

COLD NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2021 AT 7.30PM IN THE LES BARCLAY ROOM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

THOSE PRESENT:

Councillors:

Cllr B Haydon (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs M Gunn (Vice Chairman)
Cllr P Jacklin
Cllr Mrs J Luck
Cllr J Richardson

In attendance: Mrs. M Dyer (Parish Clerk)

332. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Romang, Cllr Dixon, District Cllr Ms White and District & County Cllr Mrs Fleming.

333. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members are required to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they know they may have in items of business on the meeting's agenda. They are reminded that they will need to repeat their declaration at the appropriate point in the meeting and leave the room if the interest is a prejudicial one. Unforeseen interests must be declared similarly at the appropriate time. Members have dispensation to discuss and vote in respect of matters relating to the Precept.

There were no declarations of interest at this point.

334. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: there were no Members of the Public present.

335. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 3rd November 2021 were approved as correct. They will be signed accordingly when it is possible, together with other minutes from meetings held remotely.

336. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: not available

337. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: not available

FINANCE

Approval of Payments

338. Maria Dyer office expenses from 1st to 25th November 2021 £27.14. Cheque No.022280

339. Essex & Herts Air Ambulance grant as agreed at November 2021 meeting (minute no.306 applies) £50. Cheque No.022281

340. Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) to annual subscription for Clerk from 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022 £134.00. Cheque No.022283 (cheque No.022282 was voided).

341. E-on to electricity for streetlights October 2021 Invoice No.H1A6998F58 dated 2nd November 2021 £129.36 (£123.20 net) was taken by direct debit on 12th November 2021.

342. BT to public pay phone at Village Hall. Line Rental quarter to 31st January 2022 Invoice No.Q029J4 dated 12th November 2021 £55.92 (£46.60 net) was taken by direct debit on 26th November 2021.

343. Cold Norton Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) to hire of The Les Barclay room for PC meetings September to December 2021 inclusive. Invoice dated 29th November 2011 £67.20. Cheque No.022284

344. Cold Norton Parochial Church Council (PCC) to space in village magazine The Beacon for PC reports to March 2022. Invoice dated 1st December 2021 £181.45. Cheque No.022285
345. Cold Norton Parochial Church Council to grant as agreed at December 2021 meeting (minutes No.351 applies) £500. Cheque No.022286.
346. For noting only: HMRC TAX/Ni quarter to 5th January 2022 no payment due.

347. **Financial Statement**
Current balances:

Barclays 10 Day Notice as at 10 th Sept 2021	£	589.40
Santander as at 2 nd November 2021	£	<u>68,121.49</u>
	£	68,710.89*

*includes £19,694.74 planned reserve plus CIF Grant for playground project, plus new PWLB loan.

348. **Village Hall Solar Panels**

Members noted that a FIT payment was due November 2021, but there had been technical issues with the recorder.

349. **Village Hall Management Committee**

Financial update: not available

350. **ECC Locality Fund 2021/22**

Members noted application approved by Cllr Mrs Fleming for two benches and two bins for new playground

351. **Grants**

Members discussed and agreed to grant £500 to St Stephens Church PCC towards the cost of felling a dead Horse Chestnut as it impacts on the PRow through the Churchyard and St Stephens Road.

352. **E-on Street Lights**

Members noted change to energy prices for street lights and that Clerk is researching alternative suppliers/costs; Clerk to also investigate fixed term deals. **ACTION: CLERK**

353. **Precept 2022/23**

Members considered budget outline. Clerk to update/amend as discussed.

ACTION: CLERK

PLANNING

354. **Planning Applications received by the Parish Council:** the following was considered, and the response 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. Week No.44 dated 5th November 2021.

The Parish Council had no objections and had no comments to make.

For Information Only: 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. Week No.46 dated 19th November 2021. Noted by Members

355. **Maldon District Council Decisions:** covering decisions advised from w/e 5th November to w/e 26th November 2021; a detailed list had been supplied to Members, which is summarised below:

WTPO/MAL/21/00866 Cold Norton

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.

19 Station Crescent Cold Norton Essex CM3 6HY

(UPRN - 100090555856)

Mr G Cornell

APPROVED

HOUSE/MAL/21/00920 Cold Norton

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.

11 St Stephens Road Cold Norton Essex CM3 6JE

(UPRN - 100090555799)

Bobby Thurling

REFUSED

Appeal Decision

21/00285/HOUSE (Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/D/21/3280905)

11 St Stephens Road - Cold Norton

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 roof light to front roof slope.

Alterations to fenestration, entrance doors and the external materials of the host dwelling

Area: NW

Decision Level: Delegated

APPEAL DISMISSED 1 November 2021

Appeal Decision

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.

Area: SE

Decision Level: District Committee overturned Officer recommendation to approve

APPEAL ALLOWED

APPLICATION FOR FULL AWARD OF COSTS MADE BY APPELLANT ALLOWED

5 November 2021

356. Appeal Hearing:

Members noted that a hearing was held on 24th November for 2021 for 20/01096/FUL PP-09166078 Barn 2, St Stephens Road: siting of a mobile home as an agricultural workers dwelling. Appeal ref: APP/X1545/W/21/3271277. Decision awaited.

357. PLAYGROUND RENOVATIONS & CAR PARK EXTENSION PROJECT WORKING GROUP (PCP)

Members noted receipt of report supplied by Cllr Richardson. At the meeting Cllr Richardson updated Members that the finish date advised was not now possible due to wet weather issues, the temperature being too low for the flooring to be installed and staff shortages. Provisional dates for an opening ceremony in January were discussed – availability to be checked with Village Hall. Members also discussed possible inspection routine.

358. VILLAGE HALL

Members were advised that works had been undertaken by Members of the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) to three storage rooms at the hall including redecoration and installing new shelving; the Committee will be undertaking other works to further update the village hall. The Members expressed their thanks to the Committee. Members were also advised that the VHMC had been successful in obtaining a grant from the ECC Covid Safe Buildings Fund.

359. CLERKS REPORT

Members noted Clerk's Report.

HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

360. TRUCAM

Members noted that the 4 x ½ hour sessions in October 2021 had resulted in 10 CAPS.

361. Safer Essex Roads Partnership (SERP) Workshops (October 2021)

Members noted that as Chairman and Clerk were unable to attend, issues had been conveyed to Cllr Mrs Fleming to raise as she had planned to attend; update was awaited and confirmation if notes from meetings are available.

362. Road Closure

Members noted closure of Lower Burnham Road 28th February 2022 for 5 nights for Broadband installation works.

363. Vehicle Activated Sign at 30d/32 Latchingdon Road

Members noted that County Cllr Mrs Fleming had reported this sign not working.

364. Vegetation Issue from bridge to shop

Members noted that County Cllr Mrs Fleming had reported this to ECC Highways; inspection had been carried out by Highways, but ECC had advised it does not meet the criteria/their responsibility.

POLICE MATTERS AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

365. Members were advised that children had been spotted on the new playground construction site.

OPEN SPACE

366. **Village Caretaker work:** Mr Wiseman continued to carry out this work: litter picks and inspections report not available re additional works. Thanks had been received from Clarke Rise residents re cutting back of vegetation on adjoining fencing; this has now been added to regular works.

367. Trees from ECC

Members noted the report from Cllr Dixon regarding the delivery and distribution of the free trees including a mix of Hawthorn, Bird Cherry and Silver Birch now planted in the playing field, plus trees to be planted at the allotments and St Stephens Church; trees also went to residents who had requested some and a quantity were also supplied to Three River Golf & Country Club. The Members expressed their thanks to Cllr Dixon for undertaking this project.

368. Trees and Survey

Members considered quotes received for works at Cowpiece to fell ash tree and fallen goat willows at dipping pond and agreed to appoint JCM Services to undertake these works at a cost of £825.00 ex VAT. Members noted that date for the survey of all the trees is to be advised.

ACTION: CLERK

369. Cowpiece

Nothing to report

370. Public Rights of Way

Members noted report received from Mr Philip Wakeling, PRoW Representative with Cllr Jacklin: that Crown Road footpath (FP20) where it runs down the back of gardens south of the horses field had been cleared; that the overgrown footpath where "St Peter's Way" crosses Fambridge Road (not in Cold Norton, but relevant to local walkers) had been reported to ECC; and that cutting back down railway line (FP29) is planned to be undertaken shortly. Members expressed thanks to Mr Wakeling.

RAINING/CONFERENCES/MEETINGS

371. Bradwell B Community Forum: Tuesday 2nd November 2021:

Members noted receipt of presentation slides and notes from the forum.

**372. Passenger Transport Meeting: Brentwood/Chelmsford/Maldon Districts:
Thursday 18th November 2021**

Members noted receipt of slides from the meeting, plus a report from Cllr Mrs Gunn summarising the contents of the slides which detailed some of the historic work undertaken by Essex County council, and more specifically some of the issues faced by residents of the Dengie area in terms of transport and journey times. The reason for this work is that the Government intends to completely overhaul the bus system in the U.K. under a scheme called 'Bus Back Better Strategy'. Cllr Mrs Gunn advised that there will be district specific discussion meetings held in the new year which will give us an opportunity to present ideas for our district, and therefore suggested to Members that it may be useful to conduct a bus survey in the village, or perhaps undertake a 'Dengie' wide area bus survey with other Parish Councils. Clerk to contact other Parishes re this and to ascertain the situation regarding the Dengie Hundred Group of Parish Councils and any critical dates with the Passenger Transport Group/Integrated Passenger Transport Unit that may impact on a possible village/Dengie survey.

ACTION: CLERK

373. Stow Maries Aerodrome Meeting SMGWA JCC) Wednesday 8th December 2021

Members noted change of date and that Cllr Haydon is not available to attend.

374. EALC Climate Crisis Conference 2022 – Thursday 27th January

Members discussed and Cllr Richardson advised he would attend (by Zoom cost £50 ex VAT).

ACTION: CLERK

CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS

375. ECC Four Year Plan for Libraries

Members noted receipt of consultation details. Clerk to co-ordinate PC response.

ACTION: CLERK

376. THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE

Cllr Jacklin updated Members re discussions to date and advised next meeting would be Wednesday 26th January 2022.

377. MATTERS TO REPORT (Members are reminded that no decisions may lawfully be made under this agenda item - however matters may be discussed which involve exchanges of information only).

Cllr Mrs Luck advised major works upcoming at the Broomfield Hospital Roundabout - follow link for full details: <https://essexhighways.org/highway-schemes-and-developments/highway-schemes/chelmsford-schemes/broomfield-hospital-nhs-roundabout>

378. MEETINGS 2022

Wednesdays 5th January, 2nd February, 2nd March, 6th April, 4th May, 1st June, 6th July, 7th September, 5th October, 2nd November, 7th December.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

Chairman.....

Date.....