

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the December 2023 Meeting

Planning Applications: There were three planning applications received from Maldon District Council (MDC) for Cold Norton this month. The first considered was: 23/01001/FUL PP-12326643 Land at Flambirds Farm, Hackmans Lane: Erection of a three-bay oak fronted wooden carriage house and cart lodge with attached log store. The Members had no objections. The second application was: 23/01109/FUL Land North East of Honeywood Farm, Honeypot Lane: the retention of two self-contained holiday units. No objections were raised by Members. The last application considered at this meeting was: 23/01079/FUL PP-12418642 Land between Kooombora and Mansfield, Victoria Road: erection of detached dwelling complete with parking, landscaping and related infrastructure. Whilst this is outside the development boundary the Members had no objections but noted that this is down a private road and that there may be access issues in the future. Also advised 'For Information Only': 23/00993/AGR Wayback Farm, St Stephens Road: Prior notification for the erection of a Class 2 agricultural building. Permission was refused as this not did fall within permitted development and will require planning permission.

Planning Decisions: three decisions were received from MDC relating to Cold Norton for the period from w/e 3rd November to w/e 1st December 2023, namely: FUL/MAL/23/00021 Land Adjacent Eastholm, Latchingdon Road, Purleigh: erection of 2no. dwellings with associated landscaping and ancillary works. MDC refused planning permission (the Members had recommended refusal). The next decision related to: VAR/MAL/23/00775 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). MDC approved this variation (the Members had not objected). The final decision advised was: WTPO/MAL/23/00967 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. MDC approved these tree works (the Members had not objected).

Planning Appeal Decision: Chestnuts 67 Latchingdon Road. 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. Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/D/23/3329385. Appeal dismissed.

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

'Let's Talk' Police Meeting: following the spate of burglaries in the village the Parish Council organised at short notice a 'Let's Talk' meeting with the Police in the village hall on Tuesday 19th December. This was attended by c50 residents. The two Police Officers present spoke to the residents in small groups, listening to their

concerns and giving practical advice re securing their properties, such as higher fences at rear of properties, prickly plants or hedges near fencing, don't have outbuildings/sheds near fences, install security lights & advised all present to visit the Essex Police Website for advice: <https://www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/>
The Police also recommended residents sign up to receive 'Dispatch' the Essex Police Weekly Update Newsletter: <https://www.essex.police.uk/police-forces/essex-police/areas/essex-police/au/about-us/dispatch/>

Defender Signal Blocker wallets were given away to put keyless car fobs in so that the fob doesn't transmit. On a positive note, a resident had reported to the Police the day before the meeting that he had found a collection of jewellery in a field in the village, he brought it along to the meeting, the Police took it away and we have been advised that the owner will shortly be reunited with their property. A new Neighbourhood Watch Group has been set up in the village - please see the separate article in this magazine for more information and how to join. Also, there will be regular 'Let's Talk' sessions with the Police in the New Year in the village hall – look out for details.

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.

Ride London 2024: this will take place between Friday 24th and Sunday 26th May 2024. The world's best female cycling teams will be returning in May 2024 to compete in the Ford RideLondon Classique, a UCI Women's World Tour race, and will once again travel through parts of the Maldon District probably on the second day i.e. Saturday 25th May, but all details still to be confirmed.

Maldon District Council is among the top 10% for waste and recycling:

Government figures put Maldon District Council among the top performing local authorities when it comes to overall performance in waste and recycling. Statistics collected by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) revealed that in 2021-2022, Maldon District Council came 19th out of 239 local authorities for its overall performance in waste and recycling. The district's recycling rates, and composting performance are well above the national average, with 56.2% recycling and composting of household waste compared with the national average of just 42.5%. In particular, the Council's garden waste collection service is extremely successful. There are 13,703 households in the district signed up to the service, which has made Maldon District Council the second highest performing local authority in Essex when it comes to collecting garden waste. The Council distributes more than three million pink recycling sacks each year; the used sacks are exported to Germany where they are used in cement kilns, ensuring they don't end up in landfill. The green plastic bags supplied for food waste are separated after collection and used to generate energy at an Anaerobic Digestion (AD) plant. The remaining food waste is converted into water and fertilizer. Maldon is one of five authorities trialling the collection of flexible plastics; this material is processed in the UK.

MDC Conservation and Design Award Winners 2023: have been announced.

Follow this link for full details:

https://www.maldon.gov.uk/info/20049/heritage_and_conservation/9669/conservation_and_design_awards_winner

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

Village Appraisal: all analysis now completed and graphs produced. Next stage will be design of the report booklet and production.

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.

TRUCAM/Speed Checks: during the 3 hours/5 sessions of TRUCAM/Speed Checks conducted during November, only one speeding offence was 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.

Village Foodbank Drop Off Point: 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>

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.

Parish Council website: <https://www.cold-norton.org.uk/>