

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the Annual General Meeting and May 2010 Meeting

The Parish Council Annual General Meeting was held on 11th May 2010

The Parish Councillors are:

Mr. John Archer
Professor Leslie Barclay
Mrs. Sue Garnham
Mrs. Gloria Gold
Mr. Charles Litscher
Mrs. Alison McDonald
Mr. Philip Wakeling

At the AGM officers were elected as follows:

Chairman: Mr. Philip Wakeling

Vice Chairman: Mrs. Gloria Gold

Playing Field Reps: Mr. Charles Litscher and Mrs Gloria Gold

Nature Conservation Area Reps: Prof. Les Barclay and Mr. Charles Litscher

Village Hall Reps: Mrs Alison McDonald and Prof Les Barclay

Public Rights of Way (Footpaths) Rep: Mr. Philip Wakeling

The Internal Auditor was confirmed as ASAP Office Services and signatories will remain as at present, namely: Professor Barclay, Mr Wakeling and Mrs McDonald.

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

Planning Applications: there was only one application for the Councillors to consider: this was seeking permission for a single storey extension to the rear of 32 The Fairways, Cold Norton (Ref: HOUSE/MAL/10/000315), the Councillors had no objections to this application.

Planning Appeal: Members were given details of appeal reference No. APP/X/1545/10/2126320/NWF relating to Bardwells Yard, Latchingdon Road, Cold Norton. Application reference No. OUT/MAL/09/00512. Description of development: demolition of existing industrial units and erection of ten 3, 4 and 5 bedroom dwellings and associated parking.

Highways Matters: Members were advised that that the missing 'arm' of the new sign at the corner of Howe Green Road and Latchingdon Road had been found – Highways are arranging for it to be reinstalled. Regarding the sight line at the new pram ramps in St. Stephens Road, Highways have advised that the school hedges cannot be removed. Members requested that Highways be advised that the road at the bridge needs attention.

Cowpiece Nature Reserve: It was agreed that a working party be arranged to carry out clearance work. Mr Charles Litscher offered to organise a day at a weekend to suit volunteers. If you would like to volunteer please contact

Mr Litscher on 07971 875585 (or contact the Clerk –details below) and let him know when you would be available.

Annual Report from the Police for the year to 31st March 2010: Members were all given a copy, which, to summarise, advised that the Purleigh beat of the Maldon Policing District, which Cold Norton is part of, had seen a fall from 87 reported crimes in the year to March 2009 to 81 reported to the year ending March 2010. There was a decrease of 107 offences overall in the Maldon Policing District. Within the Purleigh beat the number of dwelling burglaries had shown a significant drop from 13 to 5; the offences that have increased were theft from motor vehicles (an additional 8 offences) and offences against ‘the person’ (an additional three offences). Across the Maldon District there has been an increase in three particular offences, namely: burglary (homes, sheds and garages), thefts from motor vehicles and theft of lead – most of these have been opportunist and the Police report advised simple steps to prevent this type of crime - by securing property and removing items of value from vehicles or at least from sight. The report concluded by saying that advice is available from “One Place” in Burnham or from the Mobile Police Station that visits the village once a month.

Emergency Planning/Procedures: now that the Village Hall is open a meeting will be arranged for the volunteers who kindly offered to assist Mrs Garnham with this to have a presentation from Maldon District Council’s Emergency Planning Officer. If you would also like to be involved please contact the Clerk.

Parish Council Meetings: Scheduled or provisionally scheduled for 2010: Wednesdays 2nd June and 7th July (there is no ordinary meeting in August). All meetings start at 8 pm in the Committee Room (St. Stephens 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.