

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the January 2022 Meeting

Planning Applications: there were two planning applications this month for Members to consider, plus details of another supplied 'for information only' i.e. the Members are not required to comment on. The first application considered was: 21/01272/FUL PP-10462414 Land adjacent to Norton Hall, St Stephens Road: NB this is actually between house called The Barn and 51 St Stephens Road: Demolish existing farm outbuildings and erect 4 new, two-bedroom dwellinghouses with associated parking garages, cycle store and landscaping. Members recommended that this application be refused 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)

The second application considered was: 21/01310/HOUSE PP-10407156 Chestnuts 67 Latchingdon Road: Replacement roofscape over 1st floor and increase in ridge height with dormer windows over replanned rooms; two storey NE corner extension and reduced North roof terrace; include photovoltaic panels; new Eastern single-storey extension to dining room; new Western single-storey extension to replace existing conservatory; South front ground floor bays remodelled. The Members had no objections to these works.

The application supplied for information only was: 21/01314/LDP 34 Green Trees Avenue: Claim for lawful development certificate for a proposed single storey side extension with flat roof.

Planning Decisions: (covering the period w/e 3rd to w/e 24th December 2021): there were two planning decisions and one 'For Information Only' notice advised by Maldon District Council (MDC) during this period. The two planning decisions were: OUT/MAL/21/00969 Land West of Great Canney House, Hackmans Lane: Outline planning application with the matter of access for consideration for two detached dwellings. MDC refused this application (the Members had recommended refusal) HOUSE/MAL/21/01125 Beacon Hill House, Latchingdon Road: Proposed demolition of existing single storey front addition and replacement with two storey extension with accessible access and lift, first floor extension over garages and two storey rear extension, changes to existing windows and external doors and internal alterations. MDC approved these works (the Members had not objected).

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. MDC advised that Prior Approval was refused.

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

Precept 2022-2023: The Councillors having initially considered budget figures at the December meeting reviewed the revised figures presented at this meeting. It was agreed to set the Precept at £38,749 - an increase of £560 (1.47%) over last year's precept. For a Band D property, the portion of the Council Tax for Cold Norton for the year 2022/23 will be £76.84 as opposed to £76.77 the previous year.

ECC Locality Fund 2021/22: ECC has confirmed approval of the grant nomination kindly put forward by our ECC County Cllr Mrs Fleming for Cold Norton to receive funds to purchase two seats and two rubbish bins for the new playground.

Playground Project (PCP): as reported last month weather issues and staff shortages/illness delayed completion of the new playground, but work recommenced on 5th January and there has been progress in that the picnic benches have been installed and the younger children's area has been finished. The zip wire/cable is still to be finished; concrete works and the safety surfaces need more favourable weather to be installed.

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 three and half hours of TRUCAM/Speed Checks conducted during December, 22 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.

Speeding/Road Safety: in addition to the TRUCAM/Speed Checks already in place to help make the main road in the village safer, the Members have enlisted the help of County Cllr Mrs Fleming to help stop the speeding along Latchingdon Road. County Cllr Mrs Fleming has now arranged for a Cabinet Member from Essex County Council Highways Department to come to the village for a site visit to be made aware of the issues. Issues being requested to address the problem; include inspection of the lighting and sight lines at the Zebra Crossing; the condition/reinstatement of the anti-skid surface near the Zebra crossing; a speed management survey; request for a 20mph speed limit; a competent repair to the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) outside 30D/32 Latchingdon Road (previous repair attempts have all failed).

Queens Jubilee: events to celebrate this are being discussed – do contact the Clerk if you would like to be involved in the planning stage or will be able to offer practical help at events.

Villager of the Year: this award was created in 2011 and is usually an annual award made to an individual, but in 2020 the Members agreed that for all pulling together as a village during COVID lockdowns helping neighbours in a wide variety of ways, that 'All Cold Norton Residents' deserved the title. There was no award in 2021, but the Members invite you to put forward nominations for the 2022 title for them to consider at the March Parish Council meeting. The person nominated must live in the village. The presentation will be made at the Annual Parish Meeting in April (date to be confirmed). Nominations please to the Parish Clerk (details at end of Parish Report) by 25th February 2022.

Recycling Bags/.Green Food Waste Bags: if you need either pink or green recycling bags, please email the Parish Clerk: mariadyver30@yahoo.co.uk or the Chairman: brian.haydon@btinternet.com NB at time of writing a delivery is awaited. Link for details of other places in the district where recycling bags are available: https://www.maldon.gov.uk/info/20043/recycling/9266/recycling_sack_stockists

Cold Norton Hub: The Hub is still here if you need help. Please contact Brian Haydon: telephone: 01621 829599; email: brian.haydon@btinternet.com or Maria Dyer: telephone: 01621 829566; email: mariadyer30@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 2nd February, 2nd March, 6th April, 4th May, 1st June, 6th July, 7th September, 5th October, 2nd November, 7th 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. Parish Council website: <https://www.cold-norton.org.uk>