

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the November 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 4th November 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: Four planning applications were considered by the Parish Council at this meeting, namely: 20/00901/HOUSE PP-09034374: 7 Henney Close: Erection of timber car port; 20/01054/COUPA Barn at Little Cooks, Lower Burnham Road: change of use of agricultural buildings to dwelling houses (Class C3) and for building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion; 20/00826/WTPO PP-08972957: Honfleur, 2 Ferris Avenue: T1 Horse Chestnut - reduce back from building by 1.5m, crown lift to 5m. T2Oak – reduce back from building by 2m, crown lift to 5m. T3 Hawthorn – removal of dead wood and reduction of height by 1.5m; 20/01046/HOUSE PP-09157597: Anholt, 64 Latchingdon Road: raise the existing roof ridge height, pitched roof front and rear dormers and additional gable front and rear extension and proposed double garage. The Members had no objections to any of these, however, since the meeting, the application relating to 7 Henney Close has been withdrawn.

Planning Appeal: the following has been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate: Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/W/20/3259477: 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. Application Ref: 20/00157/FUL PP-08474837. Appeal start date: 15th October 2020.

Planning Decisions: (covering the period w/e 9th October to w/e 30th October 2020): there were 2 decisions advised by Maldon District Council (MDC) during this period, namely: HOUSE/MAL/20/00803 29 Latchingdon Road: Single storey rear extension including demolition of existing garage. MDC advised approval (the PC had not objected). HOUSE/MAL/20/00759 14A Latchingdon Road: Single storey side & rear extension, with dormers and a roof light in existing roof. MDC advised approval (the PC had not objected). In addition there were two decisions that were supplied by MDC for information only, namely: PDE/MAL/20/00815 29 Latchingdon Road: single storey rear extension which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 5.4m, maximum height of 3.1m and the maximum height to the eaves of 2.6m. MDC advised that 'Prior Approval Not Required'. LDP/MAL/20/00772

Toad Hall Station Road: Claim for lawful development certificate for siting of a caravan for domestic purposes. MDC advised it did not require planning permission as: “.....*The proposal does not constitute operational development and would not amount to a change of use of the land. The proposal would therefore not require planning permission as it does not constitute development under the terms of Section 55 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).*”

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 .

Burnham Road, South Woodham Ferrers (development North of B1012 SWF): having attended a meeting and been supplied with information re this, Members had already expressed concern regarding this development and the effects it would have on travel in this area. At the meeting Members considered further communication from The Woodham Infrastructure Group and also from Stow Maries Parish Council and were in agreement to offer support by writing to the relevant bodies. Members were encouraged to complete the short survey that The Woodham Infrastructure Group was running (now closed). Visit <https://www.w-i-g.co.uk/> for results of the survey or <https://vimeo.com/463971238/df89550bbc> for a video the group has made.

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

Villager of the Year 2020: see separate article in this issue.

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

District Cllr Report: District Cllr Mrs Fleming reported that Maldon District Council was also still operating under delegated powers and remote meetings and gave a brief update advising that MDC has upgraded its telephone service; that there is support for local businesses from MDC; that the community shop in Purleigh has been shortlisted for an award; that gas works are the reason why Market Hill in Maldon will be closed until 14th November.

County Cllr Report: County Cllr Mrs Channer reported that the second lockdown will commence on 5th November, but will not be as restricted as the first and that ECC will operate where possible with public parks and recycling centres remaining open; libraries will be closed, but some branches will be allowing access by appointment for computer usage.

Locality Fund: Thanks were conveyed to County Cllr Mrs Channer for putting forward the Parish Council for a grant from this fund to purchase two picnic

tables/benches (both accessible for pushchairs and wheelchairs) to provide seating as part of the new playground project.

Playground & Car Park (PCP) Project: see separate article in this issue.

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. Applications for co-option onto the Parish Council will be considered at the 13th January 2021 meeting – close date for applications 5th January 2021.

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).

Last Parish Council Meeting in 2020:

Wednesday 9th December NB change to date previously advised. First meeting in 2021 will be on Wednesday 13th January. 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.