

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the Annual General Meeting and the May 2014 Meeting

The Parish Council Annual General Meeting was held on 7th May 2014

The Parish Councillors are:

Mr John Archer
Professor Leslie Barclay
Mrs Sue Garnham
Mrs Von Jennings
Mr Charles Litscher
Mr Stewart Rivers
Mr Philip Wakeling

At the AGM officers were elected as follows:

Chairman: Mr Stewart Rivers

Vice Chairman: Prof Les Barclay

Playing Field Representative: Mr Charles Litscher

Nature Conservation Area Representative: Mr Charles Litscher

Village Hall Representatives: Mrs Sue Garnham and Prof Les Barclay

Public Rights of Way (Footpaths) Representative: Mr Philip Wakeling

Transport Representative: Prof Les Barclay

Police/NAP Representative: Mr Stewart Rivers

The Internal Auditor was confirmed as ASAP Office Services. The External Auditor appointed by the Audit Commission is PKF Littlejohn. Professor Barclay, Mr Wakeling and Mrs Garnham will remain as signatories as at present.

Elections: Next year there will be Parish Council elections. To find out what is involved in being a Parish Councillor please contact the Clerk (details at end) or come along to any Parish Council meeting.

The AGM was followed by the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council

Planning Applications: At this meeting there was just one application for the Members to consider, namely: HOUSE/MAL/14/00291 1 Newport Avenue – convert loft to habitable rooms; addition of dormers. The Members had no objections to these works

Planning Decisions: There were five decisions from MDC advised to the Parish Council this month, the first was: HOUSE/MAL/13/01181 Ashmead Lodge 41 Stow Road: replace existing fences with red brick walls and piers – permission was given for this work (the Parish Council had not objected to this application). The second decision advised was: OUT/MAL/13/01078 Three Rivers Golf And Country Club Stow Road: outline planning application for residential development comprising six dwellings incorporating new access road, landscaping and rationalisation of existing car parking – this application was refused (the Parish Council had objected to this

application). The third decision related to: HOUSE/MAL/14/00151 Farthingale Farm Hackmans Lane: modification of roof to existing building to include an enlarged first floor complete with rear dormer and balcony – permission was granted (the Parish Council had not objected). The next decision was: HOUSE/MAL/14/00089 10 St Stephens Road: two storey side extensions. Replacement garage. Remodel front elevation and new porch. New rear conservatory. Replacement windows - Maldon District Council refused these works (the Parish Council had not objected). The last decision was: WTPO/MAL/14/00120 10 St Stephens Road: TPO 15/96 T54 (T1 on app) Horse Chestnut - Reduce crown back to previous pruning points. G1 (T5 on app) Field Maple - Remove. (T7 on app) Field Maple - Reduce crown by 30%. These works received approval from MDC (Cold Norton Parish Council had not objected).

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 or contact the Clerk – details below.

Highways and Pot Holes: Members had been supplied with a copy of the letter received from Highways in response to the Parish Council's letter expressing concern at the length of time that it takes to undertake highways maintenance works i.e. 'coloured markers' appear to 'confirm' that ECC are aware of a problem e.g. pothole, but then there is a considerable time lapse before repairs are actually undertaken. The letter received gave details of a matrix for handling potholes etc. based on severity and location.

Village Hall Toilets and St Stephens Meeting Room: the Architect has prepared the specification and plans which were available to view at the meeting; the Clerk has submitted an 'Expression of Interest' to one grant funder.

Survey: Promenade Park, Maldon: MDC is developing future plans for the park and would like to know what visitors to the park would like to see improved in the area. Visitors will have the opportunity, whilst at the park, to let the Council know their suggestions for future improvements or the survey can be completed online at www.maldon.gov.uk/surveys/prom . The survey runs until 30th September 2014.

Emergency Planning: Mrs Garnham and Mr Wakeling agreed to be the Emergency Planning Contacts for the Parish Council.

Web Site: following technical difficulties the minutes page is now up to date and other pages will be updated as soon as possible.

Parish Council Meetings: Provisionally scheduled for 2014: Wednesdays 4th June, 2nd July, 3rd September, 1st October, 5th November, and 3rd 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.

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.