

COLD NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18th April 2007
IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL

THOSE PRESENT:

Councillors:

Mrs. A. Allen
Mr. J. Archer
Mrs. S. Garnham
Mrs. G. Gold (Chairman)
Mr. P. Wakeling
In attendance: Mrs. M. Dyer (Parish Clerk)

61. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** had been received from Professor Barclay and Mr. Litscher

PLANNING

62. **Planning Applications received by the Parish Council** – the following were considered and responses were as indicated:

FUL/MAL/07/00356 Cranswick Lodge, Victoria Road, Cold Norton Retention of wall and gates to part of the east boundary of the property. Week No. 15 dated 13th April 2007:

Cold Norton Parish Council considers that the proposed development contained within the above application to be harmful and recommends that Maldon District Council should REFUSE CONSENT.

The Parish Council's reasons for this recommendation are:

- The property is outside the development boundary
- The applicant is proposing a boundary 'marker' nearly twice the size of what is permitted.
- The proposed walls and gates are not suitable for the setting – the property is in a rural location and the 'style' of the proposed walls and gates is far too urban in its design and format. The Parish Councillors would prefer to see as a boundary to this property, the reinstatement of a hedge native to the area, which would be much more appropriate to the rural setting in which the house is located.

FUL/MAL/07/00357 Palepit Farm, Latchingdon Road, Cold Norton. Barn comprising agricultural store, tractor and machinery store and farm workshop. Week No. 15 dated 13th April 2007:

Cold Norton Parish Council considers that the proposed development contained within the above application to be harmful and recommends that Maldon District Council should REFUSE CONSENT.

The Parish Council's reasons for this recommendation are:

- This property is a farm in name only – the land is only used as a garden; there is no visible evidence of activity requiring storage for agricultural products or equipment
- The building development originally applied for was considerably smaller than that which is now located on the site
- The landscaping now included in the planning application will not compensate for the huge mass now in situ.

HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

- 63. Highways Schedule** - Mr Archer provided update per the meeting that Professor Barclay and Mr. Archer had on site with Highways representatives on 12th March 2007:

Pram ramps at bridge – still scheduled to be carried out in first quarter of new financial year

Drain at top of Station Crescent – Clerk to contact Highways **ACTION: CLERK**

Drain opposite coal yard – Highways still to organise contractor to return and carry out this work.

Subsidence at sides of St. Stephens Road – Scheduled for new financial year, but no date yet

New signs Fambridge Road/St. Stephens Road – no news

Overgrowing vegetation on footways between Cold Norton and Stow Maries. Still to be done

Potholes on bridge - Scheduled for action in April

St. Stephens Road drains outside school and one opposite No.7 – no date yet for work to Commence

Manhole cover between 10 and 12 St. Stephens Road is raised – discussed at site meeting. Highways to be chased for urgent attention

- 64. VAS Signs:** Manufacturer site visit with Highways Representative took place on 17th April 2007

Chairman..... Date.....