

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the March 2020 Meeting

Planning Applications: There were three planning applications considered at this Meeting, firstly: 20/00157/FUL PP-08474837 Land East Of Bradwell Power Station, Downhall Beach, Bradwell-On-Sea: Application to carry out ground investigations, load test and associated works in connection with a proposed new Nuclear Power Station at Bradwell-on-Sea, together with the creation of two site compound areas and associated parking areas. The Members had no objections to the investigations being carried out. The second application considered was: 20/00189/HOUSE PLAN175531143 Ashmead Lodge, 41 Stow Road, Cold Norton: Proposed first floor extension with terrace and single storey extension to the rear and the formation of raised terrace at ground floor level. The Members had no objections to this extension. The final application considered was: 20/00171/HOUSE PP-08453384 12 Latchingdon Road Cold Norton: Proposal: Erection of single storey side rear extension and rebuild of garage. The Members had no objections to these works. Members had also been supplied with the following, for information only (no response/opinion required), namely: 20/00077/LDP PP-08441442 The Spinney, Fambridge Road, Cold Norton: Claim for lawful development certificate for a proposed outbuilding.

Planning Decisions: (covering the period w/e 7th to 28th February 2020): there was only one decision advised by Maldon District Council relating to Cold Norton, namely: HOUSE/MAL/19/01147 1 Victoria Road: Replace plastic clear corrugated roof on conservatory with lightweight Tapco tile system. These works were approved by MDC (the Parish Council 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

District Cllr Report: District Cllr Mrs Fleming was unable to attend this meeting, but sent a report, advising that an Air Quality Action Plan is proposed for Market Hill, Maldon; this plan would introduce a clean air zone around Market Hill and the High Street to address issues of poor air quality on Market Hill. The proposed plan is open for public consultation from 2nd March to 13th April. Follow the link for information and to complete the questionnaire:
https://www.maldon.gov.uk/info/20099/pollution/9148/air_quality

The report also advised that the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government had recently written to Maldon District Council (MDC) to congratulate it on its housing delivery over the last three years. The Housing Delivery Test was introduced in 2018 to provide transparency about where homes were needed and where they were delivered. MDC has delivered 100% of its housing requirement. Passing this test means that MDC can use the Local Plan to protect the District from unwanted and speculative planning applications.

County Cllr Report: County Cllr Mrs Channer was also unable to attend this meeting, and had also sent a report which included advising that ECC is in the process of setting up an independent, cross party Climate Action Commission, which will have a high profile independent chair and representation from ECC Members, academics and experts in their field. This Commission will, over its two year life make

recommendations to the County Council for actions to be taken to help tackle climate change and reduce carbon emissions across Essex. Cllr Finch has allocated a reserve of £5m in the budget for the implementation of recommendations from the Commission.

ECC recognises that homelessness goes beyond rough sleeping. ECC commissioned the voluntary organisation Peabody in April 2019 to provide advice and support to households at risk of losing their home in the county. Peabody provides people with support and advice on: Money management advice, housing law, attending court, housing benefit and wider benefit advice. Peabody helped over two thousand Essex families and individuals with their housing in the first six months of the financial year.

The Essex Housing Team continue to work alongside public sector partners to identify vacant or under-utilised public assets for high quality housing to meet general and specialist needs of Essex residents.

The Army and Navy Task Force met last month as the project approaches an important stage in securing funding for a long-term solution at the junction. Five initial options are continuing to be assessed and refined and we are now also close to completing a Strategic Outline Business Case - an important milestone in accessing Department for Transport funding. **For further details about the long term solution for the Army and Navy junction and to sign up for the project email newsletter, visit: www.essex.gov.uk/armyandnavy**

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.

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>

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

Footpath Map: to continue exercising whilst you are unable to go to the gym, some country parks, etc., there is a full colour map which shows all the Public Rights of Way in our Village if you would like a copy of this, please contact the Clerk and one will be popped through your letterbox (just keep your distance from other walkers).

Parish Council Meetings: all meetings cancelled until further notice

Annual Parish Meeting: planned for Thursday 14th May 2020 has been postponed

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.