

## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

From the February 2011 Meeting

Please note all Parish Council meetings are open; Members of the Public are most welcome to listen to all or part of the proceedings and speak at a time decided by the Chairman.

**Planning Applications:** there were two planning applications for the Councillors to consider at this meeting, namely: FUL/MAL/10/01078 PP-01325443 Two Square, St. Stephens Road, Cold Norton – application for non-compliance with Ecological Condition 3 of planning permission FUL/MAL/10/00828 (Erect replacement dwelling): the Parish Council had no objections to the request contained in this application. FUL/MAL/10/01079 17 St. Stephens Road, Cold Norton – construction of two dormers top front and two dormers to rear of house roof. Construction of rear ground floor extension. The Parish Council objected to this application. The reasons were as advised for the initial designs submitted: i) the proposed development still detracts from the harmony of the current street scene ii) it is unsightly and still 'bulky' iii) it is overdeveloped. Additionally the Parish Council was concerned regarding proposal for the roof space.

(Please note this is a summary of the applications – if you wish to view the actual plans and all relating correspondence to these or any planning applications please visit the Maldon District Council web site on [www.maldon.gov.uk](http://www.maldon.gov.uk) )

**Planning Decisions:** none relating to Cold Norton had been advised

**The Norton:** Mr Wakeling outlined the proposals contained in plans currently being developed by the owner of The Norton in conjunction with The Norton Community Pub Committee which would allow houses to be built on part of the site, changes to the current layout of The Norton and a secure lease for The Norton Community Pub Committee. Outline proposals in conjunction with a Section 106 agreement had been discussed with Maldon District Council Planning Department. The Members discussed this and agreed that in principal the Parish Council would only be in favour of a change of use to residential development on part of the site, if this were to be in conjunction with the long term future of The Norton being secured, possibly via a Section 106 agreement.

**Cowpiece Nature Reserve:** Mr Litscher advised that renovation works will now resume at this site.

**Playing Field:** Members had been advised that the panel at the top of the younger children's wooden multiplay system was scheduled to be replaced on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2011, which had been rescheduled, (NB this was carried out and the company also replaced one of the other panels free of charge).

**The Royal British Legion Poppy Parties 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> June 2011:** Members discussed, but decided that due to other commitments Members would be unable to organise and hold a fund raising event in aid of the Royal British Legion. Passing the details to the Village Hall Management Committee were also discussed, but Members were reminded the VHMC already have scheduled the bi-annual train event for later that month. If you would like to organise a fund raising event for the

Royal British Legion for that weekend, please contact the Clerk for the letter and brochure giving full details.

**Parish Elections:** May 2011 will see the end of the four year term of office for the seven current Parish Councillors. Forms/election packs will be available from Maldon District Council from 4th March 2011 (for an election pack and form telephone 01621 854477 or request a pack via the Election link through the Maldon District Council web site [www.maldon.gov.uk](http://www.maldon.gov.uk) ). Once completed forms have to be returned to Maldon District Council before noon on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2011. A 'voting' election will only become necessary if there are more than 7 names put forward. If you want to know what is involved in being a Parish Councillor, please contact the Clerk or come along to a Parish Council meeting as detailed below.

**Parish Council Meetings:** Scheduled or provisionally scheduled for 2011 Wednesdays 2<sup>nd</sup> March and 6<sup>th</sup> April. All meetings start at 8 pm 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](mailto:mariadyer30@yahoo.co.uk) or phone (Monday to Friday before 5 pm please) 01621 829566.