6<sup>th</sup> July. 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 (APM)** will be held on Tuesday 12th April 2016 at 8pm. Purpose of the Annual Parish Meeting: 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 the electors to have their say on anything which they consider is important to the people of Cold Norton.

**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](mailto:mariadyer30@yahoo.co.uk) or phone (Monday to Friday before 5 pm please) 01621 829566.