

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the February 2010 Meeting

Planning Application: there was only application for the Councillors to consider this month – this related to 6 Station Crescent reference No.FUL/MAL/10/00011 and related back to approved application No. FUL/MAL/09/00559 amended with the addition of a chimney. Cold Norton Parish Council had objected to the original application (FUL/MAL/09/00559) on the grounds of the vast development and over development of the site. However, Maldon District Council approved this original application, so whilst Cold Norton Parish Council's objections to proposed work on this site still apply, the Council had no objections to the addition of a chimney per se.

Highways Matters: the Councillors agreed to compile a list of all the potholes which have appeared in the village for submission to Essex County Council Highways department.

Police Matters: Members were advised that a total of 9 calls were received by the Police in January 2010 relating to the village – seven were of a sensitive/data protection nature so details could not be supplied; details of the other two were supplied: one related to a road traffic accident whereby a female driver suffered a stroke at the wheel causing a collision and the other related to a call from a person who had received a phone call from someone stating that they were conducting a crime survey – it was a bogus call - the police were not conducting surveys that day.

Village Appraisal: the last time this was done was in 2000. The Councillors feel it is now time to carry out another one to have a more up to date snapshot profile of the people who live in the village, plus details of their needs and wishes for the future of the village – this will help the Parish Council to prioritise and channel its funds and efforts in line with these wishes. As a starting point a Village Appraisal Committee will need to be formed to decide what should be included as part of this consultation exercise appropriate to today's way of living and future hopes for the village and its community. If you would like to be a member of the Village Appraisal Committee, or are new to the village and would like to see a copy of the village appraisal from 2000, or have any questions please contact the Parish Clerk. All are welcome - ideally the committee will include a mix of ages, male and female. (At a later stage volunteers will be needed to distribute/collect the questionnaires).

Vacancy for a Councillor: there is one vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. P. Guppy. As no requests for a bye election were received, it is proposed to fill the vacancy by co-option at the meeting of the Parish Council scheduled for Wednesday 14th April 2010. This vacancy is for a position on the Council until the next local Council elections which are scheduled to take place in Spring 2011. Applications are invited from those interested aged 18 years or over, living or working in the Parish, who are concerned about what goes on in and around the village and is prepared to take an active role. If you would like to be considered, please apply in writing to the Parish Clerk by 22nd March 2010 giving details of your occupation, interests, reasons why you want to join

the Parish Council and other relevant information. Please contact the Clerk if you would like any information about the role of a Councillor.

Parish Council Meetings: Scheduled or provisionally scheduled for 2010: Wednesdays 3rd March and 14th April. The March meeting will start at 8 pm in The Purleigh Pavilion, Howe Green Road. Please note this alternative venue whilst works are carried out to the village hall. Venue for the April meeting still to be confirmed. 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: Date proposed is Wednesday 5th May 2010.

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.