

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the May 2021 Meeting

Parish Council Meetings: The May meeting was the last that the Parish Council was allowed to hold remotely, as the Government announced that it would not be extending the special regulation that allowed public meetings to be held remotely after 7th May 2021. The Members decided that they would therefore return to 'live' meetings at the village hall, obviously following the government guidelines for the safety of the Councillors and Members of the Public. Therefore the 2nd June meeting will be held in the village hall, but as the large main hall is already booked, the meeting will be held in The Les Barclay Room; therefore, visitors to the meeting will be limited to comply with the Government's Covid restrictions. The Council will conduct a risk assessment and arrangements for safely meeting – wearing of masks, hand sanitising etc and the number of Members of the Public that can be accommodated – this will all be detailed on the Agenda for the meeting. If possible, residents/members of the public are requested to make written representations on issues rather than attend in person. At time of writing, restrictions are scheduled to change after the 21st June Roadmap date.

The Annual General Meeting was held prior to the ordinary meeting of the Council to elect the officers of the Council.

The officers were elected as follows:

Chairman: Cllr Brian Haydon

Vice Chairman: Cllr Mrs Marion Gunn

Playing Field Representative: Cllr Jeremy Richardson

Nature Conservation Area Representative: Cllr Mrs Marion Gunn

Village Hall Representative: Cllr Alex Romang

Public Rights of Way (Footpaths) Representatives: Cllr Phil Jacklin and Mr Philip Wakeling (tbc)

Transport Representative: tbc

Police/NAP Representatives: Cllr Tim Dixon

Stow Maries Aerodrome Representative: Cllr Brian Haydon

The Internal Auditor will be confirmed at a future meeting.

The External Auditor appointed by the Audit Commission is PKF Littlejohn.

Signatories are Cllrs Haydon, Romang and Richardson.

The AGM was followed by the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council.

Planning Applications: there were two planning applications this month for Members to consider, namely: 21/00285/HOUSE PP-09641351 11 St Stephens Road: Erection of a single storey rear extension and front dormer and the enlargement of existing front and rear dormers. Installation of sliding doors to the rear elevation and a rooflight to front roof slope. Alterations to fenestration, entrance doors and the external materials of the host dwelling. The Members had no objections to these works. The second application was: 21/00397/FUL Thornfields, Purleigh Grove: Two new detached dwellings and associated works. The Members were all in agreement to recommend to MDC that planning permission is refused for the following reasons:

1. *Outside the Development Boundary (S8 – Settlement Boundaries & the Countryside)*
2. *Over development/cramped area/creating a mini estate on both sides of Purleigh Grove.
(D1 Design Quality & Built Environment)*
3. *Ruining the open rural nature (D2 Climate Change & Environmental Impact of New Development)*
4. *There is a question mark over the infrastructure on Purleigh Grove as there were only two properties originally and this has been increased with the development already undertaken from the two original houses Imps Camp and Nathilda.*
5. *The Agent has indicated a 'good' bus service, in practice it is in fact very limiting therefore is not adequate to provide a 'home to work' service at the times required for a usual workday. So, the sentence that 'The development is therefore not dependent on the use of private motor vehicles' we would suggest is not accurate. Whilst there is a local school it is over subscribed. Also, whilst there is an excellent local shop it is not a 'supermarket' in terms of the size that is generally expected with the term 'supermarket'. Therefore, several elements of this application need to be reviewed in 'real' terms.*

Planning Decisions: (covering the period w/e 9th to 30th April 2021): there was only one decision advised by Maldon District Council (MDC) during this period, namely: HOUSE/MAL/21/00055 1 Clarke Rise: demolition of existing single storey rear extension and erection of new single storey rear extension with flat roof and roof lantern. MDC approved this application (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

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: Limebrook Way, Maldon: closed for 7 days from 3rd June 2021 for joints sealing (overnight 19.00 hours to 05.00 hours); Howe Green Road, Purleigh: closed for 4 days from 28th June 2021 for surface dressing; Howe Green Road Purleigh: closed for 4 days from 2nd July 2021 for surface dressing; Limebrook Way, Maldon: closed for 8 days from 8th October 2021 for installation of new roundabout.

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>

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).

Stow Maries Aerodrome: Cllr Haydon had attended a Zoom committee meeting and advised that the Great War Aerodrome had 'survived' closure and loss of income due to COVID-19 as it had received various grants and funding and that the four following events were now planned:

30th May	Wings and Wheels Air Show
25th July	Essex History Day (Living History, Air Show and local museums exhibiting)
19th Aug	Imperial War Museum Partnership Air Show
18th Sept	Large Model Flying Show

Letters to the Parish Council: Senders name and address are required. Letters received by the Clerk requiring consideration by the Cllrs – please note that the senders details will not be passed to the Cllrs without the senders permission, if no permission is given the letter will be circulated for the Cllr to consider the contents, but with the senders details redacted.

Parish Council Meetings in 2021:

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

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.