

COLD NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7th June 2006 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL

THOSE PRESENT:

Councillors:

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

129. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – there were no absences
130. **PRESENTATION BY MRS CHARLOTTE FELLINGHAM Re P3:** it was agreed to join P3. Clerk to circulate draft contract left and to ascertain if the P3 scheme would be able to assist with the drainage problem at footpath 20 and the clearing of the new bridleway **ACTION: CLERK**
131. **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND THE ORDINARY MEETING of the Parish Council** held on Wednesday 10th May 2006 were both approved as correct and signed accordingly.

FINANCE

Payments

132. BT Invoice No. QO23 OY dated 11th May 2006 £ 45.51 (£39.47 net) cheque No.398
133. Dave Bull village caretaker work invoice £195.75 cheque no. 399
134. Bradley Faulkner - grass cutting, invoice No.992 dated 22.5.06. £235 (£200 net) cheque No.400
135. e-on electricity May 06 inv.no.102518222 £39.10 (£37.24 net) direct debit 14.6.06
136. Cold Norton VHMC hire of committee room for March to June meetings, plus main hall for APM and transport consultation invoice dated 1.6.06 £50.10 cheque No.401
137. EALC Clerk's induction course (NB this is the first one they have held since the new clerk was employed £50 cheque No.402)
138. EALC Budget and Precept training course £30 cheque No. 403
139. M. Dyer office expenses £51.08 (£44.29 net) cheque No. 404
140. PH Coote Ltd repair to street light outside 'Basson Forge' invoice number 12396-24024 £94.83 (£80.71 net) cheque No. 405
141. **Part time clerks – hourly rates revised 1st April 2006 by NALC** – rate backdated to April approved by PC Members.

142. Financial Statement

Current balances:

Standard Life Direct Access as at 1 st June	£	121.30
Standard Life 10 Day Notice as at 17th May	£	7,097.52
Abbey as at 1 st June 2006	£	<u>19,964.91</u>
	£	27,183.73

PLANNING

143. **Maldon District Council Decisions** – a detailed list had been copied to Members, which is summarised below:

FUL/MAL/06/00197 **Cold Norton**
Retention of Fence/Gate 1.8 metres high near roadway.
Woodcote Station Road Cold Norton Essex
(UPRN - 200000909851)
Clive Burrell

APPROVED

FUL/MAL/06/00356 Cold Norton
Erection of annex to existing dwelling and repositioning of access.
Norton Hall Cottages 51 St Stephens Road Cold Norton Essex
(UPRN - 100090555833)
R D Bardwell **APPROVED**

TPO/MAL/06/00327 Cold Norton
Work to Oak tree: crown lift to 5 metres
9A St Stephens Road Cold Norton Essex CM3 6JE
(UPRN - 100090555796)
Mr & Mrs Garnham **APPROVED**

TPO/MAL/06/00434 Cold Norton
Fell Oak tree to ground level and treat stump (TPO/8/96)
Sylvanus 13 St Stephens Road Cold Norton Essex
(UPRN - 100090555801)
C/O Agent **REFUSED**

144. **Cold Norton Primary School CC/MAL/56/06** - a copy of the decision from ECC had been copied to Members advising that permission had been granted for the relocatable classroom to be retained until 31st December 2007.

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

AGRPN/MAL/06/00598 Wild Farm, Lower Burnham Road, Latchingdon. Proposed replacement agricultural storage building – related determination AGR/MAL/06/00412. Week No. 22 dated 1st June 2006:

Cold Norton Parish Council thank you for the sight of the plans, but found them confusing: inadequately marked to clearly show the location of the proposed development.

However, Cold Norton Parish Council considers that the proposed development contained in the above application would not be harmful and recommends that Maldon District Council should APPROVE the application.

FUL/MAL/06/00651 Lords Acre Nursery, Lower Burnham Road, Cold Norton. To site mobile home in connection with nursery business and turkey rearing. Week No 22 dated 1st June 2006:

Cold Norton Parish Council considers that the proposed development in the above application to be harmful and recommends that Maldon District Council should REFUSE CONSENT. The reasons for this recommendation are:

- it would be visually intrusive
- it is being proposed solely for security reasons within an area of land outside the village development boundary and it is therefore inappropriate

146. **Sherae**

Members were advised that MDC have confirmed that the reason why there is scaffolding on the garage/original dwelling is that work that was originally part of the approved planning application is now in progress i.e. converting original dwelling into a double garage with accommodation above.

147. **Palepit Farm**

Members were advised that there have been several calls to MDC re this and whilst there was prior notification re this, the two buildings which have been erected were not in accordance the planning permission granted. The owner has now employed an architect to submit new plans for consideration, which the PC will see, so the two buildings will stay until this new application has gone through the normal planning procedure.

HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

148. **Pedestrian Crossing:** Report from Mike Ager: the VAS signs will be installed during the week commencing the 13th June. When date is confirmed as to when the signs will be commissioned, we will arrange for the white lining to be completed and for the crossing to be commissioned. Re trees obscuring the belisha beacons, Mr Ager has confirmed that the contractors will sort this out.

149. Highways Schedule

Siding back to Country Produce: Members were advised re this job and Station road junction that: the budget, workforce and programming for this are separate from footway maintenance so there is no "precedence" involved.

Station Road entrance onto Latchingdon Road: advised by highways that the work at the junction of Station Road is necessary due to the poor state of the footway surface. Whilst this work is being done the opportunity will be taken to add additional dropped kerbs on the side away from the bridge in order to make turning left out of Station Road easier and safer.

Pram ramps at bridge – Steve Broad is chasing safety audit report

Drain outside school and drain at corner of The Fairways: awaiting report from drain cleansing department

New Farm overhanging footway - this is now satisfactory, but Clerk was requested to inform highways that foliage opposite Pantile Hall needs cutting back **ACTION: CLERK**

Water on Latchingdon Road – awaiting report from Flowline and water board.

Missing school sign – replacement on order

Site meeting with highways – will be with both Steve Broad and Rob Venables – awaiting dates. Mrs Gold and Prof. Barclay both available. **ACTION: CLERK**

Members reported hole in road near Cowpiece **ACTION: CLERK**

150. Public Transport Consultation: Awaiting report

151. Widening of footway east of Railway Bridge: Contact Cllr Mead **ACTION: CLERK**

152. Temporary Closure of Hackman's Lane: 6 weeks from 24th July between 9 am and 7 pm Monday to Friday. Clerk to display diversion maps **ACTION: CLERK**

VILLAGE HALL

153. Report from Parish Council Representatives: Kitchen is being refurbished from Saturday 29th July

154. Village Hall Project: Re Essex Environment Trust all paperwork has been submitted; Re Community Initiatives Fund next step TBA

155. VANDALISM/POLICE MATTERS

Mrs Allen gave her report from Neighbourhood Police Team Launch held on 31st May, in brief Cold Norton will be covered by the team for Purleigh, namely, Sgt. Parish and PC 2999 Tony England. A local Policeman will attend a minimum of one meeting per year in our area, for an exchange of views. Re speeding through the villages there is a Road Safety & Speed Watch Programme – if traffic incidents are reported there is a possibility of a visit from a mobile speed camera or flashing light matrix.

156. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Promenade Park – water element not yet open, but galleon is now open. Restructure of MDC in hand. Oyster Festival will start on 1st September. RNLI fund raising event at Three Rivers on 22nd June hosted by Chairman of MDC. Proposal to reduce current three planning g areas down to two. Chief Planning Officer has offered to visit PCs to discuss areas open to comments/guidance on planning matters. PC Members asked Clerk to requester such a visit. **ACTION: CLERK**

OPEN SPACES

157. Cowpiece Nature Reserve – Members were advised that the Village Caretaker has been unable to clear the pond yet due to inclement weather. Clerk was asked to talk to BTCV to see if they can assist with the fence which needs erecting.

158. Playing Field – removal of 'items' from hard standing area to be arranged. Members decided that both football groups using the field should each pay £10 per session/match.

159. Village Caretaker work – report as follows:

I continue to clear round the playground and car park area by the village hall. I am painting and preserving the playground equipment as weather permits. I have re-hung the play area gates and painted over the graffiti on the village hall side doors and the play equipment

In Cowpiece Nature reserve I continue to inspect the site regularly and to clear away any litter or debris. I am clearing the foot paths and observation platform as required. I will clear the pond as soon as it is safe to do so, bearing in mind the weather.

In the Queen Mother Memorial garden I continue to inspect and tidy the area. I will start pruning the hedges and bushes by the village hall. I continue to inspect the triangle and pathway by the bridge and remove any litter.

I have commenced weed killing in the car park and play areas. I will collect the keys for the notice boards as soon as practicable. I have to report 4 sacks of garden rubbish have been fly-tipped in the corner of the village hall car park

I will continue with my usual work for the Parish Council. Please let me know if there is any particular aspect of my work that the Parish Council wishes me to attend to.

160 Allotments - MDC has advised that they are now using Essex County Council tree officers. Report awaited re the trees on no man's land.

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

- 161. Ferris Avenue Path** - number of forms returned to date remains at eight.
- 162. Footpath 14 (section across road from church)** - Dog waste bin – suitable location still to be established
ACTION: CLERK
- 163. Footpath 19** - path has been reseeded and the land owner has put a length of string along to encourage walkers to stick to the path and flatten it
- 164. Footpath 20** - Mr. Archer advised that details of owner of field unavailable. Diversion of this footpath was discussed as it is unwalkable. Clerk to talk to PRow Officer. **ACTION: CLERK**
- 165. Purleigh footpath 13** - lower rail has now been removed
- 166. Footpath Map** – possibility of producing this in conjunction with P3 scheme
- 167. New bridleway** - meeting scheduled with land owners next week
- 168. Golf course footpath (Footpath 13)** - ongoing, issue not resolved yet. PC Members advised that a pedestrian gate will suffice. Clerk to advise PRow Officer **ACTION: CLERK**
- 169. Rear of Church Footpaths 14 and 19** - still awaiting date for installation
- 170. Footpath 15** - the staggered barriers both here and the one opposite the Church have been widened. Hand rail still to be installed.
- 171. Footpath 14** - Clerk has spoken to landowner's son about PC's request for this to be altered. As there is a tenant farmer using this field and there are Defra considerations, the landowner would like the request in writing with a sketch/map so that what is being proposed is clear.
ACTION: Mr. WAKELING
- 172. Footpath 24:** needs cutting. Mr. Archer offered to contact landowner. **ACTION: MR. ARCHER**
- 173. The Parish Paths Partnership Scheme (P3)** - as per minute 130 above the decision is to join P3 as it is a new source of funds. Clerk to write to Mrs Fellingham as above with a copy to Chris Brown.
ACTION: CLERK
- 174. Land Registry** – voluntary first registration of CNPC landholdings **ACTION: CLERK**

175. **COLD NORTON'S WEBSITE** - Minutes and news pages now up to date with the exception of minutes for January 2005. 'What's On' page has been updated except the neighbourhood watch details as this currently directs people towards the Clerk - this may now be directed to Mrs Allen. Accounts page has not yet been updated - clerk needs to talk to previous Clerk re this page. New charges being reviewed with other PCs **ACTION: CLERK**

176. **Freedom of Information** **ACTION: PROF BARCLAY**

177. **Files/Documents to Archive/ Retain/Destroy** **ACTION: PROF BARCLAY/
MRS GARNHAM**

CORRESPONDENCE

178. **MDC – Consultation under the Local government Act 2000** - noted

179. **Essex County Council – ECC Passenger Transport Strategies** - noted

180. **ECC – Winter Service Review/Questionnaire** – Mrs Gold to complete **ACTION: MRS. GOLD**

181. **EALC Chairman's Day course** – No one available to attend

182. **CPREssex – invitation to Goat Lodge 17th June** - noted

183. **MDC – Special meeting of the MDC Thursday 8th June 7.30 pm** – noted

184. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** – there was none

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Scheduled or provisionally scheduled for 2006: Wednesday 5th July, (no meeting in August), 6th September, 4th October, 1st November, and 6th December.

Chairman.....

Date.....