

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the January 2019 Meeting

**Planning Applications:** There were two applications considered by the Members at this meeting. The Members had no objections to either of the applications which were: 18/01489/HOUSE 21 Ferris Avenue: single storey front extension and 18/01314/HOUSE PP-07391283 32 St Stephens Road: Two single storey extensions on front elevation, replace conservatory with single storey rear extension, Juliet balcony to rear elevation, walls to be rendered on ground floor and clad on first floor and bay window on front elevation.

**Planning Decisions:** (covering the period w/e 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018 to w/e 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019): there were four decisions advised by Maldon District Council: the first decision advised was: COUPA/MAL/18/01232 Great Canney Court, Hackmans Lane: Notification for prior approval for a proposed change of use from offices Class B1 to 6No. apartments Class C3 – MDC refused permission (Cold Norton PC had not objected to this application). The second application advised was: FUL/MAL/18/01081 The Lodge, Pale Pitt Farm, Latchingdon Road, Purleigh: Replacement of existing dwelling (The Lodge) – MDC refused permission (CNPC had recommended refusal). The next decision advised was: HOUSE/MAL/18/01339 Avalon, 30D Latchingdon Road: Construction of single storey rear extension – MDC granted permission (CNPC had not objected). The final decision advised was: HOUSE/MAL/18/01336 14 St Stephens Road: First floor side extension – MDC granted permission (CNPC had not objected).

**Appeal Application:** 18/00367/OUT PP-06814587 Land adjacent to Glen Foy, Latchingdon Road, Cold Norton (Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/W/18/3207877): Outline application for 2 detached dwellings, with all matter reserved. Appeal start date 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

**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](http://www.maldon.gov.uk)

**Precept 2019-2020:** The Councillors having initially considered budget figures at the December meeting reviewed the revised figures presented at this meeting. It was agreed to set the Precept at £27,700 - an increase of £700 over last year's precept.

**Essex Playing Fields Awards 2018:** Cold Norton was awarded Certificates of Merit for the Football Pitch and the Playing Fields.

**Fund Raising Events for Playing Fields Project:** first event will be a Magic Show for children in March.

**Future of Library Services 2019 - 2014 Consultation:** please visit: <https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/libraries-consultation> to read the proposals, which are proposing closure of some libraries, and complete the survey which closes on 20th February 2019. If you would like a printed version, ask at the library or call 0345 603 7639.

**Local Bus Consultation:** re evening and Sunday local bus services – for information and to take part in the consultation go to: [www.essex.gov.uk/local-bus-](http://www.essex.gov.uk/local-bus-)

[consultation](#) Paper versions will be available from libraries or on request by phoning: 03457 430 430 or e-mailing: [passenger.transport@essex.gov.uk](mailto:passenger.transport@essex.gov.uk) The consultation will run until 22nd March 2019.

**Cold Norton Post Office:** the Parish Council received a letter from the Post Office: *“As you may be aware the above Post Office closed last year as the postmaster resigned. Since then we have been exploring our options for restoring a Post Office service to our customers in the area. The vacancy in Cold Norton has been advertised on our website and a member of the field team has also personally visited the area, but so far we have received no interest or formal applications for the position. Unfortunately, we have been unable to identify a suitable solution and I’m therefore writing to you and other local representatives to advise you that as there have been no suitable opportunities to re-establish a service, this branch will remain closed. We would of course consider any appropriate options if there are any significant changes in the area in the future. However due to the length of time the branch has been closed, we would need to satisfy ourselves that any new opportunity would be sustainable for both the Post Office and the operator. If you have any suggestions please contact the National Consultation Team...”*

**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).

**Dogs:** Dogs are **not** allowed on the playing field - there is a Byelaw in place to enforce this. This area is used by children and adults for recreation and sporting activities. If you witness dog(s) in this area please inform the Parish Council. New signage is now in place.

**Village Hall Car Park:** this is only for use by people at an event/class in the village hall or in the playing field, or as authorised e.g. dropping off/collecting children at school start/finish times – additional signage has been installed

**Local Parish Council (and District Council) Elections:** will take place May 2019. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact the Parish Clerk or attend a PC meeting to find out what is involved.

**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:** 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.

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

**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. Meeting in 2019 scheduled for: Wednesdays: 6<sup>th</sup> February, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 8<sup>th</sup> May (first meeting of new Council), 5<sup>th</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 6<sup>th</sup> November and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mariadyer30@yahoo.co.uk) or phone 01621 829566. Please note the Clerk works part time and will respond as soon as possible.