

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the June 2021 Meeting

Parish Council Meetings: The June meeting was held 'live' in The Les Barclay Room as remote meetings are no longer permissible. The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 7th July – before the date when COVID-19 restrictions will possibly be lifted. Therefore, attendance at this meeting, again to be held in The Les Barclay Room, by Cllrs and Members of the Public will be in line with the Government's Covid-19 restrictions. The PC has conducted a risk assessment – this is available to view on the Parish Council website and will be included with the agenda when it is published. At time of writing, restrictions are now scheduled to change after the 19th July Roadmap date.

Planning Applications: there were six planning applications this month for Members to consider; there were no objections to three of the applications namely: 21/00473/WTPO PP-09790192 Holly Bush, 31A St Stephens Road: T1 Ash -Pollard to 4 metres in height, to previous cut points; 21/00520/HOUSE Broom Cottage, 23 Ferris Avenue: Part single storey and part two storey rear extension. New windows to existing first floor side elevations; 21/00559/HOUSE PP-09855877 Toad Hall, Station Road: two storey side extension (Renewal of HOIUSE/MAL/18/00538). The Members objected to the other three applications: 21/00405/FUL PP-09720112 Land adjacent to Norton Hall, St Stephens Road: demolish existing farm buildings and erect 4 new 2-bedroom dwelling houses with associated parking garages, cycle store and landscaping – the Members recommended refusal for the following reasons: 1. Outside the Development Boundary (S8 – Settlement Boundaries & the Countryside); 2. Ruining the open rural nature (D2 Climate Change & Environmental Impact of New Development). 21/00484/FULPP-09646711 Land between Koombora and Mansfield, Victoria Road: Erection of a self-build detached dwelling complete with parking, landscaping and related infrastructure. The Members recommended refusal for the following reasons: 1. Outside the Development Boundary (S8 – Settlement Boundaries & the Countryside); 2. Ruining the open rural nature (D2 Climate Change & Environmental Impact of New Development); 3. Road is too narrow (T1 – Sustainable Transport; T2 – Accessibility). 21/00385/FUL PP-09719924 New dwelling between 53 and 55 St Stephens Road: proposed erection of a new 3 x bedroom dwelling to the side land of 55 St Stephens Road. The Members recommended refusal for the following reasons: 1. Outside the Development Boundary (S8 – Settlement Boundaries & the Countryside); 2. Ruining the open rural nature (D2 Climate Change & Environmental Impact of New Development); 3. Plot splitting (S3 Place Shaping); 4. Accessibility: road at this end is narrow, plus condition of road – St Stephens Road at the Fambridge Road end camber is failing (T1 – Sustainable Transport and T2 - Accessibility).

Planning Decisions: (covering the period w/e 7th to 28th May 2021): there was only one decision advised by Maldon District Council (MDC) during this period, namely: WTPO/MAL/21/00227 Wyvern House 29A St Stephens Road: T20 Oak - Reduce by 2 metres. 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.

Playground & Car Park Project (PCP): the loan through the PWLB for the new play equipment has now been approved and the order has been placed. Providing there are no delays it is expected that ground works and installation will start early/mid August.

TRUCAM/Speed Checks: during the two hours of TRUCAM/Speed Checks carried out during April, 13 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.

Essex County Council Elections: Mrs Penny Channer has been our County Councillor for the past 12 years and has always been incredibly supportive and helpful to Cold Norton – forwarding information, investigating and resolving issues and attending most of the Parish Council's monthly meetings to give updates from County and to listen to any concerns the Parish had. Mrs Channer decided not to stand at the May elections. The Cllrs all expressed their sincere thanks for all Mrs Channer's help and support over the past twelve years. At the May elections, Mrs Jane Fleming, who is one of the two District Cllrs for this area, was elected as the County Cllr for the Maldon District – the Cllrs congratulated her on her new role and look forward to working with her at County level as well as continuing their relationship at District level.

District Councillor Report: District Cllr Mrs Fleming advised that Government grants are still available through Maldon District Council, including the Business Adaptation Grant and that "Click It Local" has been launched to promote local businesses: <https://www.clickitlocal.co.uk/maldon/>

Village Hall Solar Panels: FIT payment for the period 8th February to 8th May was £421.35.

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).

Parish Council Meetings in 2021:

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

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Email: mariadyr30@yahoo.co.uk or phone 01621 829566. Please note the Clerk works part time and will respond as soon as possible.
Parish Council website: <https://www.cold-norton.org.uk/>