

COLD NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2023 AT 7.30PM IN THE LES BARCLAY ROOM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

THOSE PRESENT:

Councillors:

Cllr B Haydon (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs M Gunn (Vice Chairman)
Cllr T Dixon
Cllr P Jacklin
Cllr J Richardson
Cllr A Romang

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

431. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs Luck

432. 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.

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

434. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 11th January 2023 were approved as correct and signed accordingly.

435. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: District Cllr Ms White updated Members advising that there will continue to be Planning Committees made up of District Cllrs to consider certain planning applications and that there has been a change in the Planning Department: Michael Johnson is now Lead Specialist Development Management; MDC is to have a second meeting to agree budget for next financial year and that the Corporate Plan for MDC will be agreed before the May elections.

436. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: County Cllr Mrs Fleming had earlier supplied a written update; at the meeting advised Members that regarding the budget it will be a difficult year for ECC with 80% of the budget going to adult/social care. There was a brief discussion regarding Electric Charging Points – Cllr Mrs Fleming offered to find out about grants available through ECC. Cllr Mrs Fleming advised that lower speed limits have been put to the Local Highways Panel for consideration, namely: 20mph along St Stephens Road and 30mph near The Links/Three Rivers Gold & Country Club.

FINANCE

Approval of Payments

- 437.** Mr Roy Wiseman to village caretaker work. Invoice dated 30th January 2023 £58.60 (£57.17 net)
Cheque No.022390
- 438.** Maria Dyer office expenses from 6th to 30th January 2023 £36.66. Cheque No.022391

439. Maldon District Council to grounds maintenance October to December 2022. Invoice No.COL58686691 dated 16th January 2023 £480.00 (£400.00 net). Cheque No.022392
440. Maldon District Council to Community Engagement Team services (TRUCAM) for November and December 2022 Two and half hours. Invoice No.COL58586711 dated 20th January 2023 £107.83 (£89.86 net). Cheque No.022392
441. Underhill Tree Consultancy Limited to survey of trees at 6 sites in village. Invoice No.0645-10-01 dated 16th January 2023 £780.00 (£650.00 net). Cheque No.022393
442. Information Commissioner Data Protection Fee Renewal Order Ref No.0752eb02090c Reference Z7679664 dated 19th January 2023 £40 reduced to £35 by paying by Direct Debit (Cllrs signed Direct Debit form for Clerk to submit)
443. All Staff costs £ 861.70

444. **Financial Statement**
Current balances:

Barclays 10 Day Notice as at 9 th Dec 2022	£	589.97
Santander as at 2 nd January 2023	£	<u>17,206.29</u>
	£	17,796.26

445. **Village Hall Solar Panels**
Nothing to report.

PLANNING

446. **Planning Application received by the Parish Council:** the following were considered, and the responses were:

23/00036/PDE Omeath, 11 Latchingdon Road: proposed single storey rear extension with would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 5.50m, maximum height of 3.05m and the maximum height to the eaves of 2.90m. Week No.3 dated 20th January 2023:

The Parish Council had no objections and no comments to make.

Clerk to ask Cllr Ms White if this application can be called in. **ACTION: CLERK**

22/01213/WTRP PP-11739675 36 St Stephens Road: REVISED PROPOSAL TPO/ 2/83 T2 Oak – 2 metre reduction and a 5 metre crown lift with the removal of branches no larger than 5cm in diameter (was reduce the size of the tree by 3 metres). Week No. dated 22nd December 2022:

The Parish Council had no objections to these works providing they are in line with MDC's Tree Officer's recommendations.

447. **Maldon District Council Decisions:** covering decisions advised from w/e 13th January 2023 to w/e 27th January 2023; a detailed list had been supplied to Members, which is summarised below:

HOUSE/MAL/22/01140 Cold Norton

Proposed loft conversion with rear box dormer and two front pitched dormers.
9 Ferris Avenue Cold Norton Essex CM3 6HZ
(UPRN - 100090554760)

Mr Beau Dickens **REFUSED**

448. **Appeal Decision**

21/00484/FUL (Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/W/22/3293560)

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

Address: Land between Koombora and Mansfield, Victoria Road, Cold Norton CM3 6JD

Area: NW

Decision Level: Delegated

APPEAL ALLOWED – 26 January 2023

APPLICATION FOR FULL AWARD OF COSTS MADE BY APPELLANT REFUSED – 26 January 2023

- 449. SWF Development Application No. 21/01961/OUT Land North West of Hamberts Farm**
Members noted correspondence from Cllr Haydon and United Dengie Councils

450. Maldon Local Development Plan

Member noted that a meeting has been arranged for Members with Lead Specialist – Local Plans and Implementation Strategy, Performance and Governance Directorate on Wednesday 24th May 2023 time tba.

451. Housing Needs Survey

Members noted that the Rural Housing Enabler & Community Led Housing Advisor at RCCE had contacted the Clerk to discuss the last Housing Needs Survey and advised whilst the Maldon LDP is still to be completed the PC is reminded that the principles of rural exception site would still hugely benefit the village, especially if none of the affordable homes that come to the village from any strategic site will have any priority for local people.

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

Members considered report from Cllr Richardson regarding cycle stands and an EV charging point. Following discussion, it was agreed that funding opportunities would be investigated and Clerk would research experience of other Parish Councils.

ACTION: CLERK

Cllrs Romang and Richardson would investigate the use of Solar Power for EV Charging Point.

**ACTION: CLLR ROMANG
CLLR RICHARDON**

453. VILLAGE HALL

Members noted that the gutters had been cleared and some damage discovered to north facing roof which has been repaired. Members were reminded that a survey and valuation still to be undertaken and an agreement to be drawn up to then formalise responsibilities.

ACTION: CLERK

454. CLERKS REPORT

Members noted Clerk's Report

HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

455. TRUCAM

Members noted that report for January is awaited.

456. 20's Plenty for Us – The New Norn

Cllr Haydon presented the results of the Village Survey relating to 'Speed Control Measures'- almost 60% of respondents were in favour of speed control in form of extension of 30mph limit, introduction of 20mph and traffic calming on Latchingdon Road. Members were reminded that Cllr Mrs Fleming has applied to the Local Highways Panel (LHP) for 20mph near the school and 30mph pulling round to Three Rivers.

POLICE MATTERS AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

- 457.** There were no reports

458. Members noted that in relation to 'Police 'Beat Surgeries' there were no objection from VHMC, but that it would be difficult to hold these during term time due to security issues raised by Pre School. Clerk will pursue with Police.

ACTION: CLERK

- 459.** Members noted: Rural Crime Open Day 10th March 2023 1pm to 4pm at Layer Marney Tower (specialist police officers on hand, range of stands, Essex Police drone display, real-life operational briefing).

OPEN SPACE

- 460. Village Caretaker work:** Mr Wiseman continued to carry out this work; in addition to the regular litter picks and emptying bins on playing field, undertook the following tasks: cleared leaves outside VH, gas tank, disabled access and bin area; cleared broken glass at bridge; fallen branches at Three Ashes Corner.
- 461. Trees and Survey**
Members noted results of survey; costs for works to be obtained. **ACTION: CLERK**
Cllr Dixon advised that the 16 x Cherry Blossom Trees had now been delivered to the Nursery and once delivered, assistance would be needed to plant them. Cllr Dixon to notify Members.
ACTION: CLLR DIXON
- 462. Cowpiece**
Members noted that Clerk has discussed issues with TCV and contractors.
- 463. Public Rights of Way**
Members noted that regarding obstruction of FP25 (Ref.2646700) works had now been completed at this site.

TRAINING/CONFERENCES/MEETINGS

- 464. Dengie Hundred Group of Parish Councils Quarterly Meeting Wednesday 18th January 2023**
Members noted that this had been cancelled; new date awaited.
- 465. Elections Training**
Members noted that Clerk was booked to attend an EALC Zoom training session on 21st February 2023 (NB no charge as CNPC in credit with EALC due to training sessions cancelled during COVID)

CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS

- 466. Climate Action Friends/Dengie Earth Matters:**
Cllr Dixon gave a report re the above session held on 26th January 2023, including the ECC 'Solar Power Together' Scheme. Details to be included in The Beacon report.
ACTION: CLERK
- 467. Mobile Business Request in VH Car Park:**
Members noted that following a site visit it transpired that 5/6 parking spaces were required for the vehicle and trailer, which would cover entrance to overflow parking area, and that no other area of car park was suitable.
- 468. VILLAGE APPRAISAL**
Members noted that analysis had started.
- 469. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS/RISK ASSESSMENTS/STANDING ORDERS**
Members noted reviews deferred to the March meeting.
- 470. KINGS CORONATION**
Cllr Jacklin updated Members on options/ideas. Following discussion, it was agreed that plans would be agreed at March meeting.

- 471. 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).

Cllr Richardson updated Members re the 'flood' issue on Cherry Blossom Lane.

Clerk advised that a request had been received from a landowner to meet at their site to discuss proposed plans.

472. MEETINGS IN 2023

Wednesdays: 1st March, 5th April, 10th May, (NB changed due to Elections on 4th May) 7th June, 5th July, 6th September, 4th October, 1st November and 6th December.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10.55pm

Chairman.....

Date.....