

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the July 2022 Meeting

Planning Applications: there were three planning applications this month for Members to consider. The first was 22/00665/HOUSE/ PP-11248652 9 Ferris Avenue: Proposed loft conversion with rear box dormer and front pitched dormers with adjoining section between. The Members recommended approval of these works. The second application considered was: 22/00601/COUPA PP-11225219 Land adjacent to Norton Hall, St Stephens Road (this land is actually between the house called The Barn and 51 St Stephens Road – this has been pointed out before): Prior notification of a proposed change of use of two agricultural barns to two residential dwelling houses. The Members recommended refusal as this is outside the development boundary and the lack of infrastructure. The last application was: 22/00696/WTPO PP-11308511 Cutting Edge, 20 Station Crescent: T1 English Oak - reduce canopy by up to 2 meters, east side of canopy will be required to be reduced by 4 meters to create a more balanced crown. T2 English Oak – reduce canopy by up to 2 meters and to remove 3 lowest lateral limbs to create a balanced crown lift. T3 English Oak – reduce canopy by to 2 meters. The Members had no objections to these works provided they are in line with the MDC Tree Officer's recommendations.

Planning Decisions: (covering the period w/e 3rd June to w/e 1st July 2022): there was only one decision advised by Maldon District Council (MDC) during this period, namely: FUL/MAL/21/00904 Land Rear Of 24 To 32B Latchingdon Road: Construction of building to include stables for private use and storage for land management purposes and associated work. MDC approved this application (the Members had not objected).

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

TRUCAM/Speed Checks: during the three hours/4 sessions of TRUCAM/Speed Checks conducted during June, nine speeding offences were recorded. All offences are 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. (NB the Parish Council has increased the number of TRUCAM hours from 2 to 3 from April 2022 to March 2023).

District Council Report from District Cllrs Ms White: Cllr Ms White was unable to attend due to a meeting at MDC, but sent a report to update Members on various matters including that U fest was being held on the 8th July, which will also celebrate the arrival of the Queens Baton Relay to the District! And the Maldon Triathlon would be held on the 10th July, which should be a fun event.

Report from Essex County Cllr Mrs Jane Fleming: Mrs Fleming was unable to attend the PC July meeting, but supplied a ECC news report, which included the following: **Bus Passenger News** - Sunday Saver Ticket: Essex County Council offers a Sunday Saver ticket for just £4.30. Most services accept this ticket which is valid all day on Sundays/bank holidays. Find out more here: <https://bit.ly/3FubzZT> **Bus Service Changes:** Please note that ECC has recently conducted a tender process for new contracts. As of Monday 1 August, several services will have new operators and timetables. These changes have been

reported in the July Bus Passenger News – follow this link:

https://www.essexhighways.org/uploads/downloads/bus-passenger-news/bus_passenger_news_july%202022.pdf

Exam Results Webinars - The National Careers service will be hosting exam results webinars throughout July and August. The webinars will aim to help parents to support their children who are receiving results, reassured that whatever their results they have options. The webinars will take place online, you can find your local session here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/exam-results-101-what-you-need-to-know-as-parents-and-carers-tickets-342681428377?aff=SM#east>

Free Sustainability programme offered to Essex Small Businesses: [Small Business Britain](https://www.smallbusinessbritain.co.uk/) is offering a free Sustainability Programme which will be delivered digitally over the course of six weeks. The programme is designed to give businesses and entrepreneurs the basics needed to boost sustainability planning, reduce their impact on the planet and turn sustainability plans into commercial advantage. The course begins on 6 September, with an in-person end of programme event being held at the end of the six weeks. To book your place, please visit: www.backingessexbusiness.co.uk/peer-groups

Pink Recycling Bags/Green Food Waste Bags: these will no longer be available from the Parish Council Chairman or Clerk. Until a new village location can be organised, please follow this link for details of places in the district where recycling bags are available:

https://www.maldon.gov.uk/info/20043/recycling/9266/recycling_sack_stockists

Village Appraisal: it is proposed to undertake this in September. It will involve a questionnaire for all households to complete to provide the Parish Council's Members with a snapshot view of those who live in the village, of their needs and wishes for the future of the village, so that Members have an informed understanding of the village to help with their decision making and assessing priorities. Appraisals were carried out in 2000 and 2011 (it was proposed to carry out an appraisal in 2020/21, but other matters dictated otherwise!). The returns for these two previous appraisals were high at 71% and 72% respectively, which meant that the results were meaningful and representative of the views of the villagers. The 2011 is available to read on the Parish Council website: <https://www.cold-norton.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Final-Print-Version-Dec-2012.pdf>

Works to Cherry Blossom Lane and to extend the Village Hall Car Park: are scheduled to start around 5th September 2022 and will take approximately 6 weeks to complete. The Parish Council and the contractor will do everything possible to minimise disruption and inconvenience, but there will inevitably be occasions where access along Cherry Blossom Lane will be severely restricted. We ask for your patience and understanding. Initially the work will focus on the car park extension in the playing field, which is a relatively separate area, then work will commence on Cherry Blossom Lane itself, from the Latchingdon Road junction up to the village hall car park. It is anticipated the work will be completed mid October. The resurfacing will be done along one side of the road at a time and a temporary traffic light system will be used to control flow in/out of Cherry Blossom Lane.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Events: Congratulations and thanks were extended to Phil Jacklin and his small hard-working team for the very successful, enjoyable and well attended wide variety of events they organised – with something for everyone. Whilst it was not possible to light the village beacon, the torchlight parade to the Church, which commenced at the Village Hall with encouraging words from the

'Village Crier', provided villagers with a view of fireworks and beacons in other parts of the district. The photographic exhibition was fantastic – a remarkable record of Cold Norton over the years – thanks to Sue Garnham and her team. The quiz, family disco and barn dance were all filled to capacity and the treasure hunt was extended as more and more families wanted to participate. The walks proved popular with humans and dogs alike!! And the final event of the weekend 'The Street Party' on the playing fields was well attended despite the weather – everyone wrapped up and enjoyed the excellent live music, provided by Josh Brough, the cost of which was covered by a very kind villager. The weekend of events was not intended to run as a fund raiser, but it covered all its costs and made a profit of £1,424.16 which will be donated to the Village Hall.

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: <https://www.essexhighways.org/tell-us/problem-check>

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.

Parish Council Meetings in 2022:

Wednesdays 7th September, 5th October, 2nd November, 7th December.

Meetings start at 7.30pm and are held in The Les Barclay Room at the Village Hall.

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/>