

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the November 2018 Meeting

Planning Applications: There were seven applications considered by the Members at this meeting, the first two both related to Norton Hall, St Stephens Road, Nos. 18/01167/FUL and 18/01168/LBC PP-07306265: Conversion of existing stables currently used as storage to ancillary accommodation. The Members had no objections to the conversion and with the LBC (listed building consent) application added the comment: *"We would refer to the Conservation Officer's expertise regarding the aspects covered under listed buildings regulations"*. The third application was: 18/01208/WTPO PP-07327540 Two Oaks 24 St Stephens Road: T1 and T2 Oak: Selectively crown reduce by up to 2 metres to shape and balance. Remove deadwood. Crown lift to approx. 4 metres. Prune to clear BT cable by approximately 1 metre. All cuts to be made to the nearest suitable growth point. To prevent interference between trees and wires and pedestrians. The Members had no objections to these works and added the comment: *"The Parish Council raises no objections to these works providing they are in line with the MDC's Tree Officer's recommendations."* The fourth application related to: 18/01232/COUPA Great Canney Court, Hackmans Lane: Notification for prior approval for a proposed change of use from offices Class B1 to 6No.apartments Class C3. The Members had no objections to this change and added the comment: *"The Parish Council raises no objections to this change of use as lower cost properties are needed in the village. Regarding the technical issues raised by the Environmental Officer the Parish Council would rely on the experts at MDC."* The next application considered was: 18/01081/FUL PP-07209829 The Lodge, Pale Pitt Farm, Latchingdon Road Purleigh: Replacement of existing dwelling (The Lodge). The Members recommended refusal of this application for the following reasons: *"It is not on the same site of The Lodge and as such represents 'ribbon development'. It is outside the development boundary and an alien intrusion into the countryside's open and rural aspect. Both above are contrary to policy S8 of the Maldon District LDP (Settlement Boundaries and the Countryside)."* The sixth application was: 18/01067/HOUSE PP-07264438 11 Victoria Road: Two storey side extension, single storey rear, works to convert the garage and extending the lean to roof. (This application has been amended by the revision of the description of the proposal). There were no objections to this application by the Members. The final application considered at this meeting was: FUL/MAL/18/01318 Lords Acre Nursery Lower Burnham Road North Fambridge: Section 73A application for the retention of a double unit caravan to be used as an office, rest area and for security purposes with proposed alterations to its external appearance. The Members agreed not to comment on this application other than to say that they would follow the opinion of North Fambridge PC.

Planning Decisions: (covering the period w/e 5th October to w/e 2nd November 2018): there were three decisions advised: the first decision advised was: FUL/MAL/18/00962 New Dwelling at Blue House Farm Hagg Hill: replacement dwelling. MDC approved (Cold Norton PC had not objected to this). The second decision was: AGR/MAL/18/01196 Lords Acre Nursery, Lower Burnham Road: Prior notification for an agricultural store/garage to house the existing farm machinery. This was refused permission by MDC (Cold Norton PC had not commented on this application – had been supplied as 'For Information Only'). The final decision advised was: HOUSE/MAL/18/01084 14 St Stephens Road: First floor side extension. MDC refused permission (Cold Norton PC had not objected to this extension.)

Appeal decisions: two were advised: the first was HOUSE/MAL/18/00483 (Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/D/18/3206546)16 St Stephens Road: First floor extension over garage and porch extension, and other alterations. Appeal was dismissed. The second advised was: OUT/MAL/17/01129 (Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/W/18/3198105). Land at Pine Lodge Junction Road: Erection of two bungalows. This Appeal was also dismissed.

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

Website: the Parish Council now has a new website: <http://www.cold-norton.org.uk> There are sections still being worked on with information to be added, but do please visit the web site and let us know what you think. If you are a local business, club or organisation based in Cold Norton and would like to be listed on the website, please contact the Clerk by email (see below for details).

Grants: there were 2 applications put forward to the Members for consideration; from the £550 remaining from the Grants budget (£50 had already been donated to 'The Poppy Appeal'). The Members decided to give a donation of £500 to St Stephens Church as the Church Warden had requested support: *"to help with repairs to the walls and windows of St Stephens Church. The weather this summer has had the unfortunate effect of causing considerable movement within the walls, and there are visible cracks; a structural engineer is being engaged to assess the work needed to maintain the safety of those who visit the church, or indeed use the public footpath through the church yard."* A donation of £50 would also be sent to Essex & Herts Air Ambulance.

Road Safety: this was discussed in relation to the recent accident involving a tractor; it was agreed to investigate again what speed reduction measures can be implemented, review the speed indicators currently in situ in the village and that a letter is sent to the two local companies whose tractors drive through the village.

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.

Village Shop – Country Produce: The PC understands this is now under new management, has extended its opening times, is being restocked, and now has a drinks licence. As a village facility the shop will need to be supported by village residents if it is to survive.

BT Broadband Fibre: now available in Cold Norton

Street Lights on Latchingdon Road: these belong to the Parish Council, so if you notice one isn't working please contact the Clerk.

Cold Norton Footpath Map: please contact the Clerk if you would like a copy.

Winter Salt Scheme: if you would like to be part of the salt team for your road for the season 2018/19 please contact the Clerk.

Highways or Public Right of Way (Footpath) Issues: whilst the Parish Council will report these matters to ECC Highways when made aware of an issue, residents can report issues relating to footpaths or other highways issues (e.g. potholes, road signs, vegetation etc.) direct to highways via:

<http://www.essexhighways.org/Transport-and-Roads.aspx>

Parish Council Meetings: Meetings start at 7.30pm in The Les Barclay Room at the Village Hall. The last PC Meeting this year is scheduled for: Wednesday 5th December. 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.