

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the November 2014 Meeting

**Planning Applications:** There were no planning applications for the Members to consider at this meeting.

**Planning Decisions:** There were three planning decisions advised by Maldon District Council for Cold Norton this month. The first two related to Stow Maries Aerodrome FUL/MAL/14/00574 and LBC/MAL/14/00575 Retrospective application for erection of temporary hanger (3 years) for storage and maintenance of historic aircraft. MDC granted approval for these works (Cold Norton PC had not objected). The third application was: COUPA/MAL/14/00843 Flambirds Farm, Hackmans Lane Change of use of agricultural buildings to 3 x residential dwellings. MDC refused permission (Cold Norton PC had objected to this application)

This is just a summary of the planning decisions – 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.

**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)

**Completion of Annual Audit for Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014:** the annual return has been audited and returned by the External Auditor appointed by the Audit Commission – copies of the audit, plus both the Internal and External auditors' reports are now on display on the main Parish Council notice board outside 14 Latchingdon Road.

**Defibrillator at the Village Hall:** the Village Hall Management Committee was successful in its application for a grant towards costs, now only £400 remains to be raised and training to be undertaken.

**Parking in St Stephens Road in relation to School start and finish times:** inconsiderate parking (too close or actually across driveway entrances) is causing distress to residents unable to enter or exit their properties. The Police have been informed and will be making ad hoc visits and ECC Highways are to be asked if double yellow lines can be installed.

**Essex Playing Fields Association 2014 Awards:** Cold Norton received two Certificates of Merit in this year's competition: one for the playing fields in general and a Silver Award for the children's football pitch.

**Watercourse Mapping Project:** Cold Norton is one of a small group of villages participating in an ECC pilot scheme to produce a 'map' of ditches etc. within the Parish by undertaking 'surveys' and 'recording' findings.

**Footpath 19 and part of Footpath14:** in response to complaints from some residents the ECC Public Rights of Way Officer visited the site and advised the Parish Council that: whilst walkers had been used to an open grass field and a well walked grass track, the landowner was entitled to plough cross field paths when

renewing crops and under the law had up to 14 days to reinstate the path to a reasonable level, this meant the path should be marked out on the ground (e.g. by tractor tracks) and made reasonably level. The surface can remain as mud and should be reasonably level as expected for a rural unsurfaced path; the farmer had done this - he advised he had actually re-marked out the path on the same day it was ploughed. (On cross field paths walkers should remain within the 1metre width of the public right of way).

**Remembrance Service at St Stephens Church:** the Chairman of the Parish Council, Stewart Rivers, laid a Poppy Wreath on behalf of the residents of Cold Norton in memory of those who lost their lives.

**Parish Council Meetings:** the last ordinary meeting scheduled for 2014 will be on Wednesday 3rd December at 8pm in The Norton Meeting Room at the Village Hall. Provisionally scheduled for 2015: Wednesdays 7<sup>th</sup> January, 4<sup>th</sup> February, 4<sup>th</sup> March and 2<sup>nd</sup> April. 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](mailto:mariadyer30@yahoo.co.uk) or phone (Monday to Friday before 5 pm please) 01621 829566.