

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the October 2022 Meeting

Planning Applications: there were two planning applications this month for Members to consider. The first was: 22/00931/FUL PP-11475668 9 Cherry Blossom Lane: Construction of detached three bedroom bungalow with associated vehicular access, hardstanding and landscaping. The Parish Council had no objections to this application, but the following comments were submitted:

"Whilst it must be pointed out that this site is outside the development boundary, the Parish Council has no objections to this one bungalow subject to conditions being imposed on the developer in respect of the road surface of Cherry Blossom Lane.

This is the third application for this plot of land for a 3 bedroom bungalow: the first back in 2014 was refused by MDC, but allowed on appeal by The Planning Inspectorate, but the bungalow was not built. Then in 2017 an application was put in again for a 3 bedroom bungalow – this was granted permission by MDC, presumably because of the previous appeal decision, but again the bungalow was not built.

Interestingly this application has been submitted, just as the Parish Council has taken out a £100,000 Public Works Loan and started works to improve the surface of Cherry Blossom Lane – which will obviously make the proposed new bungalow a more saleable property at an increased premium.

The condition the Parish Council wants to be applied, should MDC grant planning permission, is that the Parish Council is indemnified against any damage at all to the new surface of the road during the construction of the proposed property, which will by necessity mean that there will be increased, heavy traffic to the construction site.

As well as an indemnity clause re any damage, the Parish Council believes it should be duly compensated financially with a share of the improved market value via an imposed condition, as it believes that's it's recent heavy investment in upgrading Cherry Blossom Lane to a proper tarmac road, has precipitated the Developer's application. To enforce this as a planning obligation can a Unilateral Undertaking, Section 106 Agreement or a Community Infrastructure Levy as appropriate be applied.

Also, whilst this application is for one bungalow, the site is sizeable and the Parish Council is concerned that there will be a further application/or applications for additional bungalows or that a revised application for this modest bungalow will be submitted for an increased number of perhaps two storey larger properties as was the case recently in Purleigh Grove, Cold Norton – where the number of properties on the original application grew in number and the properties proposed grew in stature."

The second application which has been sent to all Parish Councils in this area was: 22/00314/OUTM PP-11430366 Land South Of Farnbridge Road Burnham Road And East West Of Station Road Althorne: Outline planning application with all matters reserved except for access, for a phased residential-led mixed use development including: Up to 750 dwellings (Class C3) including affordable housing; Up to 1,000sqm commercial space (Use Class E); Early years facility (Use Class E(f)); Education provision (Use Class F1(a)); A 16ha District Park (including associated

amenity provision, community orchard, landscaping, car parking and access); A 2.4ha Local Park (including recreation provision, community_orchard, landscaping and access); Allotments; Access enhancements (including a new pedestrian footbridge over the railway line, enhancements to Althorne Station, upgrades to Station Road, new spine road, modified junction at Station Road/B1010 Fambridge Road and upgrades to Station Road level crossing); Pedestrianisation and relandscaping around the War Memorial; Green and blue infrastructure including sustainable urban drainage, mobility routes (footways and cycleways), biodiversity enhancements (new hedgerow and tree planting, woodland and reinstated historic hedgerows) and neighbourhood amenity space/play areas; and public art.

The Members recommended refusal of this application because of the increased traffic a development of this size will bring, that the infrastructure in Althorne would not be able to cope with the proposed number of new homes; this would add to existing growth already in this area; this proposal should be reviewed against the strategy of the Maldon Local Development Plan currently under review.

The following was supplied by MDC 'For Information Only' – the Parish Council is not invited to comment on this: NMA/MAL/22/01006 Beacon Hill House Latchingdon Road: Application for non-material amendment following grant of Planning Permission 21/01125/HOUSE (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.) Amendment sought: Reduction of floor level in entry and addition of new rear window to entry.

Planning Decisions: (covering the period w/e 9th September to w/e 30th September 2022): there were three decisions advised by Maldon District Council (MDC) during this period, namely: HOUSE/MAL/22/00828 Tamina 1 Latchingdon Road: Single storey rear extension. MDC refused this extension (the Cold Norton Parish Cllrs had not objected). FUL/MAL/22/00799 Sky High Hagg Hill: Construction of new garage and equipment store. This was refused by MDC (the Members of Cold Norton PC had recommended refusal). HOUSE/MAL/22/00860 Omeath 11 Latchingdon Road: Demolition of existing conservatory and garage. The erection of a single storey rear extension. MDC refused these works (the Members of Cold Norton Parish Council had not objected). A fourth application was advised by ECC: 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. ECC granted permission (Cold Norton Parish Council had not objected). Additionally, Members were advised that the following appeal had been dismissed: 21/00385/FUL Appeal Ref APP/X1545/W/21/3283737 New dwelling between 53 and 55 St Stephens Road. Proposed erection of a new 3 bedroom dwelling to the side land of 55 St Stephens Road.

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

The proposed large development in South Woodham Ferrers is still being opposed by SWF residents and villages in the Dengie due to road/travel issues. Please visit the Woodham Infrastructure Group (WIG) website for more information:

<https://www.w-i-g.co.uk/> and complete the public opinion survey via this link: <https://freeonlinesurveys.com/s/RRTqsthm> or <https://tinyurl.com/5h256yf3>

TRUCAM/Speed Checks: during the 2¼ hours/4 sessions of TRUCAM/Speed Checks conducted during August, 27 speeding offences were recorded (12 of which were 'captured' in one half hour session!! During September there were 12 speeding offences recorded during the 3 hours/4 sessions of TRUCAM/Speed checks. 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).

Playground Renovations & Car Park Extension & Cherry Blossom Lane Works: these works have all been completed. We now have a user-friendly road leading to the village hall, the existing car park has been refurbished with additional parking area for large events and the children have a modern playground. This is the result of the dedication of the hard-working PCP Group of the Parish Council led by Cllr Jeremy Richardson, who has been named Councillor of the Year by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) for his work on these projects – see separate article in this magazine.

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>

Please contact the Parish Clerk if you haven't received a questionnaire. Collection of questionnaires will start on Saturday 12th November – if yours hasn't been collected by Monday 28th November please contact the Parish Clerk – details at end.

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 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/>