

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the July 2023 Meeting

Planning Applications: There was only one application considered by the Members at this meeting, namely: 23/00611/HOUSE PP-12244804 Thelms, 24 Latchingdon Road: demolish existing conservatory and build single storey rear extension. There were no objections to this application by the Members.

Planning Decisions: (covering the period w/e 16th June to w/e 7th July 2023): there was one planning decision advised by Maldon District Council (MDC) during this period, namely: HOUSE/MAL/23/00077 Chestnuts, 67 Latchingdon Road: Raise existing ridge height. Removal of existing pitched roof dormer windows and replace with flat roof dormer windows. Enclosure of a section of the existing roof terrace to provide additional habitable space, including the insertion of photovoltaic panels. Replace the existing conservatory with single storey side extension. Single storey front/side extension. Alterations to fenestration of front elevation. MDC refused these works (the Parish Council had not objected).

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

Footway to Village Shop: a resident attended this Parish Council meeting and raised the condition and width of this footway. This has been raised on numerous occasions with ECC Highways over many years and the answer has been that 'it doesn't meet the criteria' for works. A few weeks ago, the Chairman and Clerk walked the length of the footway to the shop with our ECC County Cllr Mrs Fleming, so that Cllr Mrs Fleming could experience the full extent of the problem. Cllr Mrs Fleming took photographs and is submitting a report to the Local Highways Panel to request improvements be made to this footway so that residents can walk safely to the local shop. Cllr Mrs Fleming is also trying to re-arrange the cancelled site visit for Cllr Scott who is the ECC Cabinet Member for Highways Maintenance and Sustainable Transport. In February Cllr Scott announced the budget for 2023/24 for highway and footway repair and maintenance would receive increased investment of £9 million. He confirmed that there would £4m for schemes such as the Member-led pothole scheme, and a new scheme for footways.

Community Led Housing: Community Led Housing (CLH) is where local people and groups help to design and deliver new housing without profiting from it. They can build housing to help the local community which can often include features like gardens and shared open areas.

CLH projects include three common principles:

- Open and meaningful community participation and consent takes place throughout the process.
- The community group or organisation owns, manages or stewards the homes in whichever way they decide to.
- The housing development is of true benefit for the local community, a specific group of people (an intentional community), or both. These benefits would also be legally protected in perpetuity.

CLH could also include elements such as social rent, affordable rent, shared ownership, discounted market sale and first homes.

This was outlined at the Annual Parish Meeting, if you would a copy of the report from the APM, would like more information or are interested in forming a group to further understand and develop the prospect of CLH within the Cold Norton Parish please contact Cllr Phil Jacklin: phil.jacklin@yahoo.co.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. Additional signage is being considered.

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 June 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.

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:

Wednesdays 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/>