

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 25th April 2017. Thank you to the 34 Members of the Public who attended. Chairman of the PC, Mr Philip Wakeling, gave his annual report, covering planning applications, financial matters and highways and thanked the small group of people who make up the Village Hall Management Committee for all their hard work and dedication looking after the village hall. Mrs Sue Garnham and Mr Brian Haydon then spoke about the Parish Council's four stage plan for the playing field and village hall carpark, involving moving the existing play equipment, buying some new equipment, including an outdoor gym and expanding the VH carpark. Village 'support' is required for this project to proceed in terms of grant applications, public works loans etc. A questionnaire will be delivered to all homes in the village to gauge opinion and support for the proposals. Ms Sue White, one of our District Cllrs gave a report about the district, including advising that a new Director of Planning had been appointed and that the Maldon MAC (Multi Agency Centre) had been launched - mix of advisors available monthly at MDC offices – one stop drop in advice centre, next session: 7th June; MDC is encouraging residents to recycle metal. Ms White also advised that the Chelmsford and Maldon Police District is to get 12 new Police Officers – here has been a 6% increase in crime in this area, but this is half of the increase experienced in Essex as a whole. Mrs Penny Channer, ECC Cllr for this area was unable to attend the APM, but had supplied a report, which Mr Wakeling read out covering ECC's plans for the future to help people get the best start and age well, creating great places to grow up, live and work and transforming the council to achieve more with less.

The **Villager of the Year** was announced at the APM as Mrs Margaret Taylor for her services over many years to the Church, for delivering the village magazine, The Beacon, collecting for the VH 100 Club and for being a good neighbour in the widest sense.

The Parish Council Annual General Meeting was held on 9th May 2018

The Parish Councillors are:

Mr John Archer
Mrs Sue Garnham
Mr Brian Haydon
Mrs Von Jennings
Mr Stewart Rivers
Mr Philip Wakeling

At the AGM officers were elected as follows:

Chairman: Mr Philip Wakeling
Vice Chairman: Mr Brian Haydon
Playing Field Representative: Mrs Sue Garnham & Mrs Von Jennings
Nature Conservation Area Representative: Mrs Sue Garnham & Mrs Von Jennings
Village Hall Representatives: Mrs Sue Garnham & Mrs Von Jennings
Public Rights of Way (Footpaths) Representative: Mr Philip Wakeling
Transport Representative: Mr Stewart Rivers
Police/NAP Representative: Mr Stewart Rivers

The Internal Auditor was confirmed as ASAP Office Services. The External Auditor appointed by the Audit Commission is PKF Littlejohn. Mr Wakeling and Mrs Garnham will remain as signatories as at present and Mr Haydon will become a third signatory.

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

Planning Applications: There were six applications considered at this meeting. The Members had no objections to any of them: 18/00385/HOUSE PP-06856058 Tosca, Latchingdon Road: 2 storey side extension. 18/00413/LBC PP-06871853 Officers Mess Stow Maries Aerodrome, Hackmans Lane: Structural stabilisation works to buildings 29, 31, 32, 33 & 33A and replacement and of existing timber windows and doors. 18/00444/WTPO 26 Station Crescent: T35 Ash - One limb to be cut to 3m and two limbs to be trimmed down to 5m. T33, T34 & T18 Willow - Trim back to main knuckles at 5-6m high. (NB application 18/00395 re T10 and T35 considered at April meeting by Members had been withdrawn by applicant). 18/00473/HOUSE 31 Latchingdon Road: Single storey rear extension. Loft extension including rear dormer. 18/00483/HOUSE The Sixteenth 16 St Stephens Road: First floor extension over garage and porch extension, and other alterations (revision of 18/00181). 17/01250/LDE PP-06497701 Lords Acre Nursery, Lower Burnham Road: Claim for a lawful development certificate for existing containers used for storage of animal feed, hay, straw, nursery pots, seed trays, plant machinery and anything related to farm.

Planning Decisions: (covering the period w/e 13th April to w/e 4th May 2018): there were three decisions advised: the first was: FUL/MAL/17/01475 The Stable At Pale Pitt Farm Latchingdon Road: Conversion of existing building to dwelling. MDC approved this application (Cold Norton had recommended refusal). The next decision advised was: FUL/MAL/18/00274 1The Links, Stow Road: New detached three storey dwelling & garden room. MDC approved this application (Cold Norton had not objected). The final decision was: FUL/MAL/18/00297 New Farm Dwelling Wayback Farm St Stephens Road: Construction of an agricultural workers dwelling. MDC refused permission (Cold Norton had recommended refusal)

Planning applications and decisions: if you would like to see full details of any planning application, please contact the Maldon District Council offices on 01621 854477 or visit the web site www.maldon.gov.uk

Vacancy on the Parish Council: If you would like to be considered, please write to the Parish Clerk by 26th June 2018 giving reasons why you want to join the Parish Council and details of any relevant skills and experiences you would bring to the Council. All applications will be considered during a closed section of the 4th July meeting of the Parish Council.

Eligibility to be a Parish Councillor:

- 18 years old or over and
- UK, Republic of Ireland, Commonwealth or EU Citizen and
- Elector in the Parish or
- Living in Parish or within 4.8 kilometres or
- Occupies as owner or tenant, land or property in the Parish or
- Works in the Parish

(You cannot put your name forward if you are subject of a bankruptcy restriction order, or have within 5 years previous been convicted in the UK of any offence with a

sentence of imprisonment, suspended or not, for over 3 months without the option of a fine).

If you have any queries or would like to discuss what is involved in being a Parish Councillor, please contact the Clerk.

Speed Reminder Stickers for Black Wheelie Bins: distribution now complete to homes in St Stephens Road and to the bridge in Latchingdon Road with 30 mph stickers and from bridge to Country Produce with 40 mph stickers. There is some of each remaining so if you would like a second relevant sticker for your garden waste bin please contact the Clerk.

Pink Recycling Bags & Food Recycling Bags: these can be collected at coffee mornings generally held fortnightly in The Les Barclay Room in the Village Hall between the hours of 9.30am - 12 noon. See 'Dates for your Diary' at back of this magazine for dates of the coffee mornings.

Parish Council Meetings: Meetings start at 7.30pm in The Les Barclay Room at the Village Hall. The next PC Meetings will be on: Wednesdays 6th June, and 4th July. 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. Email: mariadyer30@yahoo.co.uk or phone 01621 829566. Please note the Clerk works part time and will respond as soon as possible.