

COLD NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2006 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL

THOSE PRESENT:

Councillors:

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

347. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** had been received from Parish Councillors Professor Barclay, Mr. Archer, Mr. Litscher and District Councillor Mr. Cooper
348. **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING of the Parish Council** held on Wednesday 4th October 2006 were approved as correct and signed accordingly.

FINANCE

Payments

349. Dave Bull village caretaker work invoice No 37 dated 19th October £135 Cheque No. 445
350. Dave Bull – materials invoice No.38 dated 19th October £28.01 (£23.84) Cheque No. 445
351. ASAP Office Services additional cost from internal auditor due to problems with the Impact accounting system failing causing mistakes with the year end figures necessitating manual production of spread sheets to supply to external auditor. Invoice No 4051 £39.66 (£33.75) Cheque No.446
352. MAIA Services for updating two pages on the web site (minutes for September and report from October meeting) Invoice no. 201006-1 £17.62 (£15 net) Cheque No. 447
353. Royal British Legion Poppy Wreath Invoice No.7 dated 1st October 2006 £16 Cheque No. 448
354. Cold Norton Village Hall Management Committee - Hire of committee room 2 hours each in July, September & October & 1 hour in August, plus donation to Christmas Bazaar raffle (£5) invoice dated 20th October 2006 £29.15 Cheque No.449
355. Winstonmead - plastic wallets for planning application circulation, 5 black and 2 coloured ink cartridges and box of 1000 DL white envelopes invoice no.1/IA2739 £82.70 (£70.39) Cheque No. 450
356. Friends of Essex Heritage membership from October 06 to September 07 £15 Cheque No. 451
357. Campaign to Protect Rural England membership from 1.11.06 to 31.10.07 £26 Cheque No. 452
358. M. Dyer office expenses £18.71 (£18.41 net) Cheque No. 453
359. E-on Energy: street lighting for September 2006 invoice no.000001 dated 25/10/06, direct debit will be processed 15/11/06 £39.10 (£37.24)

360. Financial Statement

Current balances:

Standard Life Direct Access as at 1 st October	£	121.30
Standard Life 10 Day Notice as at 17 th October	£	7,623.76
Abbey as at 1 st October 2006	£	<u>3,222.37</u>
	£	10,967.43

PLANNING

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

FUL/MAL/06/00910 Cold Norton
Additional Floor to Bungalow. New Roof and Integral Garage.
25 St Stephens Road Cold Norton Essex CM3 6JE
(UPRN - 100090555814)
Mr Steve Ralph **APPROVED**

FUL/MAL/06/00968 Purleigh
Single Storey Rear Extension.
Great Whitmans Hackmans Lane Purleigh Essex
(UPRN - 100091256746)
Mr & Mrs D Flemming **APPROVED**

LBC/MAL/06/00969 Purleigh
Single Storey Rear Extension.
Great Whitmans Hackmans Lane Purleigh Essex
(UPRN - 100091256746)
Mr & Mrs D Flemming **APPROVED**

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

FUL/MAL/06/01191 25 St. Stephens Road, Cold Norton. Additional floor to bungalow, new roof and integral garage. Week no. 42 dated 20th October 2006:

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

FUL/MAL/06/01202 September Lodge, St. Stephens Road, Cold Norton. Extension above existing double garage. Week No. 43 dated 27th October 2006:

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

However, whilst the above works are not seen as harmful, Parish Council Members consider that these proposed works have now brought this site to its limit in terms of development and would not like to see any further extension works applied for on this particular site.

- 363. Appeal Application Reference No. APP/x1545/A/06/2025558/W/F Woodcote, Station Road, Cold Norton. Reference FUL/MAL/06/00197 Retention of fence/gate 1.8 metres high near roadway.** Applicant is appealing against MDC's decision to impose a condition relating to a hedgerow being planted in front of the fence. The Parish Council agrees with MDC and the response to The Planning Inspectorate was as follows:

With reference to the original application, Cold Norton Parish Council did not find the planning application to be harmful and recommended that Maldon District Council approve the application. However, The Parish Councillors would like The Planning Inspectorate to know that they agree with and support Maldon District Council's decision to attach a condition regarding a hedgerow to this application, as the property is in a country lane.

- 364. Appeal Application Reference No. APP/X1545/A/06/2023805/NWF Land at Hockley Farm. Proposed wind farm, Hockley Lane, Bradwell on Sea, Southminster. Reference FUL/MAL/06/00291. Construct wind farm comprising of 10 turbines of maximum 121 m to blade tip height, sub station building, anemometer mast and ancillary infrastructure.** Appeal application noted, no further comments to add to those already expressed in the original response letter (see minute No.91)
- 365. MDC Team Map plus information re 2nd August seminar - noted**

HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

- 366. Pedestrian Crossing**

Clerk advised that the Belisha beacon is scheduled to be repaired on Friday 3rd November.

Use of crossing by school children/parking in St. Stephens Road – correspondence with school discussed – further police patrol to be requested **ACTION: CLERK**

367. Highways Schedule

Mrs Allen and the Clerk accompanied a member of Highways on 11th October on his journey to mark out Planned Parish Visit (PPV) actions, details will be sent through for circulation to Members, but the following were highlighted at the meeting: the drain at the top of Station Crescent is the responsibility of Highways and will be jetted and foliage will be cleared away from the 40 mph sign on Fambridge Road just after Palepit Roundabout on the stretch going towards Maldon. Re the leak outside Bardwells Yard, Essex & Suffolk Water have advised that it is not a fresh water leak as there is no chlorine present in the samples taken. The suggestion is that it is a spring, so Highways will arrange for it to be channelled into the drainage system. No date given yet for this work. Members requested the Clerk take this up with County. Siding back to Country Produce is definitely on PPV schedule.

VILLAGE HALL

368. Report from Parish Council Representatives – nothing major to report

369. Village Hall Project: the kitchen is nearly finished. Fund raising ideas/schemes progressing. Re the extension Mrs Bryant had supplied a short report advising that as much progress as possible had been made with the Stage 1 Community Buildings Programme lottery application and that this will be checked by the village halls adviser at the RCCE. Responses to some questions are still awaited from the architect and whether planning permission will be granted by MDC.

370. VANDALISM/POLICE MATTERS

Mrs Allen attended the Police & Community Consultative Group Public Meeting held on 10th October and briefly outlined what was discussed, in particular relating to vandals and cars offered for sale at sides of verges. Vandalism up at Cowpiece (see minute 374 for details) has been reported to the Police together with photographs taken by the Village Caretaker. The Police have promised to make more frequent visits to the village, in particular to Cowpiece and the playing field.

371. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – not available

OPEN SPACES

372. Cowpiece Nature Reserve

Clerk to ask Village Caretaker re erecting the new fencing in this area **ACTION: CLERK**

373. Playing Field

Members were advised that Cold Norton is to receive an award in the Essex Playing Fields Association Best Kept Playing Fields Competition (NB since the meeting have been advised that the village was awarded two highly commended certificates: one for the playing field generally and one for the children's play area)

Clerk to ascertain if the village caretaker is able to carry out tree trimming work
ACTION: CLERK

Inspection report: work being carried out, section re bark depth to be discussed with MDC. Comparison re MDC and ROSPA reports still to be made. **ACTION: CLERK**

374. Village Caretaker work – report as follows:

I continue to clear around the playground and car park area by the village hall. I am painting and preserving the playground equipment and fences as weather permits.

It is sad to report that the vandals are still frequenting the play area; I am carrying out repairs as needed. They have also vandalised the Cowpiece Nature Reserve, destroying the tool and material storage bin and removing the materials stored in it and have sprayed graffiti and damaged the observation platform.

During my inspection of the play equipment I have noticed that some of the fasteners and rivets are missing on the skate board ramps and I have ordered replacements. I shall also be dismantling and inspecting the swings and small slide. Further to the report on the playground and equipment I shall take steps to comply with its findings.

I have started to replace the small trees in the playing field that were vandalised in the early spring. I have weed killed the car park and play areas and I shall repeat as needed.

In Cowpiece Nature Reserve I continue to inspect the site regularly and to clear away any litter or debris. I am clearing the footpaths and observation platform as required.

In the Queen Mother Memorial Garden I continue to inspect and tidy the area. I have pruned and deadheaded the roses and fertilised them.

I have inspected the wobbly notice board and have found that the concrete post has broken.

I continue to inspect the triangle and pathway by the bridge and remove any litter. There has been no further fly tipping this month in the village hall car park.

It was reported that there are stakes sticking up around the big slide, Clerk to ask the Caretaker to replace or remove.
ACTION: CLERK

375. **Allotments:** Members were advised that plots will soon be available for village residents; there will be no charge for the first year (until autumn 2007). Details will be advertised in The Beacon
ACTION: MRS GARNHAM

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

376. **Ferris Avenue Path:** Number of forms returned to date remains at ten. Still to start the application process
ACTION: CLERK
377. **Footpath 3:** Members were advised that the PRow was arranging for the two stiles along this footpath to be replaced with self closing gates
378. **Footpath 13 (Golf Course):** pedestrian gate still being investigated
379. **Footpath 14:** Mr Wakeling preparing map for submission to landowner re rerouting of section of this footpath across from Church
ACTION: MR. WAKELING
380. **Footpath 15:** delay to handrail - is now scheduled to be completed by 17th November 2006
381. **Footpath 16:** diagonal line of this footpath needs reinstating
ACTION: CLERK
382. **Footpath 19 (and 14):** new gate needed – being investigated
383. **Footpath 20:** Clerk to approach P3 re assistance re drainage once membership has been organised
384. **Footpath 24:** needs marking again
ACTION: CLERK
385. **Footpath Map:** Will form part of P3 partnership activities
386. **New bridleway:** delay to clearing work – is now scheduled to be completed by 17th November 2006
387. **The Parish Paths Partnership Scheme (P3):** Clerk has spoken to P3. Copies of contract have been circulated to PC Members – to be discussed at December meeting.
388. **Land Registry – voluntary first registration of CNPC landholdings:** no action yet
389. **COLD NORTON'S WEBSITE:** approved minutes and meeting report supplied to web site manager. Accounts still to be supplied
ACTION: CLERK
390. **Freedom of Information:** the review of the model publication scheme by Professor Barclay has been supplied to Members. To be discussed at the December meeting
391. **Files/Documents to Archive/ Retain/Destroy**
**ACTION: PROF BARCLAY/
MRS GARNHAM**

CORRESPONDENCE

392. Members acknowledged RCCE change of address:

Rural Community Council of Essex
Threshelfords Business Park,
Inworth Road,
Feering,
Essex CO5 9SE

Tel: 08444 773938 *
FAX: 01376 573524
E-mail addresses remain unchanged

* The 0844 number telephone number means that any call made from a land line in the UK will be charged at the prevailing local call rate

393. Mid Essex NHS Primary Care Trust details of meetings/minutes/board papers – it was agreed that the PC Members do not need to have sight of these in future. ACTION: CLERK

394. MDC Simon Quelch reference 'Three person sub-committee of the standards committee' - noted

395. MDC Community Transport Away Day 22nd November: no one available to attend

396. Dengie Hundred Group of Parish Councils full details of annual quiz – noted

397. Maldon & District Council for Voluntary Service 'Getting it Right Together' Maldon District's Local Compact: briefing /workshop Monday 6th November – no one available to attend

398. ANY OTHER BUSINESS Members were advised that the village school is planning to install a number of security fences around the back field of the school and by the golf course boundary.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Scheduled or provisionally scheduled for 2006: Wednesday 6th December, and for the first quarter of 2007: Wednesday 10th January, 7th February, 7th March, and 4th April.

Chairman.....

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