



# Cold Norton Parish Council

## Playground and Car Park (PCP) Project

### March 2021

#### **NEW PLAY AREA AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

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. If you would like to get involved and help, please contact: [mariadyr30@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mariadyr30@yahoo.co.uk).

As described in last month's Beacon, we are awaiting approval of our application for a loan from HM Treasury. We expect to hear if our application has been successful by the end of March.

#### **Village Hall Car Park Extension and Cherry Blossom Lane (CBL) Resurfacing**

With assistance from a local civil engineering company we have now completed the detailed design of the proposed road surface for Cherry Blossom Lane and the village hall car park extension. This will ensure a durable, low maintenance solution and significantly improve access to the Village Hall, for everyone's benefit.

We have received updated proposals from four civil engineering and groundworks contractors for the work and have now reduced this to a short list of 2 contractors for final negotiation.

Work on the car park and CBL will be a *major investment* by the Parish Council. The latest estimate is approximately £100,000 so this is only possible through another Public Works Loan. The Council has investigated the likely cost of such a loan, which, if taken over 30 years at the current rate of 2.16% will result in repayments of £4,492pa. This is within the current budget so will **not** require the precept (council tax) to be increased.

We will make a presentation about the project and proposed works at the **Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 21 April 2021 at 8pm** (this will be held virtually by ZOOM) and we would encourage everyone to participate and raise any questions or concerns with us.

The Parish Council believes such improvements especially to Cherry Blossom Lane will make a big difference to the attractiveness of the village hall for all kinds of events as well as better access to the new play area. **We are keen to hear your views on this proposal....**

**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)**