

COLD NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11TH JANUARY 2017 AT 7.30PM IN THE LES BARCLAY ROOM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

THOSE PRESENT:

Councillors:

Mrs S Garnham
Mr B Haydon
Mrs V Jennings
Mr P Wakeling (Vice Chairman)

In attendance: Mrs M. Dyer (Parish Clerk)
District Cllr Ms S White (part)
Plus two Members of the Public

554. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: apologies were received and accepted from Mr Rivers, Mr Litscher, Mr Archer and County Cllr Mrs Channer.

555. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members are required to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they know they may have in items of business on the meeting's agenda. They are reminded that they will need to repeat their declaration at the appropriate point in the meeting and leave the room if the interest is a prejudicial one. Unforeseen interests must be declared similarly at the appropriate time. Members have dispensation to discuss and vote in respect of matters relating to the Precept.

Mrs Garnham declared an interest in the items relating to Allotments as she is an allotment holder.

556. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: One Member of Public raised a question re the missing street name sign for Hagg Hill. Clerk to look into. **ACTION: CLERK**

One Member of the Public then left the meeting.

557. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 7th December 2016 were approved as correct and signed accordingly.

558. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: District Cllr Ms White updated Members re LDP advising that hearings were currently in progress and are scheduled to finish on 19th/20th January 2017, that District Cllrs had submitted their comments, there are still concerns re flooding issues, there will be another public consultation and Rural Allocations had not yet been discussed, but re the North Fambridge issue this had now been withdrawn as it is not financially viable (due to flood plain, sewage issue, no shops etc.). District Cllr Ms White at this point advised that she endorsed Cold Norton Parish Council's view re the MDC LDP Consultation as expressed in the letter submitted to MDC in October 2016 (copy had been supplied to the Purleigh Ward District Cllrs as per December Minute No.544). District Cllr Ms White pointed out that in view of 'normal' planning applications that there can be an issue with support if no planning reasons are given as they would be refused at Planning Appeal stage. Members were also advised that Simon Roebury had been appointed Interim Head of Planning and two further planning officer had been employed. Noted

District Cllr Ms White then left the meeting.

559. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT: not available

FINANCE

Approval of Payments

560. Roy Wiseman to village caretaker work to 23rd December 2016 £142.50 Cheque No.1526
561. Sue Lees Consultancy to maintenance fee for January 2017 Invoice No.0002814 dated 8th December 2016 £30.00. Cheque No.1527.
562. E-on to electricity for street lights December 2016 Invoice No.H13E50CAOA dated 1st January 2017 £73.33 (£69.84 net) will be taken by direct debit on 11th January 2017.
563. Maria Dyer office expenses from 3rd December 2016 to 5th January 2017 £28.47. Cheque No.1529

564. **Financial Statement**
Current balances:

Barclays 10 Day Notice as at 4th January 2017	£	576.47
Santander as at 2nd January 2017	£	<u>15,252.67</u>
	£	15,829.14

565. **Solar Panels at Village Hall:** Mrs Garnham advised that a payment of c£200 was estimated for the period to 31st December 2016. Noted.
566. **Village Hall Valuation:** quotes to be obtained. Noted.
567. **Parish Councils – Capping of precept:** Members had been advised that the Government had made a decision not to extend tax referendum principles to any size of Town or Parish Council in 2017/18 and supplied with copy email from EALC and an extract from the statement delivered by Department for Communities and Local Government and Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP to House of Commons on 15th December 2016. Noted.
568. **Precept 2017/18:** Members were supplied with the amended budget calculations/earmarked reserves to consider. Following discussion Members agreed to set the Precept at £25,000. Clerk to advise MDC accordingly.
ACTION: CLERK
569. **Register of Interests:** copy email from MDC had been forwarded to Members requesting Members review their 'Register of Interests'. Noted.
570. **VILLAGE HALL:** Mrs Garnham advised that a new water heater was needed and updated Members re the new clubs. Noted.

HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

571. **Speed Reminder Stickers:** Clerk advised Members that checks were being made that these were permissible and then order could be placed.
ACTION: CLERK
572. **Footway Latchingdon Road from bridge to Country Produce:** Clerk advised that contact had been attempted to obtain support from Police Road Safety Officer; Clerk was requested to prioritise this and to contact County Cllr Mrs Channer for support.
ACTION: CLERK
573. **Parking on Latchingdon Road near Zebra crossing:** Clerk offered to contact resident.
ACTION: CLERK
574. **POLICE MATTERS/ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR:** Members were advised that another burglary had been reported in the village. Noted.

OPEN SPACE

575. Cowpiece Nature Reserve: nothing to report

576. Playing Field

Independent Playground Inspection 2016: Members had been advised that all works had now been completed. Regarding the area where the jump box was sited Members discussed if any remedial works were required, it was felt that it was unlikely, but asked if the Village Caretaker would inspect and advise.
ACTION: CLERK

Removal of jump box: Members had been supplied with copy email from a resident, but advised that at this point there are no plans and no budget to install a new one.

Signing on outdoor play area & Fields in Trust Plaque: Members requested that these be installed by the summer.
ACTION: CLERK

Timber Ball Wall: order placed; Clerk will liaise with Mrs Garnham re exact location for this item.

ACTION: MRS GARNHAM/CLERK

577. Village Caretaker work: Mr Wiseman continued to carry out this work – in addition to the regular litter picks and safety checks at the playing field, Mr Wiseman had carried out the following maintenance work: cleared fox excrement from slide and cleaned; trimmed trees at Three Ash Corner; at Cowpiece litter picked and tidied, plus dug a hole to bury human excrement and tissue; St Stephens Road: cleared branches, trimmed trees and hedge in 'lay by' and cleaned seat; removed trip hazard from where jump box had been sited. Noted. Village Caretaker to be asked to clear litter at the traffic lights and at the Village Hall.
ACTION: CLERK

578. Allotments

578.1. Land adjacent to site: investigating costs re possible transfer from MOAT Housing. Noted

578.2. Oil Leak: Members had been supplied with copy email from Environmental Health Technician; Clerk to write formally to Allotment users.
ACTION: CLERK

579. Trees at Three Ashes Corner (corner of Hackmans Lane & Howe Green Rd): Clerk to refer back to MDC Tree Officer report and Members requested details of which trees at Three Ashes Corner had been trimmed by the Village Caretaker and details of works carried out.

ACTION: CLERK

580. Three Ashes Corner as a Village Green: Clerk to pass information obtained to Mrs Garnham and Mr Wakeling.
ACTION: CLERK

581. Seat near allotments/bus stop: still to be investigated

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

582. Footpath 28 Proposed Reduction in Width: nothing to report

583. Footpaths 12/13 bridge brickwork: nothing to report

584. Footpath 20: Environmental Health issue – Clerk to email details of location as advised by Members to MDC Environmental Health Officer
ACTION: CLERK

585. EMERGENCY PLANNING/PROCEDURES: 2nd draft to be produced.

TRAINING/CONFERENCES/MEETINGS

586. **Bradwell Local Community Liaison Council (LCLC):** forwarded to Members by email: agenda for meeting on 14th December 2016, December 2016 Environment Agency Report, Office for Nuclear Regulation Report July to September 2016 and Nuclear Decommission Authority Report for November 2016. Noted.
587. **Dengie Hundred Group of Parishes:** Members were advised that the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 18th January 2017 had been cancelled. Noted

CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS

588. **ECC Bus Passenger News December 2016/January 2017:** copy had been supplied to Members. Noted.
589. **Community Agents Essex:** email from RCCE dated 4th January 2017 had been forwarded by email to Members on 4th January 2017. Clerk to contact local agent re attendance at a Seniors coffee Morning/service available. **ACTION: CLERK**
590. **ECC Replacement Waste Plan – Modifications Consultation:** Members had been supplied with letter dated 5th January 2017 and advised that the consultation runs to 16th February 2017. Noted.

BROADBAND:

591. **Superfast Essex Countywide Parish Event 7th December 2016:** Members had been advised that the Clerk now had a copy of slides from this event which could be emailed NB 9Mb (30 pages); Members to advise if they would like this forwarded/can receive this size attachment or require a hard copy. Noted. Members present at the meeting advised they did not require an email or hard copy.
592. **STANDING ORDERS:** nothing to report
593. **WINTER SALT:** Members were advised that salt can either be collected from Mr Litscher or Mrs Jennings. Noted

PLANNING

594. **Planning Applications received by the Parish Council:** the following were considered and the responses were as indicated using the new MDC Planning reporting system:

WTPO/MAL/16/01386 19 Station Crescent, Cold Norton: T1 Oak- reduce the canopy by 3-4 metres. Week 49 dated 9th December 2016:

The Parish Council recommended the granting of planning permission for the following reasons:

The Members consider that the proposed works would not be harmful, and recommends that MDC should approve the application, providing that the work carried out on the tree is done so in accordance with TPO advice

FUL/MAL/16/01463 PP-05696601 Land adjacent Little Canneys, Stow Road, Cold Norton: Proposed erection of a single dwelling with link attached pool enclosure, detached two bay garage and associated works, following demolition of existing buildings. Week 1 dated 6th January 2017:

The Parish Council recommend the refusal of planning permission, for the reasons listed below:

S2 – outside the development boundary (Contrary to policy S2 of the Maldon District Replacement Local Plan plus S8 of the Maldon District LDP). Substantial development - Contrary to policy BE1 of the Maldon District Replacement Local Plan and D1 of the Maldon District Local Development Plan.

COUPA/MAL/16/01428 Flambirds Farm, Hackmans Lane, Cold Norton: Prior approval of proposed change of use of agricultural building to 2 no. dwelling houses (Class C3) and for associated operational development (minor amendments to approved scheme 15/01043). Week 1 dated 6th January 2017:

The Parish Council agreed that the 'We have no comment' box be completed for this application.

FUL/MAL/16/01334 White Acres, Crown Road, Cold Norton: Removal of Condition 3 on approved planning permission FUL/MAL/14/00906 (Alterations, remodelling and extensions to planning permission FUL/MAL/11/00741 – one x 4 bed bungalow with basement and one x 5 bed bungalow with basement). Week 1 dated 6th January 2017:

The Parish Council recommend the refusal of planning permission, for the reasons listed below:

1. S2 – outside the development boundary (Contrary to policy S2 of the Maldon District Replacement Local Plan plus S8 of the Maldon District LDP)
2. The development has only been approved on the basis that the dwelling houses hereby approved are a replacement for that which exists in accordance with policy CC22 of the adopted Maldon District Replacement Local Plan.
3. The effect on the rural character of the area and would result in an unwelcome visual intrusion into the undeveloped countryside, to the detriment of the character and appearance of the area, contrary to policy CC6. Plan was to retain the open rural aspect

At this point Mr Wakeling expressed his disappointment at the action of the Parish Chairman regarding this case – this was endorsed by all other Members present. It was agreed that a letter as briefed be sent to Mr Rivers.

ACTION: CLERK

- 595. Maldon District Council Decisions:** covering decisions advised from w/e 9th December 2016 to w/e 6th January 2017; a detailed list had been supplied to Members, which is summarised below:

LBC/MAL/16/01155 Cold Norton

Proposed works to the existing officers' mess building to carefully remove the existing decayed asbestos roof covering and replace with a profiled cement fibre board to match the existing profile: works to the south elevation to infill existing enlarged openings to install new doors, windows and entrance canopy to reinstate the facade to the original appearance.

Officers Mess Stow Maries Aerodrome Hackmans Lane Cold Norton
(UPRN - 010014001469)

Mr Michael Pudney - Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome Limited

GRANT LISTED BUILDING CONSENT

- 596. Maldon District Local Development Plan (LDP) Consultation:** Members had been supplied with a copy of the letter sent to the two District Cllrs. The email dated 19th January 2017 received from District Cllr Archer was read out to Members. Members commented that there was an unequivocal endorsement of the Parish Council's view by District Cllr Ms White and that District Cllr Archer's response was an ambiguous response.
- 597. Maldon District Local Development Plan (LDP):** Members had been advised that hearings statements were now on MDC website for the Hearing Session starting on 10th January 2017; information had been emailed to Members on 4th January 2017. Noted
- 598. Maldon District Local Development Plan (LDP): 2016 Maldon District Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Assessment:** email/letter dated 14th December 2016 with copy of report to Council and the Assessment (Need Summary Report December 2016) had been forwarded to Members by email; Members had been advised that the Clerk had one hard copy. Noted.
- 599. MDC Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule (CIL):** in abeyance pending LDP outcome.
- 600. Affordable Housing -** in abeyance pending LDP outcome

601. **Vehicle accesses along St Stephens Road:** following up again
602. **Appeal Decision: Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/W/16/3151358 Land at the corner of Fambridge Road and St Stephens Road, Cold Norton.** Members had been advised that the appeal was allowed and planning permission granted for the siting of a mobile home as an agricultural workers dwelling for a temporary period of 3 years and that clarification was awaited re Enforcement/Eviction under Appeal Ref APP/X1545/C/15/3138510. Copy of emails to MDC had been supplied to Members. At the meeting the Clerk advised that MDC had confirmed that the appeal quoted above overrules the appeal APP/X1545/C/15/3138510 from March 2016 which had given the applicant 9 months to remove the mobile home. Noted.
603. **Purleigh Ward Cllrs:** van incident. Noted
604. **MDC Scheme of Delegation:** Members had been supplied with copy letter dated 5th January 2016 detailing change to 'Parish Trigger' re planning application responses from parishes, plus relevant extract from the (150 page) report referred to in the letter. Clerk commented that clarification of policy reference numbers was still awaited from MDC, Clerk had chased and would chase again.
ACTION: CLERK
605. **Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome: Planning Applications 16/01142/FUL and 16/01143/LBC:** Members had been supplied with a letter from Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome Trustee advising that SMGWA proposes to submit additional information to MDC addressing issues relating to footpaths and number of flights and an undertaking to introduce procedures re all aspects of flying, Noted.
606. **MATTERS TO REPORT** (Members are reminded that no decisions may lawfully be made under this agenda item - however matters may be discussed which involve exchanges of information only.)

Nothing reported.
607. **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS:**
Provisionally scheduled for 2017: Wednesdays 1st February (NB changed after meeting to 8th February), 1st March.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.40pm

Chairman.....

Date.....