

## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

From the December 2021 Meeting

**Planning Applications:** there was just one planning application this month for Members to consider and details of another supplied 'for information only' i.e. the Members are not required to comment on. The application considered was: 21/01125/HOUSE PP-10335968 Beacon Hill House, Latchingdon Road: Proposed demolition of existing single storey addition and replacement with two storey extension with accessible access and lift, first floor extension over garages and new gable to master bedroom, changes to existing windows and external doors and internal alterations. The Members had no objections to these works. The other application supplied for information only was: PDE/MAL/21/01172 Monama, 7 Latchingdon Road: Single storey rear extension which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 5m, maximum height of 3m and the maximum height to the eaves of 3m.

**Planning Decisions:** (covering the period w/e 5<sup>th</sup> to w/e 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021): there were two planning decisions and two appeal decisions advised by Maldon District Council (MDC) during this period. The two planning decisions were: WTPO/MAL/21/00866 19 Station Crescent: TPO 4/ 89 T3 Oak - Height reduction of 3 metres, lateral reduction of 2 metres on each side and crown lift to 3 metres above ground level. MDC approved this application (the Cold Norton Parish Council Members had not objected) HOUSE/MAL/21/00920 11 St Stephens Road: Single storey rear extension. Alteration to existing front and rear dormer. Addition of front & rear dormer. New chimney. Changes to fenestration including rooflights and entrance doors. MDC refused this application (the Members had not objected). The two appeal decisions were: 21/00285/HOUSE (Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/D/21/3280905) 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. Decision Level: Delegated: **APPEAL DISMISSED.** 20/00157/FUL (Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/W/20/3259477) Land East of Bradwell Power Station - Downhall Beach - Bradwell On Sea: Application to carry out ground investigations, load test and associated works in connection with a proposed new Nuclear Power Station at Bradwell-on-Sea, together with the creation of two site compound areas and associated parking areas. Decision Level: District Committee overturned Officer recommendation to approve **APPEAL ALLOWED** **APPLICATION FOR FULL AWARD OF COSTS MADE BY APPELLANT ALLOWED.**

**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](http://www.maldon.gov.uk)

**Playground Project (PCP):** Whilst it was hoped that the installation would be completed in December, works have been hampered by wet weather and low temperatures, plus staff shortages due to illness; the wet weather has flooded the trenches and the temperature was too low to install the safety flooring. Subject to weather conditions works will recommence on 4<sup>th</sup> January. Regarding the Village Hall Car Park Extension and Cherry Blossom Lane (CBL) Resurfacing the Parish Council's application to the PWLB is still being reviewed – delayed due to COVID related staff shortages at the relevant government department.

**Village Hall:** there are three different size rooms at the village hall available to hire, so if you were thinking of starting a new group/activity in the village e.g., bridge club, yoga, board game club, crochet lessons, writing group, art club, drama group, mother and toddler group or ??? or you have a family celebration coming up, do contact Mrs Chris Edwards on 01621 828475 to discuss availability/costs.

**TRUCAM/Speed Checks:** during the four hours of TRUCAM/Speed Checks conducted during November 28 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. (In view of an accident in the village involving three school children, the Members had decided to double the TRUCAM/Speed Checks hours to four hours in November and December).

**ECC Four Year Plan for Libraries:** *“Draft vision aims to enhance lives of all communities over the next four years”*. Residents can have their say on Essex County Council’s (ECC) new vision for Libraries as the draft “Everyone’s Library Service 2022-2026 plan” is published. Helping children and adults improve their literacy, encouraging people to enjoy reading for pleasure and increasing the range of online resources available to customers are just some of the commitments in the plan. It also commits to keeping all 74 libraries open with investment in training and the upskilling of existing library staff. Everyone is welcome to give their views and can do so online at [www.essex.gov.uk/everyoneslibrary](http://www.essex.gov.uk/everyoneslibrary) or in person at one of the engagement events ECC is planning early next year or via the ECC customer service centre by calling 0345 603 7633. Feedback can be submitted until 1pm on 21 January 2022.

**Queens Jubilee:** events to celebrate this are being discussed – do contact the Clerk if you would like to be involved. The next meeting to discuss this will be on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

**Essex Bus Service:** the government introduced a new Bus Back Better Strategy in March 2021. The ECC Integrated Passenger Transport Unit has been working with bus operators and partners across Essex to see how this can be implemented in Essex. If timings permit within the ECC Passenger Unit programme, Cold Norton Parish Council is keen to conduct its own survey amongst all residents re current usage and what Cold Norton residents would ideally like from a local bus service.

**Grants:** the Members agreed to give a donation of £500 to the Parochial Church Council (for St Stephens Church) towards the costs of felling a dead Horse Chestnut tree in the churchyard that could endanger members of the public walking through the churchyard to the PRow or walking along the road.

**Recycling Bags/.Green Food Waste Bags:** if you need either pink or green recycling bags, please email the Parish Clerk: [mariadyr30@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mariadyr30@yahoo.co.uk) or the Chairman: [brian.haydon@btinternet.com](mailto:brian.haydon@btinternet.com)

**Cold Norton Hub:** The Hub is still here if you need help. Please contact Brian Haydon: telephone: 01621 829599; email: [brian.haydon@btinternet.com](mailto:brian.haydon@btinternet.com) or Maria Dyer: telephone: 01621 829566; email: [mariadyr30@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mariadyr30@yahoo.co.uk)

**Maldon Community Coronavirus Response:** this is also still operating; contact number is: 01621 851997.

**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.

**Parish Council Meetings in 2022:**

Wednesdays 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 6<sup>th</sup> April, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 1<sup>st</sup> June, 6<sup>th</sup> July, 7<sup>th</sup> September, 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mariadyer30@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>