

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the March Meeting

**Planning Applications:** there was only one planning application this month for Members to consider, namely: 22/01269/HOUSE PP-11798178 12 Latchingdon Road: erection of single storey side rear extension. Demolition & rebuild of garage. The members had no objections or comments to make.

**Planning Decisions:** (covering the period w/e 3<sup>rd</sup> February to w/e 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023): there were four planning decisions advised by Maldon District Council (MDC) during this period, namely: HOUSE/MAL/22/01229 Beacon Hill House, Latchingdon Road: 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. MDC approved this application (the Members had not objected to these works). The second decision was FUL/MAL/22/01160 Land at Woodstock Farm, St Stephens Road: Permanent rural worker dwelling. MDC also approved this application (the Members had not objected to this new dwelling but had added a comment that they would not wish to see any further residential development on this site). The third decision related to: HOUSE/MAL/22/01207 Little Canneys, Stow Road: proposed 2 storey rear extension and alteration of existing dormers to rear elevation (Amendment to approved scheme 17/00672/HOUSE). This also received approval by MDC (the Members had had no objections). The final decision advised was 'For Information Only' and had been approved by MDC (the Members had not been asked to comment on this application): LDP/MAL/22/01208 Little Canneys Stow Road: Claim for lawful development certificate for a proposed single storey cart lodge and replacement window to the side of the main dwellinghouse.

**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](http://www.maldon.gov.uk)

**Dogs are not permitted on the Playing Field:** there is a Byelaw in place to enforce this. This area is used by children and adults for recreation and sporting activities. If you witness dog(s) in this area, please inform the Parish Council.

**Solar Panels on Village Hall:** latest FIT payment of £437.59 received for the period 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022 to 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

**Overflow Car Park at Village Hall:** this is now open and fully operational for all to use when the main car park area is full.

**EV Charging Point at Village Hall:** is being researched as one of the conditions imposed for the extension to the car park – moving towards a 'greener' future.

**Cherry Blossom Trees:** thanks to Cllr Dixon for arranging supply and thanks to Cllr Dixon and a team of Cllrs for planting these trees around the perimeter of the car park extension, also a planning condition - soft landscape works.

**Kings Coronation:** activities to celebrate this at the village hall are being researched; details will be announced once agreed.

**TRUCAM/Speed Checks:** during the three hours/6 sessions of TRUCAM/Speed Checks conducted during February 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.

**Elections:** there will be local elections on 4<sup>th</sup> 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](https://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 to every recycling centre for a period of up to 9 months. This means that 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. To book visit: <https://www.loveessex.org/news-and-ideas/recycling-centre-bookings/> Users without online access can call 0345 743 0430 – Monday to Friday, from 8:30am to 5:00pm to book a slot.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

**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](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:**

12<sup>th</sup> April (change to previously advised), 10<sup>th</sup> May (not first Wednesday in May because of elections on 4<sup>th</sup> May), 7<sup>th</sup> June, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 6<sup>th</sup> September, 4<sup>th</sup> October, 1<sup>st</sup> November and 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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/>