

COLD NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2024 AT 7.30PM IN THE LES BARCLAY ROOM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

THOSE PRESENT:

Councillors:

Cllr B Haydon (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs M Gunn (Vice Chairman)
Cllr T Dixon
Cllr P Jacklin
Cllr Mrs J Luck
Cllr J Richardson
Cllr A Romang

In attendance: Mrs. M Dyer (Parish Clerk)
County Cllr Mrs J Fleming
Mrs Ralph: Cold Norton Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator
Two Members of the Public

427. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE apologies were received and accepted from District Cllrs Ms White and Ms Wiffen.

428. 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.

Cllr Romang declared a non-pecuniary interest in Allotments as he is an allotment holder.

429. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: No matters were raised by the Members of the Public present.

430 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 10th January. 2024 were approved as correct and signed accordingly.

431. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: not available

432. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S 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.

433. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT: 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. Cllr Mrs Fleming to advise Highways 'rules' relating to installation of such signage, Mrs Ralph advised that she had attended the Chelmsford Group of Neighbourhood Watches meeting in January and that the Police were present and had reminded those present of useful contact details, which Mrs Ralph had circulated to NhW Members (NB will also be included in PC February Meeting Report on the CNPC Website and in March edition of The Beacon). **ACTION: CLLR MRS FLEMING**

Cllr Mrs Fleming, Mrs Ralph and one Member of the Public then left the meeting.

FINANCE

Approval of Payments

434. Mr Roy Wiseman to village caretaker invoice dated 2nd February 2024 £ £137.50. Cheque No.022472
435. Maria Dyer office expenses from 5th January to 2nd February 2024 £25.63 (£25.17 net). Cheque No.022473
436. Maldon District Council to grounds maintenance (grass cutting) 2023-2024 quarter 3 October to December 2023 £692.10 (£576.75 net). Cheque No.022474
437. Maldon District Council to Community Engagement Team Services for TRUCAM October to December 2023 inclusive. Invoice No.COL58589820 dated 6th February 2024 £437.72 (£364.77 net). Cheque No.022474
438. Starboard Systems Limited to Scribe Accounts Package Renewal due 31st March 2024 for 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025 (NB CNPC on a 3 year agreement for reduced increase) £400.90 (£334.08 net). Cheque No.022476
439. All staff costs January 2024 £1,001.55.
440. Information Commissioner Data Protection Fee Renewal Order Ref No.ICO:00015541246 email dated 21st January 2024 Reference Z7679664 £40 reduced to £35 by paying by Direct Debit, will be taken on 2nd March 2024.
441. Npower to streetlights for January 2024 Invoice INO9612922 dated 3rd February 2024 £301.11 (£286.77 net) will be taken by direct debit on 17th February 2024.

442. Financial Statement

Current balances:

Barclays 10 Day Notice as at 8 th Dec 2023	£	595.59
Santander as at 2 nd January 2024	£	<u>28,008.85</u>
	£	28,604.44

443. **Solar Panels at Village Hall:** nothing to report, but it was agreed that cleaning of the solar panels should be looked into. **ACTION: CLERK**

444. Tree Works at Three Ashes Corner

Members considered costs to undertake works recommended in the tree survey and were all in agreement to appoint JCM Services to undertake these works at a cost of £550.00 ex VAT.

PLANNING

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

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 has been amended by the submission of revised plans/documents:

The Members recommended refusal 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.

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. Week No.5 dated 2nd February 2024:

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

24/00084/WTPO PP-12774600 3 Henney Close: (W1 on TPO 18/95) T1 – Oak (Quercus) – 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. Week No.5 dated 2nd February 2024.

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

FOR INFORMATION: FUL/MAL/23/01109 Land North East of Honeywood Farm, Honeypot Lane: S73 application for the retention of two self-contained holiday units. Members had been advised that this application was being considered at the NW Area Planning Committee meeting on Wednesday 7th February 2024 at 7.30pm, but prior to this meeting Clerk had received notification that amendments had been made to the application.

Water Tower Hackmans Lane: Clerk advised Members that notification had been received that an upgrade is proposed involving changes to antennas and other works and that a planning application will be submitted to MDC in the near future.

446. Maldon District Council Decisions: covering decisions advised from w/e 12th January to w/e 2nd February 2024; a detailed list had been supplied to Members, which is summarised below:

FUL/MAL/23/00952 Cold Norton

Erection of 2No. bungalows including parking provision
9 Cherry Blossom Lane Cold Norton Chelmsford Essex
(UPRN - 010013998754)
Penny Homes Ltd **APPROVED**

FUL/MAL/23/01001 Cold Norton

Erection of a three bay oak fronted wooden carriage house and cart lodge with attached log store
Land At Flambirds Farm Hackmans Lane Cold Norton
(UPRN - 010094636468)
Mr Paul Nolan **APPROVED**

LDP/MAL/23/01169 Cold Norton

Claim for lawful development certificate for proposed outbuilding.
Great Canney Farm Hackmans Lane Cold Norton Essex
(UPRN - 010013998440)
Mr Tony Bransbury **APPROVED**

FULM/MAL/23/00807 Purleigh

Solar Farm together with sub-station, ancillary buildings, structures, landscaping, emergency lighting and access.
LOCATION Land South West Of The Warren Hackmans Lane Purleigh Essex
(UPRN - 010094635162)
Harris Lamb Limited **REFUSED**

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

447. EV Charging Point

Nothing to report.
Members noted ECC undertaking survey to find sites for funded EV points.

448. Independent Playground Inspection and Sovereign Inspection

Members noted recommendations were being reviewed/costed.

449. VILLAGE HALL

Members noted and discussed the report supplied from the VHMC regarding maintenance and other issues and briefly discussed forming a working party to undertake some of the tasks arising. It was also noted that there will be a VHMC meeting on Thursday 29th February at 12noon. It was noted that Wi-Fi is now working, and that Cllr Jacklin is still reviewing options re broadband provider for the hall and the change of the telephone line to digital. Members noted request received to reconsider siting of fish and chip van at village hall. Following discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Dixon would have a site meeting with the operative.

450. CLERKS REPORT

Nothing additional to report not already covered during meeting.

HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

451. TRUCAM

No reports available

452. Vision Speed Indicators

Nothing to report, still to be researched.

453. Parking at School

Nothing to report.

454. Various Highways Matters Referred to Cllr Mrs Fleming

Members noted report.

POLICE MATTERS AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

455. Members noted Fraud/Scam presentation by Police scheduled for Tuesday 20th February 2024 11am.

OPEN SPACE

456. Village Caretaker work: Mr Wiseman continued to carry out this work. In addition to the regular litter picks and emptying bins on playing field, Mr Wiseman also removed fallen branches at Three Ashes Corner and twice sorted out the refuse bins at the village hall.

457. Trees and Survey

Members noted Clerk to still view/discuss condition of fence with homeowner following the conifer falling.

Quote approved earlier in meeting (Minute No.444 applies) for works for works at corner of Howe Green Road/Hackmans Lane.

458. Cowpiece

Clerk advised 10th and 17th April 2024 booked with TCV.

459. Willow Trees at Playing Field

Clerk advised subsidence issue with Willow Trees and conversations with the PC Insurance Company. Following discussion there was agreement that the offending trees should be removed; Clerk to ascertain if removal costs can be claimed off the PC Insurance.

TRAINING/CONFERENCES/MEETINGS

460. Dengie Hundred Group of Parish Councils Thursday 18th January 2024

Cllr Mrs Luck attended this meeting and reported back to Members that a Chairman and Vice Chairman had been elected, that ultimately there would be six meetings a year, but in this start up period meetings would be bi-monthly. The Clerk for the group was appointed and remuneration agreed. Subscription fee per parish council proposed at £40. Cllr Richardson proposed payment of this fee, Cllr Haydon seconded, all Members in agreement.

461. **NALC Event 'Reconnecting communities through community transport' 27th March 2024**
12noon to 1.15pm online.
Members approved the cost of £39.22 (£32.68 net) for Cllr Jacklin to attend this meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS

462. **Government Guidance on Biodiversity**
Still to be reviewed.
463. **ECC Bus Network Consultation 2023**
Member noted outcome of this consultation and details from Cllr Mrs Fleming relating to Maldon & Heybridge Transport & Bus User Group.
464. **EV Charge Point Locations Questionnaire**
To be completed.
465. **St Peters Hospital Consultation**
Members noted ways of getting involved (close date 21st March 2024)
466. **VILLAGE APPRAISAL**
Draft had been supplied to Members. Clerk to discuss with studio and printer re format and to forward digital pictures to Cllr Haydon for consideration for the cover, **ACTION: CLERK**
467. **PARISH COUNCIL WELFARE OFFICER**
Nothing to report.
468. **SOCIAL EVENTS**
Members discussed a late spring event for residents as outlined by Cllr Jacklin. Following discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Jacklin would develop the concept further.
Members considered a pyro-laser show (quiet alternative to noisy fireworks) and requested that Clerk research this further for possible event at Halloween or Bonfire Night.
ACTION: CLERK
469. **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).

There were no matters reported.
470. **MEETINGS IN 2024**
Wednesdays: 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

*To be reviewed

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.51pm

Chairman.....

Date.....