

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the April 2022 Meeting

The Beacon: this copy of The Beacon is being delivered to all homes in Cold Norton, together with a copy of a booklet detailing all the events planned to celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee – something for everyone. Do take time to read though it and join us!! If you would like to receive a copy of The Beacon every month direct to your door, contact Roger Hawes: email: rogerhawes100@gmail.com or phone: 01621 828693

Planning Applications: there was only one planning application this month for Members to consider and was for further homes in South Woodham Ferrers. 22/00311/OUT Land North of south Woodham Ferrers, Burnham Road, South Woodham Ferrers: Outline application with all matters reserved (except for access) for up to 200 residential; open space (including allotments, children's play facilities and sustainable drainage features) pedestrian, cycle and bridleway routes; vehicle accesses; internal roads; and associated infrastructure. The Parish Council objected to this application for the following reasons:

- 1. The Parish Council believes that the daily travel implications of this development (being part of the wider development plans for the area to the north of Burnham Road) will be detrimental to Cold Norton parishioners and residents of the Dengie Hundred as a whole, contrary to Chelmsford Planning Policy DM30. Cold Norton Parish Council believes that the proposal to urbanise Burnham Road with additional traffic lights, an extra junction and numerous pedestrian crossings will create significant congestion, especially at peak times, grid-locking the route out of the Dengie Peninsular via South Woodham Ferrers and creating unacceptable rat-runs via Ferrers Road and Crows Lane.*
- 2. The proposal will have a negative impact on highway safety. The Parish Council has concluded that the Traffic Assessment submitted as part of wider development proposals for this area (21/01961/OUT) has not adequately addressed this very important issue, or the air pollution which may be generated and the potential for associated public health issues caused as a result of the aforementioned traffic management proposals for Burnham Road.*
- 3. This application has not taken into account potential future development in the Dengie Hundred as part of the Maldon District Local Development Plan (currently under review) or the possible development of Bradwell B. It is understood that each planning application should be assessed on its own merits, but the development at Bradwell B had already progressed to the investigation stage which will create additional traffic movements, and, being in a Housing Market Area with the Maldon District, Chelmsford City Council should appreciate that future development in the district is inevitable. A more strategic and flexible approach to this application should therefore be taken.*
- 4. Cold Norton Parish Council agrees with the recommendations of the Woodham and Dengie Infrastructure Group that a new northern by-pass is created to redirect east / west traffic on the Burnham Road and wholly endorses the position of Stow Maries Parish Council and Purleigh Parish Council that Chelmsford City Council and Essex County Council should analyse the full costs and benefits of a northern by-pass which is consistent with the policies in Chelmsford City Council's Local Plan and with Chelmsford Planning Policy DM30, whilst not sacrificing the ability of existing residents of the Maldon District to access Burnham Road and complete their on-going journeys to work, leisure and education etc.*
- 5. Given that the decision has already been made to allocate land to the north of*

Burnham Road for significant development, it is imperative that the necessary infrastructure is provided, and that significant planning applications such as this should be infrastructure led, even if that mean that developments will be less profitable and that policy exceptions have to be made.

Also supplied to the PC 'For Information Only' was application: 22/00132/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 4th March to w/e 1st April 2022): there were two decisions advised for Cold Norton and one 'For Information Only'. The first application advised was: HOUSE/MAL/22/00013 11 St Stephens Road: Single storey rear extension. Alteration to existing front and rear dormer. Addition of one front dormer and three rear dormers. Changes to fenestration including rooflights and entrance doors. MDC refused this application (the Members of cold Norton Parish Council had not objected to these works). The second application advised was: FUL/MAL/21/01272 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. MDC refused this application (the Members had recommended refusal). The 'For Information Only' application was: PDE/MAL/22/00127 Monama 7 Latchingdon Road: Single storey rear extension which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 5.3m, maximum height of 3.9m and the maximum height to the eaves of 2.7m. MDC advised that Planning Application was not required.

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

Playground & Car Park Project (PCP): the new playground is being well used and the Parish Council's application for a loan to extend the car park and carry out works to Cherry Blossom Lane has now been approved – it is hoped that these works can be carried out later this year.

Ride London/Essex: on Friday 27th May 2022 the professional women's cycle race Ride London Classique – Stage 1 will be taking place in the Maldon area with road closures in Maldon all day. For more information visit: <https://www.ridelondon.co.uk/road-closures/road-closure-information>

Pink Recycling Bags/Green Food Waste Bags: please email the Parish Clerk: mariadyr30@yahoo.co.uk or the Chairman: brian.haydon@btinternet.com
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

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>

Support for Ukraine: visit the Maldon District Council dedicated web page for information and ways to help: <https://www.maldon.gov.uk/ukraine>

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, please contact the Clerk.

Annual Parish Meeting: was held on Wednesday 20th April, with reports from the Parish Council Chairman Cllr Brian Haydon, ECC Cllr Mrs Jane Fleming and MDC Cllr Ms Sue White; there was also an update about the Playground, Car Park and Cherry Blossom Lane Project; the events proposed to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee were outlined. Minutes will be posted on the Parish Council Website asap. As part of his report Cllr Haydon thanked the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) for all their work. Thank you to the residents who attended the APM and stayed afterwards for a chat over tea and biscuits.

Villager of the Year: at the APM the winner of this award was announced by Cllr Haydon. The 2022 Villager of the Year title was awarded to Philip Wakeling, a long-term resident of the village and past Parish Cllr including many years as Chairman of the Parish Council who was part of the working group that was responsible for the extension to the village hall. Mr Wakeling has continued to contribute to the village by checking the Public Rights of Way in the village to ensure they are walkable, by working with Cllr Jeremy Richardson on the Playground/Car Park/Road project and now taking on the role of Chairman of the community pub The Norton and being a very active member of the Maldon Citizen Advice Bureau. Unfortunately, Mr Wakeling was not present at the APM, so will be presented with the engraved plaque by Cllr Haydon at a later date.

Village Hall: Prior to the APM the VHMC had held their AGM and appealed for more members – if you're new to the village or newly retired it is a good way to meet people; contact Sue Garnham on 01621 828673 for an informal chat.

Parish Council Meetings in 2022:

Wednesdays 4th May, 1st June, 6th July, 7th September, 5th October, 2nd November, 7th December. Meetings are held in The Les Barclay Room at the Village Hall and start at 7.30pm.

To contact the Parish Council: please write to: The Parish Clerk (Maria Dyer), at Exordium, 30b Latchingdon Road, Cold Norton, Chelmsford, Essex CM3 6JG.

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