

COLD NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5th JANUARY 2022 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 T Dixon
Cllr P Jacklin
Cllr Mrs J Luck
Cllr J Richardson
Cllr A Romang

In attendance: Mrs. M Dyer (Parish Clerk)
County & District Cllr Mrs Fleming (part)

379. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: apologies were received and accepted from District Cllr Ms White.

380. 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.

Cllr Romang declared a non-pecuniary interest in Allotments as he is an allotment holder.

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

382. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 1st December 2021 were approved as correct. They will be signed accordingly when it is possible, together with other minutes from meetings held remotely.

383. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: County & District Cllr Mrs Fleming had supplied a combined County & District report.

384. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: County & District Cllr Mrs Fleming had supplied a combined County & District report. At the meeting County Cllr Mrs Fleming advised Members that the PC could apply for an additional grant from the ECC Locality Fund – timings and options were discussed. There was then a discussion relating to road safety issues requiring attention, which County Cllr Mrs Fleming would investigate.

FINANCE

Approval of Payments

385. Mr Roy Wiseman to village caretaker work for November and December 2021. Invoice dated 15th December 2021 £103.50. Cheque No.022288

386. Maria Dyer office expenses from 26th November to 29th December 2021 £61.83 (£56.67 net). Cheque No.022289

- 387.** Maldon District Council to cutting back vegetation in playing field per order No. 04.19/20 (delayed). Invoice No.COL5864128 dated 3rd December 2021 £713.88 (£594.90 net). Cheque No.022290
- 388.** Sue Lees Consultancy to maintenance fee for web site (Jan 2022 advance quarterly). Invoice No.0005183 dated 1st December 2021 £30.00. Cheque No.022291
- 389.** Jeremy Richardson to reimbursement of expenses reference purchase of 2 x A2 Dibond signs for new playground – Blackwater Sign & Print Invoice No.15953 dated 14th December 2021 £72.00 (£60.00 net). Cheque No.022292
- 390.** Wave to water at allotments 30th May 2021 to 29th November 2021 Invoice No.9802897 dated 1st December 2021 £29.33 – taken by Direct Debit on 21st December 2021.
- 391.** E-on to electricity for streetlights November 2021 Invoice No.H1A7D60B80 dated 2nd December 2021 £125.18 (£119.22 net) was taken by direct debit on 12th December 2021.

392. Financial Statement
Current balances:

Barclays 10 Day Notice as at 10th Dec 2021	£	589.41
Santander as at 2nd December 2021	£	<u>66,373.98</u>
	£	66,963.39*

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

- 393. Village Hall Solar Panels**
Members noted that last FIT payment was due November 2021 and would be followed up.
- 394. Village Hall Management Committee**
Cllr Romang advised that financial matters were satisfactory.
- 395. ECC Locality Fund 2021/22**
Members noted that the PC application been successful and that two benches and two bins could now be ordered. Cllr Richardson advised that installation would be undertaken by CCC, therefore items should be delivered to CCC.
ACTION: CLERK
- 396. Precept 2022/23:** Members considered the budget calculations updated from the December meeting and were all in agreement that the Precept for 2022/23 should be £38,749 (an increase of £560)

PLANNING

- 397. Planning Applications received by the Parish Council:** the following were considered, and the responses were:
21/01272/FUL PP-10462414 Land adjacent to Norton Hall, St Stephens Road: Demolish existing farm outbuildings and erect 4 new, two bedroom dwellinghouses with associated parking garages, cycle store and landscaping. Week No.51 dated 23rd December 2021:

The Parish Council 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)

21/01310/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. Week No.1 dated 7th January 2022.

The Members had no objections and had no comments to make.

For Information Only (Members not required to comment)

21/01314/LDP 34 Green Trees Avenue: Claim for lawful development certificate for a proposed single storey side extension with flat roof. Week No.1 dated 7th January 2022.

- 398. Maldon District Council Decisions:** covering decisions advised from w/e 3rd December to w/e 24th December 2021; a detailed list had been supplied to Members, which is summarised below:

OUT/MAL/21/00969 Cold Norton

Outline planning application with the matter of access for consideration for two detached dwellings. Land West of Great Canney House Hackmans Lane Cold Norton Essex (UPRN - 010094634953)

Mr & Mrs Tucker **REFUSED**

HOUSE/MAL/21/01125 Cold Norton

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.

Beacon Hill House Latchingdon Road Cold Norton Essex

(UPRN - 200000909829)

Mr And Mrs J King **APPROVED**

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

PDE/MAL/21/01172 Cold Norton

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.

Monama 7 Latchingdon Road Cold Norton Essex

(UPRN - 100090555212)

Mr Darren Bond **PRIOR APPROVAL WAS REFUSED**

- 399. Burnham Road, South Woodham Ferrers (development North of B1012 SWF)**
Members noted further information supplied. Members were advised that in Kent a similar situation had been successfully challenged by residents.

- 400. PLAYGROUND RENOVATIONS & CAR PARK EXTENSION PROJECT WORKING GROUP (PCP)**
Members noted report prepared by Cllr Richardson. At the meeting Cllr Richardson confirmed that works had restarted on 5th January 2022 and despite inclement weather, there had been progress in that the picnic benches had been installed and the younger children's area had been finished. The zip wire/cable is still to be finished; concrete works and the safety surfaces need more favourable weather to be installed. It was hoped that formal opening could take place mid February – Clerk to check availability of Village Hall for refreshments. Inspection programme was discussed and preferred company was discussed. CCC will hold a briefing/training session for Cllrs and Clerk to outline weekly inspection routine – date to be agreed. Members then considered the installation of CCTV; for several reasons it was felt by some Members that this was not a workable/cost effective option, but it was agreed that an expert would be invited to the next meeting to discuss the pros and cons of installing a CCTV in that location.

County & District Cllr Mrs Fleming left the meeting (9.10pm).

401. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Romang gave a report to Members, advising that for several reasons the Coffee Morning and Carpet Bowls sessions had not been able to restart at the village hall; that finances were okay; that one new boiler had been installed; a fridge had been 'dumped' in the village hall car park (Cllr Haydon very kindly offered to take it to the recycling centre); that the area by the gas tank/bins etc was 'very untidy' - Clerk to talk to a local contractor for ideas for this area. **ACTION: CLERK**

402. CLERKS REPORT

Members noted Clerk's Report.

HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

403. TRUCAM

Members noted that the 8 x ½ hour sessions in November 2021 had resulted in 28 CAPS.

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

Members noted that confirmation is awaited re notes from meetings being made available.

405. Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) at 30d/32 Latchingdon Road

Members noted that County Cllr Mrs Fleming has reported this VAS not working, but to date it is still awaiting attention and that the Clerk is following up

406. Vegetation Issue from bridge to shop

Members noted that ECC Highways have advised this does not meet its criteria; Clerk to contact SERP for advice.
ACTION: CLERK

POLICE MATTERS AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

407. No reports received

OPEN SPACE

408. **Village Caretaker work:** Mr Wiseman continued to carry out this work; in addition to the regular litter picks and safety checks, Mr Wiseman had carried out the following maintenance work: cutting back branches at VH car park, cleaning graffiti (twice) at Three Ashes corner and removing broken glass at bridge.

409. Trees from ECC

Members were advised that the newly planted trees in the playing field were growing. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) for St Stephens Church would like additional trees; PCC to be advised that additional trees may be available from The Conversation Trust (TCV) or Woodland Trust.

410. Trees and Survey

Members noted that the survey of all areas of CNPC trees would be undertaken once works at Cowpiece had been completed and that the Contractor selected re tree works at Cowpiece has been contacted, but had advised that the water at the pond was too deep at present.

411. Cowpiece

It was noted that the handrail and the Cowpiece sign at the entrance needed attention. Clerk advised that the dipping platform would also need some works once the Goat Willows had been removed. Clerk to contact local contractor.
ACTION: CLERK

412. Public Rights of Way

Nothing to report

TRAINING/CONFERENCES/MEETINGS

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

Members noted that Cllr Richardson is to attend (Zoom session)

CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS

414. ECC Four Year Plan for Libraries

Members noted that Clerk is awaiting copy of survey for organisations to complete; this will then be circulated to Members to produce a PC response for submission.

415. Public Consultation on Regional Transport Strategy

Members noted that Clerk has requested copy of survey to circulate to Members and that Cllr Mrs Gunn plans to attend the event on Tuesday 11th January 2022.

416. Bradwell LCLC (Magnox)

Members noted receipt of consultation and annual report

417. Maldon District Rough Sleepers

Members noted MDC evidence-based estimate as at 11th November 2021.

418. THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE

Cllr Jacklin updated Members and advised that he had received an insurance company quote re lighting the Beacon. Next meeting is scheduled for 26th January 2022

419. BUS SURVEY

Members discussed briefly. Clerk to contact Passenger Transport Office re timings to see if there is time to carry out research within the Dengie Parishes. If timings permit Clerk to ascertain if Dengie Hundred Group of Parish Councils was planning to restart as this would be a good way of collecting information from other Parishes/residents in the Dengie. **ACTION: CLERK**

420. 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).

There were no matters reported

421. MEETINGS 2022

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

422. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Date options were discussed, Clerk to check availability of Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.55pm

Chairman.....

Date.....