

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the September 2023 Meeting

Planning Applications: There were three applications considered by the Members at this meeting, namely: 23/00775/HOUSE PP-12365587 Great Canney Farm, Hackmans Lane: Retrospective permission for alterations to landscaping. New proposed landscaping. There were no objections to this application by the Members. 23/00791/PACUAR PP-1140759 Land adjacent to Norton Hall, St Stephens Road: prior notification for the change of use of 3 agricultural buildings to 5 dwelling houses (barns 1 and 2 into two large dwelling houses and barn No.4 into three small dwelling houses) and for building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion. The Members recommended refusal of this application for the following reasons:

1. *It is outside the Development Boundary (S8 – Settlement Boundaries & the Countryside)*
2. *Local infrastructure is poor: single track country lane. No footways, unlit narrow road. (T2 Accessibility)*
3. *The proposed development would be remote and disconnected from local services and facilities by reason of its location.*
4. *Local school is already oversubscribed.*
5. *Over development of the site (S3 Place Shaping).*

The last application considered was: 23/00807/FULM PP-12258575 Land South West of The Warren, Hackmans Lane, Purleigh: Solar Farm together with sub-station, ancillary buildings, structures, landscaping, emergency lighting and access. The Members had no objection to the creation of a solar farm, but added the following comments:

The Members have no objection, subject to information being supplied regarding the distribution of the power produced.

The Members would also like noted their disappointment that Cold Norton Parish Council was not invited to earlier discussions held by the developer with Purleigh Parish Council given the very close proximity of the site to the Cold Norton Parish boundary.

Planning Decisions: (covering the period w/e 14th July to w/e 1st September 2023): there were three planning decisions advised by Maldon District Council (MDC) during this period, namely: COUPA/MAL/23/00512 Building 5 Adjacent Norton Hall Cottages, St Stephens Road: Prior notification for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to hotel (class C1) use. MDC advised that: Prior Approval was required and was granted (NB there were a number of conditions attached – see details on MDC website). (The Members had recommended refusal). The second decision advised related to: FUL/MAL/23/00371 9 Cherry Blossom Lane: Erection of 2No. bungalows including parking provision. MDC refused this application (the Members had not objected). The last decision from MDC was: OUTM/MAL/23/00220 Land West of Crown Road: Outline planning application with all matters reserved apart from access, for residential development (up to 14 dwellings), vehicle circulation and parking, hard and soft landscaping and associated development. MDC refused this development (the Members had recommended refusal). In addition to the above Essex County Council advised the decision relating to the village school: CC/MAL/27/23 Cold Norton Primary School: installation of new heating system (Air Source Heat Pumps). ECC granted permission (the Members had submitted concerns and questions regarding this to ECC).

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: following on from the July meeting there was further discussion regarding this and in particular in relation to the overhanging vegetation. The County Cllr for this area, Cllr Mrs Jane Fleming was present at the meeting and is contacting ECC Enforcement Department to contact the various home and landowners along this stretch of Latchingdon Road to cut back their vegetation.

Bus Network Consultation 2023: the Passenger Transport Unit at ECC launched a consultation on our Supported Local Bus Services 2024-2028. They would like to obtain people's views to help them shape the bus network across the County. Please note this consultation does not include the commercial bus network. Individuals are encouraged to participate in the survey online by visiting the dedicated website at <https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/iptu/2023> In instances where online submission is not feasible, they are pleased to offer hard copies of the consultation materials upon request. These can be obtained by contacting them via email at passenger.transport@essex.gov.uk or by calling either 0345 743 0430 or 0345 603 7631. (NB the Parish Clerk can email a copy or print off a copy on request). NB the consultation **closes 05 October 2023.**

Dengie Climate Action Partnership: there is a new community climate action group In Dengie called the Dengie Climate Action Partnership, or DCAP for short. The DCAP is open to anyone concerned about the impacts of climate change and for those that want to take action to protect the Dengie for future generations. The DCAP Launch event will be held on **Thursday 19 October 2023 7pm to 9pm** at Burnham on Crouch Town Council, Chapel Road, Burnham on Crouch, CM0 8JA. Speakers include Professor Jules Pretty (OBE) Professor of Environment and Society at the University of Essex. Director of the Centre for Public and Policy Engagement. Scientist, fellow, adviser, author, presenter and trustee and Cllr Peter Schwier - ECC Climate Czar & Cabinet Member for Waste Reduction and Recycling. For further information please email: dianecarter231965@gmail.com Plus there is a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/321373290341145/>

Solar Panels at Village Hall: with all the lovely weather earlier in the year the Parish Council received a FIT (feed in tariff) payment of £897.93 covering the period 19th April to 20th July 2023.

Electoral Register: please ensure you complete the paperwork so you are included.

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 July, 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.

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 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.
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