

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the December 2020 Meeting

**Parish Council Meetings:** for the foreseeable future PC meetings will continue to be held remotely by ZOOM. However, the process of delegated power still applies, so some decisions may still be made through this process and then ratified at the next PC meeting. Delegated power has been 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 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.

**District Cllr Report:** District Cllr Miss White reported that Maldon District Council was also still operating under delegated powers and remote meetings and gave a brief update regarding conservation of trees under new planning regulations and the situation regarding Stow Maries Aerodrome ‘weathering’ the effects of COVID-19 through various grants received. District Cllr Miss White also advised that a debate was ongoing in relation to parking in Maldon: “free or paid for”. The support for free parking is to help the shops and other businesses in Maldon, but there are counter arguments that if all the parking was free that it would be used by those working in Maldon. District Cllr Miss White would welcome views/suggestions from Parish Councils and residents regarding this. Either email District Cllr Miss White direct on: [cllr.sue.white@maldon.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.sue.white@maldon.gov.uk) or email the Parish Clerk with your view and it will be passed on.

**County Cllr Report:** County Cllr Mrs Channer regularly sends Parish Councils reports from ECC. In the latest dated 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 County Cllr Mrs Channer reported: £26m from Government Getting Building Fund confirmed for Essex for infrastructure, housing and workspace projects in Essex to support a stronger economy and help the county to build back better following the impacts of the pandemic. Essex has been granted £7,358,700, the highest allocation of any county in England, to further develop safer, greener and healthier travel and transport locally for schemes in five towns to improve cycling and walking (Basildon (Wickford), Braintree, Brentwood, Chelmsford and Colchester). Vision Zero: No more deaths on Essex roads: The Safer Essex Roads Partnership (SERP) has launched Vision Zero. Goal is to have ZERO road deaths and serious injuries on roads in the Essex, Southend and Thurrock council areas by 2040. Essex Climate Action Commission Publishes Interim Report: outlining its first tranche of recommendations (independent advice on the steps that Essex must take to become a net zero emissions county by 2050). E-scooter trials to start in Essex: Safe scooting is coming to Essex as managed pilot trials of e-scooter travel in six locations across the county. ECC, working with Essex commercial partner Spin and district, borough and city councils and Essex Police is leading on the electric scooter, popularly known as e-scooter, trials as part of its Safer, Greener, Healthier transport campaign. The Essex Lottery is celebrating three years of helping local charities access funding from residents who want to support their county community. The Essex Lottery is an online lottery, which, since its launch in 2017, over £230,000 has been donated to good causes in

the county. This is thanks to the thousands of players who buy a weekly £1 ticket – with 60p of every ticket they purchase going to good causes.

Transformational Army and Navy Sustainable Transport Package to encourage safer, greener and healthier travel in Chelmsford: A final shortlist of options for the Army and Navy junction is set to be confirmed early next year. Solar energy to give Essex a brighter future: The Essex Climate Action Commission has called for solar panels to be installed on every appropriate available roof in Essex by 2050. Essex residents encouraged to sign-up to renewable energy and save with the Essex Energy Switch: the Switch is about local communities coming together, supporting renewable energy and saving money on their gas and electricity bills – the more people that register, the bigger the potential saving per household. Registering can be done online at [www.essex.gov.uk/energyswitch](http://www.essex.gov.uk/energyswitch) or by calling Big Community Switch registration line on 0800 048 8439 to register and receive correspondence by post. Lines are open Mon-Fri, 8:00am - 5:30pm, please have a recent energy bill to hand.

**Planning Applications:** Two planning applications were considered by the Parish Council at this meeting, namely: 20/01096/FUL PP-09166078: Barn 2, St Stephens Road: Siting of a mobile home as an agricultural workers dwelling. The Members, whilst, acknowledging that this is outside the village development boundary, recognise that it is for a viable business and therefore are not objecting to this application. 20/01146/FUL PP-09189714: The Buffs, Victoria Road: Proposed two storey replacement dwelling with front gable and insert garage. The Members recommended refusal as the proposed works are over development of the site and will result in loss of privacy.

In addition the Parish Council had been advised 'for information only' the following two applications: 20/01167/LDP PP-09244636: 27 The Fairways: Claim for lawful development certificate for a proposed conversion of existing double garage into a single garage and habitable room (play room/study). PDE/MAL/20/01202 1 Clarke Rise: Proposed single storey rear extension with a flat roof and roof lantern which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 5m, height to the eaves would be 2.90m and the maximum height would be 3.10m.

**Planning Decision:** Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/D/20/3255196: Ashmead Lodge, Stow Road, Cold Norton: Proposal: proposed first floor extension with terrace and single storey extension to the rear and the formation of raised terrace at ground level.  
Appeal dismissed

**Planning Decisions:** (covering the period w/e 6<sup>th</sup> November to w/e 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020): there were 6 decisions advised by Maldon District Council (MDC) during this period, namely: HOUSE/MAL/20/00957 Impscamp Purleigh Grove: change of use of room over existing garage to provide ancillary accommodation. MDC advised approval (the PC had not objected). HOUSE/MAL/20/00881 No.1 Clarke Rise: two story side extension & single storey rear extension. MDC refused this extension (the PC had recommended refusal). FUL/MAL/20/00859 The Lodge, Pale Pitt Farm, Latchingdon Road, Purleigh: proposed replacement dwelling. MDC advised approval (the PC had not objected). FUL/MAL/20/00617 Village Hall, Cherry Blossom Lane: change of use of land to car park. MDC advised approval (the PC had not commented as this application was submitted by the Parish Council). The last two applications were advised as 'for information only' – the PC had not been required to submit opinion/comment on these: LDP/MAL/20/00985 Longshoot, 22A Latchingdon Road: Claim for lawful development certificate for a proposed single

storey flat roof extension. MDC advised approval. LDP/MAL/20/00986 Longshoot, 22A Latchingdon Road: Claim for lawful development certificate for a proposed enlargement of existing 3 dormers into 1 dormer at the rear. MDC advised approval.

**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](http://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](mailto:mariadyr30@yahoo.co.uk) or the Chairman: [brian.haydon@btinternet.com](mailto: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](mailto:brian.haydon@btinternet.com) or Maria Dyer: telephone: 01621 829566; email: [mariadyr30@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mariadyr30@yahoo.co.uk)

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

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

**TRUCAM/Speed Checks:** during October 2020 the Parish Council paid for 5 further half hour speed check sessions of TRUCAM by the local Community Protection Team. During these sessions 27 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.

**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 towards the cost of remedial work on the lightning conductor as the public footpath crossing the churchyard, close to the Church, to ensure the safety of those using the footpath as well as visiting the Church. A donation of £50 was agreed to be sent to Essex & Herts Air Ambulance.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021 meeting – close date for applications Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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).

**Parish Council Meetings in 2021:**

Wednesdays 13<sup>th</sup> January, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 7<sup>th</sup> April, 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 7<sup>th</sup> July, 1<sup>st</sup> September, 6<sup>th</sup> October, 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 1<sup>st</sup> December.

These will be conducted remotely by ZOOM until further notice.

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](mailto:mariadyer30@yahoo.co.uk) by 5.30pm before the meeting.

**Annual Parish Meeting 2021:** date still to be set, subject to COVID-19 restrictions.

**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](mailto:mariadyer30@yahoo.co.uk) or phone 01621 829566. Please note the Clerk works part time and will respond as soon as possible.