



# Cold Norton Parish Council

## Playground and Car Park (PCP) Project

### NEW PLAY AREA AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Following the successful consultation with residents in November, resulting in the selection of Kompan play equipment for the new play area, we are working to finalise the layout of each item.

We aim to make the new Play Area a welcoming and attractive place for you to bring your children and grandchildren and we have various ideas for landscaping, planting trees and gardens. We believe this will provide the village with a modern well equipped play area suitable for children of all ages and abilities in an attractive setting.

The new play area is only possible through funding from Parish Council Reserves and resident fund raising for which we are all extremely grateful. However money raised to date is insufficient to cover all the proposed equipment and installation / safe surfacing costs. These costs will be met via a Public Works Loan of up to £40,000 over 25 years. Repayments for such a loan are currently £1890 per annum at a rate of 1.49%. These repayments have already been budgeted by the Parish Council so there will be **no increase** in precept (council tax) to cover this. With interest rates at historic lows there has never been a better time to complete the project in this way.

### Village Hall Car Park Extension

Maldon Planning Department required us to make some changes to our original plans in order to approve our planning application. This resulted in slightly fewer parking spaces in the car park extension and more extensive tree planting / landscaping. We are pleased to announce that the revised plan has now received planning permission. We are therefore now in a position to begin a formal tendering process with Contractors to do the work. Further updates in next month's Beacon!

### Cherry Blossom Lane Resurfacing

Improvements to the sub-structure and surface of CBL will now be pursued formally via tender to invite Contractors to submit proposals.

Work on the car park and CBL was of great interest during the recent consultation as plans were on display on posters at the Village Hall alongside the new play area. Comments received were all very supportive of these proposals as currently visitors are deterred by the poor state of the road and lack of parking spaces.

***To give the Parish Council your feedback or if you have any questions please contact the Clerk at [mariadyr30@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mariadyr30@yahoo.co.uk)***