

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the February 2024 Meeting

Planning Applications: There were three planning applications received from Maldon District Council (MDC) for Cold Norton this month. The first considered was: 22/00314/OUTM PP-11430366 Land South of Fambridge Road Burnham Road and 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 plans/documents*). The Members recommended refusal for the same reasons as with the previous version, i.e.:

- 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.*

The second application was: 24/00077/LBC PP-1276463 Norton Hall, St Stephens Road: rebuild damaged wall to orchard and replace brick porch with classical style painted timber painted timber surround. The Members had no objections to these works and no comments to make.

The final application was: 24/00084/WTPO PP-12774600: 3 Henney Close: (W1 on TRO 18/95) t1 – Oak (Querus) – Crown reduction by 2.5m, remove deadwood over 30mm and old branch stubs. T2 – Field Maple – Reduce southern side of canopy by 1m. T3 – Field Maple – Crown lift to provide 1m clearance about fence. The Members had no objections to these works providing they are in line with MDC's Tree Officer's recommendations.

Planning Decisions: four decisions were received from MDC relating to Cold Norton for the period from w/e 12th January to w/e 2nd February 2024, namely:
FUL/MAL/23/00952 9 Cherry Blossom Lane: erection of 2No. bungalows including parking provision. MDC approved this application; the Members had not objected.
FUL/MAL/23/01001 Land at Flambirds Farm Hackmans Lane: erection of a three bay oak fronted wooden carriage house and cart lodge with attached log store. MDC approved this application; the Members had not objected.
LDP/MAL/23/01169 Great Canney Farm Hackmans Lane: Claim for lawful development certificate for proposed outbuilding. MDC approved this application.
FULM/MAL/23/00807 Location: Land South West of The Warren, Hackmans Lane: Solar Farm together with sub-station, ancillary buildings, structures, landscaping, emergency lighting and access. MDC refused this Solar Farm; the Members had not objected.

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

Neighbourhood Watch: Mrs Jackie Ralph, the co-ordinator for Cold Norton's Neighbourhood Watch (NhW), attended the Parish Council meeting and updated the Members, advising that 10 x NhW signs had been received and would be put up at various points around the village. If you would like information about Neighbourhood Watch or want to join the Cold Norton NhW, please contact Mrs Ralph via email: coldnorton.nhw@gmail.com There is also a NhW WhatsApp Group – again please contact Mrs Ralph for details. Mrs Ralph advised that she had attended the Chelmsford Group of Neighbourhood Watches meeting in January and that the Police were present and reminded everyone of the following useful contact details:

Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111 to report crime anonymously. No personal details are taken.

Action Fraud for reporting fraud and cyber crime: Action Fraud 0300 123 2040

The mobile number for the Chelmsford and Maldon Community Policing Team (CPT) is 07773 932920. This number is for the public to report non-emergency public crime and intelligence. This number is monitored generally on a 9am to 5pm basis. Their direct email for the public is candmcpt@essex.police.uk. The Police want to assure everyone that all information received is recorded and monitored. Everyone's emergency is different but in an Emergency please dial 999 or 101 or online Report a crime | Essex Police

There is also the Essex Police Dispatch weekly, a very informative weekly bulletin full of advice with details of what has been happening and provides very useful tools. To sign up for it visit: <https://www.essex.police.uk/police-forces/essex-police/areas/essex-police/au/about-us/dispatch/>

Fraud & Scam Advice: see report in this magazine following the presentation by the Police in the village hall on 20th February.

County Cllr Report: Cllr Mrs Jane Fleming updated Members advising that money would be coming from central government, with the bulk of it going towards social services, which covers adult & child social care, SEN (special educational needs) provision etc. More money for road maintenance is also coming from central government from the cancelled HS2 project and some works have already started. Cllr Fleming also urged all residents to participate in the St Peters Hospital survey – see below.

St Peters Hospital Survey: the Public's views and ideas are requested on the proposals from the Mid & South Essex Integrated Care Board for future arrangements for inpatient services at community hospitals, freestanding midwife-led birthing, and other patient services provided at St Peter's Hospital, Maldon. Everyone's views and ideas are important; the Care Board wants opinions on:

- Their proposals for potential changes to the locations where they provide some of their inpatient services for community hospital intermediate care and stroke rehabilitation, and freestanding midwife-led birthing services; and

- the possibility of moving all other patient services at St Peter's Hospital, Maldon to other locations, mostly in and around Maldon.

This survey is part of the public consultation which runs to 21st March 2024. If you can't complete the survey online via:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/MSECommunityConsultation2024/>

telephone 01268 594350 or email: mseics.getinvolved@nhs.net if you need the survey in another language or another format such as large print or audio.

Village Hall: the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) is having a meeting on Thursday 29th February at 12noon in the village hall to discuss maintenance and fund raising. So do come along if you would like to be involved. But if you are reading this article after 29th February, you will still be very welcome to help organise a fund-raising event or join the team to assist with managing the hall – please call Mrs Chris Edwards on 01621 828475 or email: chrisedwards7@hotmail.co.uk

Dengie Hundred Group of Parish Councils: this consists of all the Parish Councils in the Dengie and was set up many years ago for Dengie parishes to come together as a body for issues that affect this area (e.g. public transport, road safety, health services, Local Development Plan), to work closely with the District and County Councils with the aim of influencing in both directions. Unfortunately for the last few years due to COVID and other issues, meetings had not been held as regularly as in the past, but the Member Parishes have now 'regrouped' and in January Cllr Mrs Luck attended the first meeting for 2024, when aims & objectives and core items were agreed; some 'guest' speakers to be invited to future meetings were discussed relating to current topics and concerns currently affecting Dengie Parishes i.e. health and planning.

Maldon District Services Community Guide 2023: provides information and advice on community services that can be accessed in the Maldon District. Sections cover tips for keeping well, energy saving tips, financial support and further information and support available. View on the Cold Norton website: <https://www.cold-norton.org.uk>

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.

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

Villager of the Year 2024: this award was created in 2011 and is an annual award made to an individual, the exception being in 2020 when it was awarded to 'All Cold Norton Residents' as everyone pulled together as a village during COVID lockdowns helping neighbours in a wide variety of ways. There was no award in 2021. In 2023 Jim Tizzard was given the award for all his work during COVID, providing lots of help to many housebound residents and for carrying on after COVID very quietly doing random acts of kindness, including putting salt on the footway along Latchingdon Road to the school during a bad spell in winter.

The Members invite you to put forward nominations for the 2024 title for them to consider at the May Parish Council meeting. The person nominated must live in the village. The presentation will be made at the Annual Parish Meeting in May (date to be confirmed). Nominations please to the Parish Clerk (details at end of Parish Report) by Tuesday 23rd April 2024.

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.

TRUCAM/Speed Checks: during the 3 hours/5 sessions of TRUCAM/Speed Checks conducted during January, five 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.

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: the village shop, Londis, is now a stockist for these, or please follow this link for details of other 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: 6th March, 10th April (NB change of date), 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>