

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the February Meeting

Planning Applications: there were two planning applications this month for Members to consider. The first was: 23/00036/PDE Omeath, 11 Latchingdon Road: proposed single storey rear extension which 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: the Members had no objections and no comments to make. The second considered was: 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): the Members had no objections to these works providing they are in line with MDC's Tree Officer's recommendations.

Planning Decisions: (covering the period w/e 13th January to w/e 27th January 2023): there was one planning decision and one appeal decision advised by Maldon District Council (MDC) during this period, namely: HOUSE/MAL/22/01140 9 Ferris Avenue: Proposed loft conversion with rear box dormer and two front pitched dormers; MDC refused this application (the Members had not objected). The Appeal Decision related to: 21/00484/FUL (Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/W/22/3293560) Land between Koombora and Mansfield, Victoria Road, Erection of a self-build detached dwelling complete with parking, landscaping and related infrastructure: Decision Level: Delegated and application for full award of costs made by appellant was refused 26 January 2023.

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 January six 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.

Elections: there will be local elections on 4th May 2023 in this district and at these elections you will need to bring photo ID to be able to vote at a polling station. A wide range of photo ID will be accepted including passports, driving licences and cards with a PASS Mark. But if you don't have an accepted form of photo ID, you can apply for a free voter ID document known as a Voter Authority Certificate. Visit: electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID or call 0800 328 0280 for more information.

Recycling Centres: Essex County Council has decided to extend the trial booking system currently in operation at Rayleigh Recycling Centre and for large vehicles at our nine van-friendly sites, to every recycling centre for a further trial period of up to 9 months. This means that from March 2023 every Essex resident visiting in a vehicle, regardless of the vehicle type, will be required to book a slot online to use the service offered at recycling centres. Booking slots will be aligned with current usage and tailored to individual sites. Users with Blue Badges will not be required to book. Users without online access can call 0345 743 0430 – Monday to Friday, from 8:30am to 5:00pm to book a slot.

20's Plenty for Us – the New Norm: this is a nationwide campaign for the reduction of roads in residential areas to be reduced from 30mph to 20mph. 60% of residents who completed the Village Questionnaire were in support of speed control in the village. There will be further discussion of this initiative at a future meeting.

Villager of the Year 2023: this award was created in 2011 and is an annual award made to an individual, the exception being in 2020 when it was awarded to 'All Cold Norton Residents' as everyone pulled together as a village during COVID lockdowns helping neighbours in a wide variety of ways. There was no award in 2021. In 2022 Philip Wakeling was awarded the title for his many contributions to the village including being part of the working group that was responsible for the extension to the village hall, checking the Public Rights of Way in the village to ensure they are walkable, by working with Cllr Jeremy Richardson on the Playground/Car Park/Road project, taking on the role of Chairman of the community pub The Norton and being a very active member of the Maldon Citizen Advice Bureau.

The Members invite you to put forward nominations for the 2023 title for them to consider at the April Parish Council meeting. The person nominated must live in the village. The presentation will be made at the Annual Parish Meeting in May (date to be confirmed). Nominations please to the Parish Clerk (details at end of Parish Report) by Tuesday 4th April 2023.

Solar Together: is a group-buying scheme for solar PV and battery storage systems – better offers together. Let the sun pay for your energy bills. Receive a highly competitive, personal recommendation for our group-buying scheme. Registration for the solar panel scheme closes on 10th March 2023. Please see www.essex.gov.uk/solartogether for more information.

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

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>

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. Or the map is available to view on the Parish Council website by following this link: <https://www.cold-norton.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/C139237.pdf>

Parish Council Meetings in 2023:

1st March, 5th April, 10th May (NB not first Wednesday in May because of elections on 4th May), 7th June, 5th July, 6th September, 4th October, 1st November and 6th 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/>