

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the March 2024 Meeting

Planning Applications: There were four planning applications received from Maldon District Council (MDC) for Cold Norton this month. The first considered was: 24/00053/HOUSE PP-12742775 21 St Stephens Road: change of use of existing garage to a study, including new window to side elevation. Single storey infill extension to create new garage. The Members had no objections to these works and no comments to make. The second application related to: 24/00111/LDP PP-12793734 Cold Norton Primary School, St Stephens Road: claim for lawful development certificate for proposed removal of existing modular building to be replaced with a new single storey modular building for permanent use. The Members recommended approval of this application as the current building is outdated and needs to be replaced. The next application considered was: 24/00099/FUL Great Canney Court, Hackmans Lane: Addition of new building containing four affordable flats to existing building containing flats and associated works. The Members recommended approval of this application for the following reason: *"This proposed development will provide additional low-cost smaller homes in the village. More affordable homes are needed to meet the needs of first-time buyers (HI Affordable Housing)"*. The last application was 24/00176/FUL PP-12831583 9 Cherry Blossom Lane: erection of 2no bungalows with semi-detached garages. The Members had no objections to these works and no comments to make.

Planning Decisions: three decisions were received from MDC relating to Cold Norton for the period from w/e 9th February to w/e 1st March 2024, namely: LDE/MAL/23/01130 Doreen, Latchingdon Road: Claim for lawful development certificate for an existing rear extension. MDC approved this application. PACUAR/MAL/23/01201 Land Adjacent to Norton Hall St Stephens Road: Prior notification for the change of use of agricultural buildings to 5 dwellinghouses (Use Class C3) and for associated operational development. MDC advised Prior Approval Required and Granted. Members had recommended refusal. HOUSE/MAL/23/01240 Toad Hall Station Road: Two storey side and single storey rear extension following demolition of an existing conservatory. MDC refused permission. 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

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 has now been extended to 4th April 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) held a meeting in February to discuss maintenance and fund raising. If you would like to be involved in organising a fund-raising event or would like to join the team to assist with managing the hall – please call Mrs Chris Edwards on 01621 828475 or email: chrisedwards7@hotmail.co.uk

Cold Norton Neighbourhood Watch Group: Mrs Jackie Ralph, the co-ordinator for Cold Norton's Neighbourhood Watch (NhW) was unable to attend the Parish Council meeting but sent a report advising that thankfully there had been no incidents in the village and that NhW signage was now in place 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.

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 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 on 8th May 2024 – see below. Nominations please to the Parish Clerk (details at end of Parish Report) by Tuesday 23rd April.

Annual Parish Meeting: will be held on Wednesday 8th May 2024 at 8pm in The Les Barclay Room at the Village Hall. All Parish & Town Councils throughout England are required by law to hold an Annual Parish Meeting between 1st March & 1st June each year. The purpose of this meeting is so that the Parish Council can explain what it has been doing over the last year and it enables the electors to have their say on anything which they consider is important to the people of Cold Norton. Following the reports and question time, refreshments will be served to allow more time for individual discussion with the various representatives present and with your friends and neighbours from Cold Norton.

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 (all details please, including car number plates etc if applicable).

TRUCAM/Speed Checks: during the 3 hours/5 sessions of TRUCAM/Speed Checks conducted during January and February, five speeding offences were recorded during each month. 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>

Fish and Chip Van: next visit to the Village Hall Car Park will be Tuesday 2nd April 2024 (then 7th May). This is a trial for the next few months (i.e. first Tuesday of the month). If it proves popular, it will become a regular event every Tuesday evening.

Parish Council Meetings in 2024

Wednesdays: 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>