

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From Annual General Meeting and the May 2023 Meeting

The Parish Council Annual General Meeting was held on 10th May 2023

The Parish Councillors elected at the 4th May 2023 election were:

Cllr Tim Dixon
Cllr Mrs Marion Gunn
Cllr Brian Haydon
Cllr Phil Jacklin
Cllr Mrs Joanne Luck
Cllr Jeremy Richardson
Cllr Alex Romang

Prior to the meeting, as is required, the Cllrs all signed a written undertaking to '*duly and faithfully fulfil the requirement of this role*' and '*to observe the code as to the conduct that is expected of Members of Cold Norton Parish Council*'.

And whilst not 'legally' required, the Members also signed the Cold Norton Parish Councillors Declarations Book which goes back to 1909!!!

At the AGM officers were elected as follows:

Chairman: Cllr Haydon

Vice Chairman: Cllr Mrs Gunn

Playing Field Representative: Cllr Richardson

Nature Conservation Area Representative: Cllr Mrs Gunn

Village Hall Representatives: Cllr Romang

Public Rights of Way (Footpaths) Representative: Cllr Jacklin & Mr Philip Wakeling

Transport Representative: Cllrs Mrs Gunn & Mrs Luck

Police/NAP Representative: Cllr Dixon

Stow Maries Aerodrome Representative: Cllr Haydon

The Internal Auditor was confirmed as Val Evans PSLCC. The External Auditor appointed by the Audit Commission is PKF Littlejohn. Cllrs Haydon, Romang and Richardson will remain as signatories as at present.

The AGM was followed by the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council

Planning Applications: There were two applications considered by the Members at this meeting. The first was: 23/00393/FUL PP-12078358 Sky High, Hagg Hill: construction of 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'; also there is now a mis-match in the roof heights (D1 – Design Quality & Built Environment)*

The second application considered was: 23/00371/FUL PP-12056963 9 Cherry Blossom Lane: erection of 2No.bungalows including parking provision. The Members had no objections.

Planning Decisions: (covering the period w/e 14th April to w/e 5th May 2023): there was one planning decision and three appeals advised by Maldon District Council (MDC) during this period, namely: HOUSE/MAL/22/01269 12 Latchingdon Road: erection of single storey side rear extension. Demolition and rebuild of garage. MDC approved this application (the Members had not objected).

The three appeals all related to Great Canney Court, Hackmans Lane:

Appeal A

18/00790/LDE (Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/X/19/3235329)

Proposal: Claim for lawful development certificate for the change of use from offices (Use Class B1) to 6No. residential units (Use Class C3)

Address: Great Canney Court - Hackmans Lane - Cold Norton

Area: NW

Decision Level: Delegated

APPEAL DISMISSED – 04 May 2023

Appeal B

18/01232/COUPA (Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/W/19/3230174)

Proposal: Notification for prior approval for a proposed change of use from offices Class B1 to 6No. apartments Class C3.

Address: Great Canney Court - Hackmans Lane - Cold Norton

Area: NW

Decision Level: Delegated

APPEAL DISMISSED – 04 May 2023

Appeal C

19/00258/FUL (Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/W/19/3235330)

Proposal: Section 73A application for the change of use from office use to residential use containing one (1) x two-bedroom and five (5) x one-bedroom residential units and the provision of associated parking and amenity space.

Address: Great Canney Court - Hackmans Lane - Cold Norton

Area: NW

Decision Level: Delegated

APPEAL ALLOWED – 04 May 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

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.

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.

TRUCAM/Speed Checks: during the 3 hours/5 sessions of TRUCAM/Speed Checks conducted during April two 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.

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.

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 from 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:

14th June (amended due to Audit), 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/>