

COLD NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1ST JUNE 2022 AT 7.30PM IN THE MAIN HALL 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 A Romang

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

106. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Richardson

107. 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.

Cllr Dixon declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Cherry Blossom Lane element of the PCP Project as he is a resident in that road.

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

109. MINUTES OF THE AGM & THE ORDINARY MEETING of the Parish Council both held on Wednesday 4th May 2022 were both approved as correct and signed accordingly.

110. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT: The District Cllrs updated Members on various matters including details of the Beacon Lighting at Promenade Park for the Queens Platinum Jubilee; that the Conservatives are now in charge at Maldon District Council; that Places Leisure will be operating the refurbished Splash Park in Promenade Park.

111. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: County Cllr Mrs Fleming had supplied the Members with an update on ECC matters including the new Travel Essex App which is a free-to-use sustainable journey planner, to help people in Essex plan their journeys and travel by foot, bike, bus, and train throughout the county. The report also included details of the Grant Funding Advice for Businesses available via BEST Growth Hub's Business Navigators. Every Thursday, businesses will have the opportunity to drop into Places Ltd, 5 - 6 Grays Yard, Springfield Road Chelmsford CM2 6QR between 10am-3pm for face-to-face advice. Mrs Fleming also advised that it is hoped that refurbishment works to the Zebra crossing would be carried out next year and that ECC Cllr Scott responsible for Highways would visit the village soon.

FINANCE

Approval of Payments

112. Mr Roy Wiseman to village caretaker work. Invoice dated 25th May 2022 £100. Cheque No.022330
113. Maria Dyer office expenses from 1st to 29th May 2022 £89.28 (£80.87 net). Cheque No.022331
114. To note Cheque No.022321 to be cancelled as returned by payee's bank as paid in through automatic system and was illegible (see letter from Halifax), so new cheque required for Mrs M Taylor as reimbursement of expenses for refreshments for Playground Opening Event £12.85 (£10.71 net). New cheque No.022332.
115. SLCC Essex to fee for Clerk to attend SLCC Essex AGM/Training Day 16th June 2022 £25.00. Cheque No.02233
116. Npower to streetlights for April 2022 Invoice No.INO3520561 dated 7th May 2022 £158.60 (£151.05 net) was taken by direct debit on 21st May 2022.
117. BT to public pay phone at Village Hall. Line Rental quarter to 31st July 2022 Invoice No.Q031T8 dated 12th May 2022 £65.86 (£54.88 net) taken by direct debit on 26th May 2022.
118. Wave to water at allotments 30th November 2021 to 29th May 2022 Invoice No.10586297 dated 30th May 2022 £29.33 – taken by Direct Debit on 21st June 2022.
119. HMRC TAX/Ni quarter to 5th July 2022 £101.20. Cheque No.0223334.

120. Financial Statement

Current balances:

Barclays 10 Day Notice as at 10 th March 2022	£	589.42
Santander as at 2 nd May 2022	£	<u>67,504.12</u>
	£	68,093.54*

*Includes Precept of £38,749

121. Village Hall Solar Panels

Nothing to report

PLANNING

122. Planning applications

Members noted that no planning applications had been received from MDC for the Parish Council to consider.

123. Maldon District Council Decisions

To note no planning application decisions received from MDC relating to Cold Norton for the period w/e 6th May to w/e 27th May 2022

124. Planning Appeal

Site Address: Land Between Koombora and Mansfield Victoria Road Cold Norton Essex

Proposal: Erection of a self-build detached dwelling complete with parking, landscaping, and related infrastructure.

Application Ref: 21/00484/FUL PP-09646711

Appellant Name: Mr W. Hagan

Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/W/22/3293560

Appeal Start: 10 May 2022

Members noted above and agreed that original comments be resubmitted.

ACTION: CLERK

125. South Woodham Ferrers (development North of B1012 SWF)

Members noted the notes from 8th April 2022 meeting; the road survey commissioned by the group had been carried out and discussed at this meeting.

Members noted the response from ECC Cllr Scott.

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

Members noted the May progress report and noted/agreed that:

- 126.1.** The Clerk had spoken to Sovereign, but order was still to be placed
- 126.2.** Order had been placed with CCC for bins and benches to be installed.
- 126.3.** Start date for CBL/car park works advised by contractor as 8th August 2022 and that all elements/issues that may impact on local residents would be discussed at the pre contract start meeting.

127. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Romang advised that a new water boiler was needed and that the History Group had set up all the photographs for the Platinum Jubilee Exhibition.

128. CLERKS REPORT

Members noted Clerk's Report

HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

129. TRUCAM

Members noted that the 6 x ½ sessions in April had resulted in 5 CAPS

POLICE MATTERS AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

- 130.** No matters reported

OPEN SPACE

- 131. Village Caretaker work:** Mr Wiseman continued to carry out this work; in addition to the regular litter picks undertook the following tasks: cleared branches at Three Ashes Corner; mowed around grass at top of Green Trees Avenue by bushes, tidied 'Alec's Garden' by bridge; destoned and levelled path following recent works at electric substation; mowed grass at allotments; removed broken glass at VH.

132. Trees and Survey

Members noted Clerk is liaising with Arboriculturist re survey timing

133. Cowpiece

It was noted that the sign had been renovated.

It was agreed that further quotes be obtained re the dipping platform and the entrance rail

ACTION: CLERK

134. Public Rights of Way

No matters reported

TRAINING/CONFERENCES/MEETINGS

135. Bradwell B Community Forum Tuesday 17th May 2022 6-8pm online

Members noted link to presentation slides and that minutes from the meeting had not yet been received

136. Code of Conduct Training: Tuesday 21st June 6pm to 8.45pm or Tuesday 28th June 2.30pm to 4.45pm

Members noted proposal from MDC Lead Legal Specialist & Monitoring Officer re adoption of a new code from the Local Government Association to be in line with MDC and the dates of the two training dates. It was noted that CNPC had adopted the NALC code of Conduct with variations. Cllr Jacklin and the Clerk to attend one of the sessions.

ACTION: CLLR JACKLIN/CLERK

CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS

- 137.** Members noted 'Thank You' note from Mr Wakeling re Villager of the Year

- 138.** Following discussion, Members agreed that CNPC would not participate in the ECC Winter Salt Bag Scheme for the winter of 2022/23
- 139. THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE**
Cllr Jacklin updated Members re the various events planned to celebrate the Jubilee. Regarding the beacon, which was not going to be lit as part of the celebrations, due to its current location and health & safety and insurance issues, Cllr Romang proposed that moving the beacon be considered and that making it 'electric' be investigated. Members agreed that this be researched.
ACTION: CLERK
- 140. HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY**
Members noted that a 'Building Community Led Housing Together' online event was to be held on Monday 13th June 12.30pm. No members were available, Clerk to try to 'attend'
ACTION: CLERK
- 141. VILLAGE APPRAISAL**
It was agreed to discuss this at the July meeting so that questionnaires can be distributed in September.
- 142. 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).

Clerk advised that the signed agreement had been received back from County Broadband re Wi-Fi at the village hall.
- 143. MEETINGS 2022**
Wednesdays 6th July, 7th September, 5th October, 2nd November, 7th December.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.40pm

Chairman.....

Date.....