

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the September 2022 Meeting

Planning Applications: there were six planning applications this month for Members to consider. Members had no objections to five of the applications, namely: 22/00762/FUL PP-11315624 The Spinney, Fambridge Road: Proposed demolition of existing bungalow and erection of a replacement dwellinghouse and detached double garage/store. 22/00828/HOUSE PP-11402036 Tamina, 1 Latchingdon Road: Single storey rear extension. 22/00808/HOUSE PP-11392003 Ashmead Lodge, 41 Stow Road: rear extension above swimming pool to replace existing extension and to include bedroom space within roof. Single storey extension to kitchen. 22/00860/HOUSE PP-114331483: Omeath, 11 Latchingdon Road: demolition of existing conservatory and garage. The erection of a single storey rear extension. CC/MAL/69/22 Cold Norton Primary School, St Stephens Road: the retention of a classbase for a further temporary period without compliance with Condition 2 (time limit) attached to planning permission CC/MAL/11/17. Letter from ECC dated 28th July 2022. The sixth application was: 22/00799/FUL PP-11351831 Sky High, Hagg Hill: Construction of new garage and equipment store: the Members 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)
3. Encroachment onto agricultural land (H4 – Effective use of Land)
4. Too big, will be prominent and taller than proposed residential dwelling where floors are being built ‘underground’ (D1 – Design Quality & Built Environment)

Planning Decisions: (covering the period w/e 8th July to w/e 2nd September 2022): there were two decisions advised by Maldon District Council (MDC) during this period, namely: HOUSE/MAL/22/00665 9 Ferris Avenue: Proposed loft conversion with rear box dormer & front pitched dormers with adjoining section between. MDC refused this application (the Members had recommended approval). WTPO/MAL/22/00696 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 metres 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 up to 2 meters. MDC approved these works (the Members of Cold Norton Parish Council 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/5 sessions of TRUCAM/Speed Checks conducted during July, twenty speeding offences were recorded (nine of which were ‘captured’ in one half hour session!! 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 Cllr Ms White: Cllr Ms White was unable to attend due to a meeting at MDC, but sent a report to update Members and residents on various matters:

1. *Council tax. Please ignore incorrect advice to not pay council tax under the freeman of the land movement, as a number of residents have appeared before Chelmsford Magistrates court. The magistrate dismissed every single claim on July 26th.*
2. *The next Big Business network meeting will be on the 20th October 2022 at the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club in Burnham on Crouch. Visit www.essexchambers.co.uk for more information.*
3. *Maldon call for sites map is being continually updated. But please realise that the sites are not yet chosen (it is a long process) and that just because they are green, it does not mean that they will actually become preferred sites, as other issues may become apparent on further investigation. All the green means is that at a first look these sites seem to meet the criteria, but there is a long way to go!*

County Council Report from County Cllr Mrs Fleming: advised that the focus in relation to budgets for both Maldon District and ECC, would be the cost of living for residents and businesses and advised that two thirds of ECC's budget goes on adult social care. The next fund for special works from ECC Highways would be a footways fund. Regarding the locality fund Cllr Mrs Fleming was still waiting to hear if other Parish Councils needed anything as Cold Norton had been successful in the last two years. Speeding in the village was discussed and the Clerk will liaise with County Cllr Ms Fleming regarding TRUCAM and speed reduction.

Cold Norton Primary School: has a new head teacher: Ms Emily Penkett.

Solar Panels on Village Hall Roof: continue to be productive – the June repayment was just under £750 and the next payment is expected to be in the same region – so these two tariffs alone will exceed this year's repayments on the public works loan taken out to install the panels ('income' is received four times a year).

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: please complete the questionnaire for all households 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 previously carried out in 2000 and 2011. The returns for these 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: started on 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.

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. Copies of the map are also available in The Norton Public House.

Parish Council Meetings in 2022:

Wednesdays 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: clerk@cold-norton.org.uk (NB new email address) 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/>