

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the October 2023 Meeting

Planning Applications: There were no planning applications received from Maldon District Council (MDC) for Cold Norton this month.

Planning Decisions: no decisions were received from MDC relating to Cold Norton for the period from w/e 8th September to w/e 29th September 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

Footway to Village Shop: in October the hedges/overhanging vegetation were cut back, but in places there is soil encroaching across the footway and beyond Londis no vegetation has been removed. This has been reported back to our ECC County Cllr, but thanks are expressed to Cllr Mrs Fleming for reporting the issue to ECC Enforcement Department. Regarding the siding defect and the defective footway, inspection is still awaited by an Essex Highways Officer.

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 August, eight 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.

Remembrance Day: a wreath will be laid on behalf of all the residents of Cold Norton at the 10.50am service at St Stephens Church on Sunday 12th November. All welcome.

Village Hall: if you have a celebration coming up – birthday, anniversary, wedding, christening, the village hall is available to hire – variety of rooms available, a fully equipped kitchen and plenty of parking. For details phone 01621 828475 or email: chrisedwards7@hotmail.co.uk

Stow Maries Aerodrome: representatives will be coming along to talk residents about the Aerodrome at the next Annual Parish Meeting, but don't forget that it is still open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10am to 4pm until Sunday 17th December 2023. There is lots to do and see: there a museum housed in an original WW1 building with a variety of interactives; special exhibitions, aircraft and weather permitting aircraft taking off and landing!! Also, a chance to spot some of the wide variety of wildlife on the site, including some protected species. There are volunteer guides to share with you some incredible stories from the past and where possible,

take you on a Guided Tour (included in admission). The shop sells a variety of models, souvenirs, local produce, memorabilia and gifts. And “The Airmen's Mess Café” has a varied menu including hot meals, cakes and refreshments. NB You can access the café and shop for FREE without visiting the museum etc.

Food Support and Winter Warmth Essential Funding: Essex County Council (ECC) has launched the Food Support and Winter Warmth Fund. ECC is committed to supporting communities most in need and that have been adversely impacted by the increase of the cost of living, so are pleased to launch the Food Support Fund so that foodbanks, food pantries, community organisations, and voluntary groups and schools can provide support to those most in need. In addition, these organisations will also have the opportunity to apply for funding to support these families and individuals with winter warmth essentials. This support can be used to provide blankets, hot water bottles, hand warmers, gloves, scarfs, hats, draft excluders and anything else that will help people stay warm this winter. So if you are involved with any of groups mentioned above and would like to apply for support for your group, information and an application form can be accessed via: <https://ealc.gov.uk/food-support-and-winter-warmth-fund/>

Village Foodbank Drop Off Point: but for those in the village who are able to help others, there is a foodbank box at St Stephens Church to support people less well off in this district. All non-perishable goods required.

Essex Waste Management Consultation: Residents, businesses and organisations can now have their say on ambitious plans for managing waste in Essex, as part of a new consultation. The Essex Waste Partnership - the county and 12 district, city and borough councils in Essex - has drafted a new, joint waste strategy. The draft strategy sets out how the partnership is rethinking waste and its proposals for managing it over the next 30 years. This includes the actions people and organisations can take to protect the environment and conserve resources. It also outlines the partnership's vision of 'zero waste.' The principle of 'zero waste' means reusing, recycling and recovering everything we can from resources and materials. This will ensure we are getting the most value out of them and minimising any environmental impact at the same time.

The draft strategy also emphasises the need to rethink how residual waste is managed, with options put forward for the county. The consultation, which runs until Wednesday 27th November 2023 asks people what they think of the draft strategy. Chairman of the Essex Waste Partnership and Essex County Council's Climate Czar and Cabinet Member for Environment, Waste Reduction and Recycling, Councillor Peter Schwier, said: *“We believe what we are proposing is not only vital to addressing the significant pressures of climate change, but it will also save money for taxpayers and public services in the long-term. However, we haven't made any final decisions. We're here to listen to what residents and businesses have to say about the draft strategy and use what they tell us to inform the final version.”*

An independent organisation will analyse all the consultation responses. The Essex Waste Partnership will use these to inform the final strategy. This will be shared in 2024. The draft Waste Strategy for Essex 2024-2054 and consultation are available here: essex.gov.uk/wastestrategy

Anyone who requires support completing the survey can call 0345 6037625. The strategy and survey are also available in different languages and formats upon request.

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 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/>