

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the October 2020 Meeting

Update: Due to COVID-19 there had been no 'live' Parish Council meetings since March 2020. Decisions required to be made have been undertaken through delegated power granted to the Clerk, who is the Proper Officer and Responsible Financial Officer of the Parish Council (Current Legislation States: *Responsibility for the performance of statutory functions and powers of a Local Council may be delegated to its staff (Local Government Act 1972 S101 (1) (a))*). This does not mean that the Clerk is making all the decisions, but essentially this means that the Clerk emails to the Cllrs information relating to a decision to be made/opinion to be given – the Cllrs email back their opinion and the Clerk then makes the appropriate response, which as in meetings would be based on the majority opinion.

It is now permitted for meetings to be held remotely – the latest was a full Parish Council meeting on 7th October 2020 by ZOOM. However, the process of delegated power still applies, so some decisions will still be made through this process and then ratified at the next PC meeting.

Planning Applications: Three planning applications were considered by the Parish Council at this meeting: the first was: 20/00881/HOUSE PP-09022678: 1 Clarke Rise: two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. The Members recommended refusal for the following reasons:

“1. This house is within a small development of affordable housing and the proposed extension is too extensive and would not be consistent with the rest of the houses in the development. Overdevelopment - Contrary to Policy D1 (Design Quality and Built Environment); Policy D2 (Climate Change and Environmental Impact of New Development); H4 Effective Use of Land.

2. The proposed extension will result in an unacceptable level of on-site car parking provision, for a four-bedroom dwelling, which is likely to result in on-street parking to the detriment of pedestrian and highway safety and the free flow of traffic, contrary to the adopted Vehicle Parking Standards, policies D1 and T2 of the Maldon District Local Development Plan and the guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.”

The Members had no objections to other two applications, which were:

20/00957/HOUSE Imps Camp, Purleigh Grove: change of use of room over existing garage to provide ancillary accommodation; and 20/00859/FUL PP-09009039: The Lodge, Pale Pitt Farm, Latchingdon Road: proposed replacement dwelling.

In addition Members had been advised details of the following, for information only: 20/0099986/LDP PP-09105349 Longshoot, 22A Latchingdon Road: claim for lawful development certificate for a proposed enlargement of existing 3 dormers into 1 dormer at the rear; and 20/00985/LDP PP-09105322 Longshoot, 22A Latchingdon Road: claim for lawful development certificate for a proposed single storey flat roof Extension. Plus planning appeal notice for: Ashmead Lodge, 41 Stow Road: Proposal: first floor extension with terrace and single storey extension to the rear And the formation of raised terrace at ground floor level. Application No. 20/00189/HOUSE Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/D/20/3255196 Appeal start date 23rd September 2020 (this appeal is proceeding under the Householders Appeal Service – the Parish Council is not able to submit comments at this point, but the Pc's original comment (i.e. 'No Objections') has already been sent to the Planning Inspectorate).

Planning Decisions: (covering the period w/e 11th September to 2nd October 2020): there were 4 decisions advised by Maldon District Council (MDC) during this period, namely: WTPO/MAL/20/00709 7 Henney Close: TPO 18/95 T1 Oak - 2m crown reduction. MDC gave approval for these works (the Parish Council had not objected). FUL/MAL/20/00711 Agricultural Building at Charity Farm, Crows Lane: Erection of farm machinery workshop. MDC advised approval (The PC had not objected). FUL/MAL/20/00720 Agricultural Building at Charity Farm, Crows Lane: Erection of grain store. MDC also approved this second application at Charity Farm (the PC hadn't objected either). The final decision related to: HOUSE/MAL/20/00803 29 Latchingdon Road: Single storey rear extension including demolition of existing garage. MDC advise approval (the 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 .

Recycling Bags/.Green Food Waste Bags: As the village hall is closed if you need either pink or green recycling bags, please email the Parish Clerk: mariadyr30@yahoo.co.uk or the Chairman: brian.haydon@btinternet.com

Cold Norton Hub: The Hub is still here if you need help with shopping/posting letters or parcels/collecting prescriptions/dog walking/someone to talk to. Please contact Brian Haydon: telephone: 01621 829599; email: brian.haydon@btinternet.com or Maria Dyer: telephone: 01621 829566; email: mariadyr30@yahoo.co.uk

Maldon Community Coronavirus Response: this is also still operating; contact number is: 01621 851997

Playground & Car Park (PCP) Project: the Parish Council will be seeking the views of residents by a number of means from 2-15 November, namely:

- Distributing a flier to each household in Cold Norton (look out for this)
- Posting designs of the play equipment on the village Facebook page
- Posting designs of the play equipment on the Parish Council website
- Putting posters on display at the Village Hall on 7th and 8th November. A Parish Councillor will attend from 13.00-15.00 on both days to answer any queries

Cold Norton Pre-School and Cold Norton Primary School will also review the posters and cast their votes!

The aim is to make the new Play Area a welcoming and attractive place for you to bring your children and grandchildren and the PC has various ideas for landscaping, planting trees, providing new picnic tables etc., the PC believes this will provide the village with a modern well equipped play area suitable for children of all ages and abilities in an attractive setting.

Village Hall Car Park Extension: The planning application for the car park extension is still in the public consultation stage and the Parish Council awaits the final decision. If approved, this will enable the PC to double the capacity of the car park at the village hall. This is intended to encourage visitors to the village hall,

playing field and new play area. The PC will also promote and encourage parents of Cold Norton primary school children to use the extended car park instead of St Stephens Road to pick up / drop off their children, to help alleviate the parking problems down St Stephens Road.

Cherry Blossom Lane Resurfacing: to improve access to the new play area and the village hall, the PC plans to improve Cherry Blossom Lane. The PC has received a proposal to resurface CBL with tarmac and install a surface water drainage channel that links into the existing drainage for the village hall. This proposal is being pursued and the PC is keen to know your views. Work on the car park and CBL will be funded via Public Works Loan, and the Parish Council has already budgeted for expenditure to cover loan repayments. This means the current budget can accommodate the loan repayments, with no increase in the precept, which means no increase in household rates to pay for this work. With interest rates at historic lows we believe there has never been a better time to complete this project.

To give the Parish Council your feedback or if you have any questions please contact the Clerk at mariadyer30@yahoo.co.uk

Maldon High Street Consultation: consultation is open until 16th November asking residents and businesses about how they use the High Street now and how they would like to in the future. Residents are invited to comment - details on MDC website. <https://www.maldon.gov.uk/workingplace/consultation/>

TRUCAM/Speed Checks: during September 2020 the Parish Council paid for 4 further half hour speed check sessions of TRUCAM by the local Community Protection Team. During these sessions 11 speeding offences were recorded and forwarded to the Police for processing. Drivers will either receive 3 points on their licence and £100 fine or be offered a speed awareness course at a cost of £100. Further sessions will be carried out each month for the rest of this financial year.

Remembrance Sunday: 8th November. There will be a service at 10.50am at St Stephens Church, attendance will be limited to 30, contact Church Warden Isabel McNally on 01621 828967 to book a place. On behalf of the residents of Cold Norton, Cllr Alex Romang, will be laying a Poppy Wreath in memory of those who lost their lives.

Vacancies on the Parish Council: there are currently two vacancies on the Parish Council. You have to be 18 years old or above and a UK, Republic of Ireland, Commonwealth or EU Citizen and an elector in the Parish or living in the Parish or within 4.8 kilometres, occupies as owner or tenant, land or property in the Parish or works in the Parish. If you would like to find out what is involved in being a Parish Councillor, 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>

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: 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 in 2020:

Wednesdays 4th November and 2nd December. These will be conducted remotely by ZOOM. Members of the Public and Press are cordially invited to attend the meeting. For log in details, meeting ID and password please contact the Clerk by email: mariadyer30@yahoo.co.uk by 5.30pm before the meeting.

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.