

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the November 2023 Meeting

Planning Applications: There were five planning applications received from Maldon District Council (MDC) for Cold Norton this month. The first considered was: 23/00952/FUL PP-12495266 9 Cherry Blossom Lane: Erection of 2No. bungalows including parking provision. The Members had no objections. The next application was: 23/00967/WTPO PP-12508476 21 St Stephens Road: (TPO 2/91) T1 Oak (Quercus Robur) - Vertical height reduction by up to 2.5 metres, reduce the remaining lateral branch up to 2 metres, remove deadwood, rubbing/crossing branches and hazardous limbs. The Members had no objections to these works, provided they are in line with MDC's Tree Officer's recommendations. The third application related to: 23/00775/VAR PP-12365587 Great Canney Farm Hackmans Lane: Variation of condition 2 (approved drawings) on approved planning permission 12/01008/HOUSE (Alterations, remodelling and extensions consisting of mainly first floor additions to existing bungalow). No objections were raised to the variation. The next application considered was: 23/00988/FUL Great Canney Court Hackmans Lane: Addition of new building containing four flats to existing building containing flats and associated works. The Members were all in agreement to recommend the granting of this application as the proposed development will provide additional low-cost smaller homes in the village. More affordable homes are needed to meet the need of first-time buyers (HI Affordable Housing). The last application considered was: 22/00314/OUTM PP-11430366 Land South Of Farnbridge Road Burnham Road & East West Of Station Road, Althorne: Outline planning application with all matters reserved except for access, for a phased mixed use development including: Up to 550 dwellings (Class C3) including affordable housing; Up to 1,000sqm commercial space (Use Class E); Early years facility (Use Class E(f)); Education provision (Use Class F1(a)); A 16ha District Park; A 3.3ha Local Park ; Allotments Access enhancements and associated development (This application had been amended by the submission of revised/additional plans and information). The Members agreed to recommend refusal of planning permission for the following reasons:

- 1. Increased traffic, which will impact on the roads which are already congested from the Dengie into Maldon and South Woodham Ferrers (SWF is also the subject of a large development for which there is already concern re the impact this will have on traffic from the Dengie.*
- 2. Infrastructure is inadequate, in particular sewage, which is unable to cope at present.*
- 3. This proposed development will add to the issues already being caused by the existing developments in process (e.g., Burnham) which have made no provision for additional facilities for the increase in population e.g., schools, doctors etc.*

Planning Decisions: only one decision was received from MDC relating to Cold Norton for the period from w/e 6th October to w/e 27th October 2023, namely: PACUAR/MAL/23/00791 Land Adjacent to Norton Hall St Stephens Road: Prior notification for the change of use of 3 agricultural buildings to 5 dwellinghouses (barns 1 and 2 into two large dwellinghouses & barn no 4 into three small dwellinghouses), and for building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion. MDC advised that: Prior Approval was required and was refused (the Members had recommended refusal).

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

Grants: the Members agreed to give a donation of £100 to Essex & Herts Air Ambulance and £70 to Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal of which £25 covered the cost of the Poppy Wreath that Cllr Haydon laid on behalf of Cold Norton residents at the Remembrance Service at St Stephens Church.

Maldon Market: in Butts Lane Car Park Thursdays from 9am to 2pm, relaunched under new management with a wide variety of stalls including cakes, bread, coffee, fresh fish, biodynamic vegetables, cheese, pies, haberdashery, fashion, things for the home and lots more.

Climate Action Partnership: Cllr Dixon attended the Dengie Climate Action Partnership (DCAP) meeting in Burnham in October. DCAP is a new group 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. Cllr Dixon reported back that it was well attended with interesting speakers and with suggestions of small things we can all do to help cut our carbon – more on this will be publicised, but some ideas included: vegetarian or vegan diet or have 2 meat-free days per week, lower house temperature, car-pooling/sharing, recycle all plastic and paper/card and plant a tree.

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

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.

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.

Stow Maries Aerodrome: 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. 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.

TRUCAM/Speed Checks: during the 3 hours/4 sessions of TRUCAM/Speed Checks conducted during September, five speeding offences were recorded; during the 3 hours/4 sessions in October 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.

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.

Pink Recycling Bags/Green Food Waste Bags: 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>

Last Parish Council Meeting in 2023:

Wednesday 6th December. The Meeting will start at 7.30pm and be held in The Les Barclay Room at the Village Hall.

Parish Council Meetings in 2024

Wednesdays: 10th January, 7th February, 6th March, 3rd April, 1st May, 5th June, 3rd July, 4th September, 2nd October, 6th November and 4th December

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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