

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the November 2019 Meeting

Planning Applications: There were three planning applications to consider at this Meeting: the first was: 19/01015/FUL/WTPO Vermont, 27 Stow Road, Cold Norton: demolition of existing two storey dwelling house and construction of new two storey dwelling house including outbuilding/garage and new dropped kerb to existing vehicular access. The Members recommended refusal for the following reasons:

1. *Scale and bulk of the proposed dwelling house and proximity to the neighbouring listed building – contrary to policies: S1 – Sustainable Development; D1 – design, quality and built environment; D3 – conservation & heritage assets*
2. *Outside the development boundary – contrary to S8 – settlement boundaries and the countryside.*

The second application considered was: 19/01013/OUT PP-08160957 Land adjacent Glen Loy, Latchingdon Road, Cold Norton: outline application for one detached dwelling and garage with all matters reserved except for access. The Members also recommended refusal for this application for the following reason: *it is outside the development boundary – contrary to S8 – settlement boundaries and the countryside.* The final application considered was: 19/00970/HOUSE 14 St Stephens Road, Cold Norton: first floor balcony to rear elevation. The Members had no objections to this application.

Planning Decisions: (covering the period w/e 4th October to w/e 1st November 2019): there were four decisions advised by Maldon District Council, namely: LBC/MAL/19/00752 Norton Hall St Stephens Road: variation on condition 5 (retention of existing door) on approved planning permission LBC/MAL/18/01168 (Conversion of existing stables, currently used as storage, to ancillary accommodation.) Amendment to wording of condition 5 to allow the door to be altered to fit the new door opening. MDC granted 'Listed Building Consent' (the Parish Council had not objected to this variation). The second decision advised was 'For Information Only': LDP/MAL/19/00764 4 The Links: Claim for lawful development certificate for a proposed single storey rear extension. MDC approved (the PC had not been required to submit an opinion. The third decision was also 'For Information Only': DE/MAL/19/00967 12 Latchingdon Road: Single storey rear-side extension which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 6m, maximum height of 3.0m and the maximum height to the eaves of 3.0m. Removal of existing garage. Removal of door on rear elevation. Removal of fence panel on side elevation. MDC refused permission (the Parish Council had not submitted an opinion). The final decision was: WTPO/MAL/19/00944 35 St Stephens Road: T1 Ash - Crown reduce back from property to give 2 metres clearance of roof and building. Remove deadwood. Reduce height by 1.5 metres and rebalance crown over neighbouring side by up to 2 metres. All cuts to be made at suitable growth points. To prevent interference between tree and property and good arboricultural practice. MDC approved these works (Cold Norton PC had not objected).

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

Wellinditch Bridge, Stow Maries: the PC has been advised that the bridge should re-open on 20th December 2019.

Village Hall: the floor in the main hall will be resealed, but as there has not been a Cold Norton Badminton Club now for some years, badminton court lines will not be remarked out. The Solar Panels at the Village hall continue to be a source of income and the estimated FIT for the quarter to end of October will be c£535.00.

Public Consultation – Essex County Fire & Rescue Service: All residents are encouraged to have their say. For information on the consultation, as well as a link to complete it, visit: www.essex-fire.gov.uk/irmp Consultation closes on Friday 13th December 2019.

Post Box stolen from corner of Victoria Road: letters have been written to the Postal Review Panel and Rt Hon John Whittingdale OBE MP to ‘persuade’ Royal Mail to replace the stolen post box, which was very well used before its removal by persons unknown.

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 to help maintain the Church grounds and footpath used by many people. A donation of £50 was agreed to be sent to Essex & Herts Air Ambulance.

Stow Maries Aerodrome: whilst called Stow Maries Aerodrome, this actually comes within the Cold Norton Parish boundary. There is a Joint Consultative Committee (JCC) of which all local Parish Councils are part of, to discuss all activities, including flights at the Aerodrome. Cllr Brian Haydon attended the latest meeting on 6th November and reported to Members that fund raising has been successful to pay for works at the Aerodrome; that the site has been awarded ‘Museum’ status and has established a connection with The Imperial War Museum; and that developing the nature side of the site is proving successful.

Dengie Hundred Bus Users Group (DHBUG): Mrs Allen very kindly attended the latest meeting of this group in October and provided a report to the Cllrs, advising that Dart 5 contract has been renewed for the next 2 years; that the 31 group of buses has been disrupted by roadworks and new buildings, but current timetable will stay the same until May 2020 also the late night 31 service will remain; thanks were expressed from the floor to the Bus Drivers who have been helpful; that there are no plans at the moment to reduce services, despite District and County Council cut backs; there was a presentation by the Charity 360 which deals with isolated people and communities and they appealed for volunteer drivers for mini buses or using own cars.

Cherry Blossom Lane: the condition of this was discussed and a meeting will be arranged with the contractor to establish the causes and the way forward.

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.

Winter Salt Scheme 2019/2020: If you would like to be a Salt Team Member for your road, 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 meeting in 2019 is scheduled for Wednesday 4th December and the first meeting in 2010 will be on 8th January. 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.