

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the March 2021 Meeting

Parish Council Meetings: at present these are being held 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.

District Cllr Report: District Cllrs Ms White and Mrs Fleming advised that due to COVID-19 the Bradwell B programme has been put on hold for 2021 as it is not possible to hold meetings or engage with the community; that MDC has set its budget; that COVID-19 community testing is now being conducted at the West Maldon Community Centre, including testing the children returning to school; that election staff are required by MDC for a mix of roles/days over Thursday 6th, Friday 7th and Saturday 8th May 2021 follow link for information https://www.maldon.gov.uk/news/article/6601/elections_staff_required or email: elections.staffing@maldon.gov.uk

Planning Applications: there were two planning applications this month for Members to consider, namely: 20/01346/HOUSE PP-09382076 20 St Stephens Road: single storey rear extension and 21/00055/HOUSE PP-09429300 1 Clarke Rise: demolition of existing single storey rear extension and erection of new single storey rear extension with flat roof and roof lantern (amended plans 25th February). The Members had no objections to either of these applications.

Planning Decisions: (covering the period w/e 5th to 26th February 2021): there were 2 decisions advised by Maldon District Council (MDC) during this period, namely: WTPO/MAL/20/01171 31 St Stephens Road: Oak T1 - Reduce by 2 metres. Remove deadwood. MDC approved these works (the Parish Council had not objected). COUPA/MAL/20/01348 Barn at Little Cooks, Lower Burnham Road: Change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house. MDC refused this application (the Parish Council 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 .

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.

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

Development North of B1012 South Woodham Ferrers: it was reported that Chelmsford City Council approved the Master Plan for this at their meeting held on 2nd March 2021. Cold Norton Parish Council, together with other Parish Councils in the Dengie, had written to CCC to reconsider the impact this development will have on the road infrastructure in SWF and the effect it will have on the villages in the Dengie. It is understood that 1,200 new homes will be built in SWF and there will be no northern bypass.

Road Closures: <https://one.network/?tm=121529091> to find details of the intended closure of Stow Road, The Street, Woodham Road, due to commence on 19th April 2021 for 3 days 10:00-15:00. The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce while Essex County Council undertakes 2021/22 pre-patching.
<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 isn't working please contact the Clerk. There are currently two lights not working – these will be replaced shortly by LEDs along with 4 other lights as part of the Parish Council programme to upgrade all the Parish Council owned lights to the more efficient and cost-effective LEDs which are 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: started again in February. This report was not available for the Parish Council meeting, but from the one hour of TRUCAM/Speed Checks carried out during February, 4 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 7th April, 5th May, 2nd June, 7th July, 1st September, 6th October, 3rd November, 1st December.

The April and May meetings 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: mariadyr30@yahoo.co.uk by 5.30pm before the meeting.

Annual Parish Meeting 2021: will be held virtually by ZOOM on Wednesday 21st April 2021 at 8pm. Details will be delivered to all homes.

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: mariadyr30@yahoo.co.uk or phone 01621 829566. Please note the Clerk works part time and will respond as soon as possible.