

COLD NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2023 AT 7.30PM IN THE LES BARCLAY ROOM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

THOSE PRESENT:

Councillors:

Cllr B Haydon (Chairman)
Cllr T Dixon
Cllr P Jacklin
Cllr Mrs J Luck
Cllr J Richardson

In attendance: Mrs. M Dyer (Parish Clerk)
County Cllr Mrs J Fleming

287. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs Gunn and Cllr Romang.

288. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members are required to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they know they may have in items of business on the meeting's agenda. They are reminded that they will need to repeat their declaration at the appropriate point in the meeting and leave the room if the interest is a prejudicial one. Unforeseen interests must be declared similarly at the appropriate time. Members have dispensation to discuss and vote in respect of matters relating to the Precept.

289. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

290. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 4th October 2023 were approved as correct and signed accordingly.

291. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: not available

292. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: County Cllr Mrs Fleming advised that she was following up the vegetation issue from the village shop to Pale Pit roundabout and would look into the issue of the home where hedges had not been cut back, due to probate; that Councillor Cunningham will now be Cabinet Member for Highways, Infrastructure and Sustainable Transport; that she was now a Deputy Cabinet Member for Health, Adult Social Care and ICS (Integrated Care System); that the Thursday Maldon Market had been relaunched with new stalls. Parking in St Stephens Road discussed (see minute 313)

FINANCE

Approval of Payments

293. Mr Roy Wiseman to village caretaker work. Invoice dated 28th October 2023 £55.00. Cheque No.022451.

294. Maria Dyer office expenses from 3rd to 28th October 2023 £26.32 (£26.11 net). Cheque No.022452.

295. Cheque No.022422 for £60 dated 14th June 2023 made out to Wilson Plumbing & Heating Services reference plumbing work at allotments cancelled as the Contractor's Business Account Bank would no longer accept cheques. New cheque No.022453 made out to Darren Wilson.

296. The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2023 to supply of Type C Wreath with insert (CNPC logo) Invoice No.35 dated 20th September 2022 £25.00. Members discussed and were all in agreement to increase this donation by £45.00; total therefore £70.00. Cheque No.022454.

297. Maldon District Council to Community Protection Team Services TRUCAM July to September 2023 inc. 3 hours per month @ £40.53 per hour. Invoice No.COL58588916 dated 17th October 2023 £437.72 (£364.77 net). Cheque No.024455
298. Maldon District Council to annual independent play equipment inspection. Invoice No.COL58788917 dated 17th October 2023 £78.12 (£65.10 net). Cheque No.024455.
299. Cold Norton Village Hall Management Committee to use of The Les Barclay Room for Parish Council meetings in September & October 2023 (NB 10p increase per hour) Invoice dated 20th October 2023 £38.40. Cheque No.022456.
300. Npower to streetlights for September 2023 Invoice INO8555999 dated 4th October 2023 £202.67 (£193.02 net) was taken by direct debit on 18th October 2023.
301. All staff costs November 2023 £949.55.

302. **Financial Statement**
Current balances:

Barclays 10 Day Notice as at 8 th Sept 2023	£	593.52
Santander as at 2 nd October 2023	£	<u>37,381.17</u>
	£	37,974.69

303. **Solar Panels at Village Hall**

Members noted that the next meter reading was due on 18th October 2023.

304. **Grants:** Members discussed the two applications received. Cllr Richardson proposed that a £100 donation be made to Essex & Herts Air Ambulance., this was seconded Cllr Haydon, all Members were in agreement. The £430.00 remaining in this budget to be held in earmarked reserves.

County Cllr Mrs Fleming then left the meeting.

PLANNING

305. **Planning Applications received by the Parish Council:** the following were considered, and the responses were:

23/00952/FUL PP-12495266 9 Cherry Blossom Lane: Erection of 2No. bungalows including parking provision. Week No.40 dated 6th October 2023:

The Parish Council had no objections and no comments to make.

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. Week No.41 dated 13th October 2023:

The Parish Council had no objections to these works providing they are in line with MDC's Tree Officer's recommendations.

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). Week No.42 dated 20th October 2023:

The Parish Council raises no objections to these works providing they are in line with MDC's Tree Officer's recommendations.

23/00988/FUL Great Canney Court Hackmans Lane: Addition of new building containing four flats to existing building containing flats and associated works. Week No.43 dated 27th October 2023:

The Parish Council recommended the granting of planning permission for the following reasons:

This 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).

22/00314/OUTM PP-11430366 Land South Of Fambridge 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 has been amended by the submission of revised/additional plans and information):

The Parish Council recommended the refusal of this application 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.

306. Maldon District Council Decisions covering decisions advised from w/e 6th October to w/e 27th October 2023 (only one):

PACUAR/MAL/23/00791 Cold Norton

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.

Land Adjacent to Norton Hall St Stephens Road Cold Norton Essex

(UPRN - 010094634085)

Robert & John Lyon

PRIOR APPROVAL REQUIRED AND REFUSED

307. Notice of Planning Appeal:

Site Address: Chestnuts 67 Latchingdon Road Cold Norton Essex

Proposal: 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.

Application Ref: 23/00077/HOUSE PP-11876699

Appellants Name: Mr Alan Cowperthwaite & Ms Nataliya Prymich

Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/D/23/3329385 Appeal Start Date: 2 October 2023

308. PLAYGROUND RENOVATIONS & CAR PARK EXTENSION PROJECT WORKING GROUP (PCP)

308.1. EV Charging Point

Clerk advised that information regarding another option was still awaited from another Parish Council. Clerk to chase.

ACTION: CLERK

308.2. Independent Playground Inspections

Members noted that recommendations were being reviewed/costed.

308.3. Sovereign Inspection

Members noted that inspection had taken place on 20th September 2023/report supplied and that mainly low issues. Basketball chain to be removed until replacement is acquired.

309. VILLAGE HALL

It was noted that there was an unpleasant odour in the disabled toilet which is also used for baby changing – there was concern that baby wipes are being disposed down the toilet – to be investigated.

310. CLERKS REPORT

Nothing additional to report not already covered during meeting.

HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

311. TRUCAM

Members noted that during the 3 hours/4 sessions in September, five offenders were recorded across the two sites.

Members noted that Essex Police are currently not processing any new sites.

312. Vision Speed Indicators

Members considered this device, and it was agreed that Cllr Jacklin would carry out further research.

ACTION: CLLR JACKLIN

313. Parking at School

Members discussed issues relating to inconsiderate parking advised by a resident with County Cllr Mrs Fleming, who advised that a SERP (Safer Essex Road Partnership) visit would be requested. Clerk to forward details to Cllr Mrs Fleming.

ACTION: CLERK

314. Potholes

Members noted that the Essex Member Led Pothole Scheme 2023/2024 had been launched; Cllrs to advise any potholes in village for Clerk to pass to Cllr Mrs Fleming.

ACTION: ALL CLLRS

POLICE MATTERS AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

315. Members noted that response was still awaited re Rural Engagement Team attendance at a Parish Council meeting.

OPEN SPACE

316. Village Caretaker work: Mr Wiseman continued to carry out this work; in addition to the regular litter picks and emptying bins on the playing field, Mr Wiseman cleared branches near Palepit roundabout.

317. Trees and Survey

Members were all in agreement to appoint JCM Services to undertake the tree works identified in the tree survey and the additional works required at the village hall and car park at a cost of £2,370.00 ex VAT. Proposed by Cllr Haydon; seconded by Cllr Richardson

318. Cowpiece

Members were advised that TCV are able to undertake 2 x days' work at a cost of £290 per day ex VAT. Cllr Haydon proposed that TCV are appointed to undertake 2 days clearance works; this was seconded by Cllr Richardson: all Members were in agreement. Site meeting to be arranged.

ACTION: CLERK

CLLRS GUNN/DIXON

TRAINING/CONFERENCES/MEETINGS

319. Maldon & Heybridge Transport and Bus Users Group (MHTBUG) 20th September 2023

Report not available. Clerk to contact Cllr Mrs Fleming.

ACTION: CLERK

320. CPRE AGM Saturday 7th October 2023 2pm Thaxted

Members noted report from Cllr Haydon who had attended on behalf of CNPC. Cllr Haydon said it had been a very interesting meeting and reported back to Members the type of issues that CPRE Essex get involved, such as planning matters for large developments, and currently those relating to pylons and solar farms in Essex; also, the Thames Estuary Crossing, Dengie Housing, Finchingfield Bridge, and rooftop projects, such as solar panels on factories etc.

321. Dengie Climate Action Partnership (DCAP) Thursday 19th October 2023 7pm in Burnham

Cllr Dixon attended this and reported back to Members that it was an interesting and well attended

meeting (c50 people). Cllr Dixon outlined the concept discussed of 'starting small' and ideas that residents can do which can make a difference. It was agreed that initially some of these ideas are included in the next PC report in The Beacon, further ways of communicating/promoting 'climate actions' to be investigated/progressed.

ACTION: CLERK

- 322. ECC Passenger Transport Autumn Maldon Meeting Friday 10th November 2023 10am**
Members noted this meeting had now been cancelled.

CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS

- 323. ECC Food Support & Winter Warmth Fund**
Members noted this had been publicised in The Beacon, November issue.
- 324. Essex Waste Partnership: Consultation of Draft Strategy – Closes Wednesday 22nd Nov 2023**
Members noted that there was a further opportunity to attend an information event on 6th November 2023 1pm to 2.30pm by ZOOM (joining instructions had been forwarded to Members).
- 325. Government Guidance on Biodiversity**
To be considered at a future meeting.
- 326. VILLAGE APPRAISAL**
Cllr Haydon advised that all data from the 202 questionnaires completed had been entered and analysed and that 41 'youth' and 10 'business' questionnaires had also been completed. Cllr Haydon to supply format to Clerk to obtain print quotes.
**ACTION: CLLR HAYDON/
CLERK**
- 327. PARISH COUNCIL WELFARE OFFICER**
Members noted that CPR and Defibrillator training sessions were being researched.
- 328. MATTERS TO REPORT** (Members are reminded that no decisions may lawfully be made under this agenda item - however matters may be discussed which involve exchanges of information only).

No matters were reported.
- 329. LAST MEETING IN 2023**
Wednesday 6th December.
- 330. PROPOSED MEETINGS IN 2024**
Wednesdays: 10th January, 7th February, 6th March, 3rd April (NB Easter Sunday is 31st March), 1st May, 5th June, 3rd July, 4th September, 2nd October, 6th November and 4th December

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10.30pm

Chairman.....

Date.....