

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the April 2021 Meeting

Parish Council Meetings: at present these are being held by remotely by ZOOM. Local councils have the powers to hold public meetings remotely by using video or telephone conferencing technology currently until 7th May 2021, so until this time 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.

Planning Applications: there were three planning applications this month for Members to consider, namely: 21/02227/WTPO PP-09571612 Wyvern House, 29A St Stephens Road: T20 Oak – reduce by 2 meters. The Members had no objections to these works, providing they are in line with MDC's Tree Officer. The second application considered was 21/00109/HOUSE PP-09489388 Ashmead Lodge, 41 Stow Road: rear extension above swimming pool to replace existing extension and to include bedroom space within roof. Single storey extension to kitchen and associated terrace. The Members had no objections to these works. The last application considered was: 21/00287/LDE PP-09238557 Toad Hall, Station Road: claim for a lawful development certificate for the existing use of the office building and yard area for business use. The Members recommended refusal for the following reasons:

1. Industrialisation of an area that should not be.
2. Will cause environmental pollution – lorries parked on this site have already been reported to MDC enforcement team.
3. There is not an office building there currently - it is actually just a container.
4. Close to the railway bridge – this commercial enterprise using large heavy lorries will damage the bridge (which is a single track controlled by traffic lights as it cannot take heavy traffic) and will cause access issues – size of lorries entering and exiting side road onto main road.
5. This is a residential road and will be a nuisance to neighbours – pollution (noise and fumes)
6. Outside the Development Boundary (S8 – Settlement Boundaries & the Countryside)

Overall policies: D1 Design Quality & Built Environment;
D2 Climate Change & Environmental Impact of New Development

Planning Decisions: (covering the period w/e 5th March to w/e 1st April 2021): there were 2 decisions advised by Maldon District Council (MDC) during this period, namely: FUL/MAL/21/00208 Barn 2 St Stephens Road: Temporary rural workers dwelling for 3 years. The decision from MDC was: 'Declined to Determine'. (The Members had not objected to this application). HOUSE/MAL/20/01346 20 St Stephens Road:

Single storey rear extension. MDC approved this extension (the Members 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

Local Development Plan Review – Call for Sites: as part of the review of the Local Development Plan, MDC want to know about any land suitable for development. Full information can be found on: https://www.maldon.gov.uk/info/20048/planning_policy/9834/local_development_plan_review Close date for submissions is 21st May 2021.

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.

Road Closures: <https://one.network/?tm=120362276> to find details of the intended closure of Stow Road, The Street, Woodham Road, due to commence on 18th May 2021 for 4 days. The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce while Essex County Council undertakes 2021/22 surface dressing programme.

Highways or Public Right of Way (Footpath) Issues: 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 is not working please contact the Clerk. Six further lights have now been converted to LED, so of the 21 lights which belong to the Parish Council, 12 have now been converted to LED, which are more efficient and cost-effective and also better for the environment.

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).

TRUCAM/Speed Checks: This report was not available for the Parish Council meeting, but from the two hours of TRUCAM/Speed Checks carried out during March, 16 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. TRUCAM/Speed Checks are budgeted to be carried out in the village until March 2022.

Parish Council Meetings in 2021:

Wednesdays 5th May, 2nd June, 7th July, 1st September, 6th October, 3rd November and 1st December.

The May meeting will be conducted by ZOOM, which the Council is legally permitted to do. But the order allowing Councils to meet remotely expires on 7th May 2021 At this point guidance is still awaited as to the situation regarding meetings after 7th May 2021.

Members of the Public and Press are cordially invited to attend meetings.

For log in details, meeting ID and password please contact the Clerk by email: mariadyer30@yahoo.co.uk by 5.30pm before the meeting.

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.