

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS
From the October 2015 Meeting

Planning Applications: there were seven planning application considered at this meeting, two of which the Members had no objections to namely: LBC/MAL/15/00830 PP-04402116 Stow Maries Aerodrome, Hackmans Lane: Proposed alterations to reinstate the existing brick pier to the West elevation of the MT shed to match the existing adjacent exactly and to install additional wind bracing to the metal rafters of the MT shed to provide lateral support to the roof and gable walls. Proposed reinstatement of existing slate cat-slide roof to the South end of the West elevation of the RE workshop. And LBC/MAL/15/00832 PP-04406182 Stow Maries Aerodrome, Hackmans Lane: Proposed works for the careful demolition of the existing non-original timber framed and corrugated iron clad cart lodge to the North of the MT shed. With the application relating to trees, namely: WTPO/MAL/15/01022 30 St Stephens Road: TPO 15/96 T33 (T1 on app) Oak: fell as low as possible. The tree is in decline and the work is necessary as it has had a fungal bracket and there are fruiting bodies around the base. It is liable to failure. T34 (T2 on app) Oak: remove dead wood – the Members had no objections, but requested that the planting of a native species is in line with the recommendation of MDC’s Tree Officer. The fourth application considered was: OUT/MAL/15/00255 PP-03975366 Land North of Willow Grange, Cold Norton Road, Latchingdon: Outline planning permission for the erection of 58 detached semi-detached and terraced dwellings, early years day care nursery, amenity areas, estate road and new access – the Members objected to this development for highway safety concerns (access from the site) and that a development of this size would create increased traffic through Cold Norton on a minor road. The next application was: FUL/MAL/15/00911 Land at Corner of Farnbridge Road and St Stephens Road: Siting of mobile home as agricultural workers dwelling for temporary period of 3 years. The response submitted to Maldon District Council was: *“In the first instance the Members wanted pointed out that technically this should be classed as a retrospective application as a mobile home is already on the site and subject to an enforcement notice. However taking the application as supplied, Cold Norton Parish Council OBJECTS to the proposal contained within the above application and recommends that Maldon District Council REFUSE CONSENT. There is extreme resistance to any further development on this site by the Parish Council either temporary or permanent – the initial development on this site having only gained permission as a result of an administrative error as is well documented. Other reasons for recommending that this application be refused are:*

- *This will be an obstruction in open land (97% of respondents to the Cold Norton 2011 village survey wanted the rural character of the village preserved)*
- *This is against the Cold Norton Village Plan*
- *It is outside the village development boundary”*

The sixth application considered was: COUPA/MAL/15/01043 Flambirds Farm Hackmans Lane: Prior approval of proposed change of use of agricultural building to 2 No dwelling houses (class C3) and for associated operational development. The Members objected to this application as it is outside the village development boundary and therefore contrary to the parish Council’s Planning Policy and that it is out of keeping with the rural location and a long way from services. The final application was: HOUSE/MAL/15/00862 PP-04425905 Hillsborough, 42 Latchingdon Road: respective application for wall and gates to front of property – the Members objected to this application because of restricted sight line and that one of the ‘proposed’ gates is extremely close to St Stephens Road and is therefore not a suitable vehicle access point for road safety reasons (the PC understands that details

of this application will be submitted to ECC Highways for a site visit/opinion/recommendation).

Planning Decisions: two decisions were advised to the Members:

PDE/MAL/15/00756 Coppercoin House, Hackmans Lane: ground floor extension to replace existing conservatory which will extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 5.6m for which the maximum height will be 4m, height to eaves will be 2.4m. MDC advised that 'Prior Approval is not Required'

HOUSE/MAL/15/00525 Oakwood House, Station Road: retrospective application for wall and gates over 1m high adjacent to the highway. MDC refused this application (the Parish Council had not objected to this application).

Watercourse Mapping Project: a year ago it was reported that Cold Norton was 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. Cllrs Mrs Sue Garnham and Cllr Charles Litscher have now completed the survey of "ditches" in Cold Norton and the PC will receive the report late autumn.

There is a booklet available 'Guide to Ordinary Watercourse Maintenance' which residents who have responsibility for a ditch may find useful. *(Many ordinary watercourses are not owned by the Local Authority or Highways Authority but are the responsibility of the adjacent land owner under riparian ownership. Under common law, as a property owner, you are a riparian owner of any ordinary watercourse within or adjacent to your property. Where a watercourse falls between the boundaries of two land owners, law assumes you own the land up to the centre point of the watercourse unless you have documentation stating otherwise. This means that you and your neighbouring land owner are responsible for the maintenance and water flow within the watercourse where it borders your land.)*

If you would like a copy of this booklet please contact the Clerk

Essex Police Street Meets: This is your opportunity to meet your local PCSO and discuss any community issues. Next dates/times for Cold Norton at the Village Hall:

Monday 2nd November 6pm to 7pm and

Thursday 26th November 10.30am to 11.30am

The last date has been arranged to coincide with the Village Hall Coffee Morning.

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.

Parish Council Meetings: Meetings now start at 7.30pm in The Les Barclay Room at the Village Hall. Provisionally scheduled: Wednesdays 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.

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