

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the April 2024 Meeting

Planning Applications: There were five planning applications received from Maldon District Council (MDC) for Cold Norton this month. The first considered was:

24/00142/FUL PP-12795128 Norton Hall, St Stephens Road: new porch to dwellinghouse. Rebuild wall adjacent to St Stephens Road. The Members had no objections to these works and no comments to make. The second application was: 24/00232/WTPO PP-12660609 7 St Stephens Road: (TPO15/96) Oak T2 (T4 on TPO) – Fell. The Parish Council didn't submit a view, but made the following comments: *"As the Members do not feel they are qualified to comment, they therefore would refer to the MDC Tree Officer's expertise and the Tree Officer being satisfied with the evidence supplied by the insurance company that the tree should be removed"*. The next application considered was: 23/01041/FUL PP-12560744 Land rear of Little Canneys, Stow Road: construction of a two-storey, 5 bedroom dwelling. The Members recommended refusal of this application for the following reasons:

1. It is outside the development boundary. (S8 Settlement Boundaries and the Countryside)
2. Plot splitting and proximity to the other house. (D1 Design Quality & Built Environment)
3. Vehicle access (T2 Accessibility)

The fourth application was: 24/00235/FUL PP-12843199 Land adjacent Eastholm, Latchingdon Road: erection of 2no dwellings with associated landscaping and ancillary works. The Members recommended refusal for the following reasons:

1. It is outside the Development Boundary (S8 – Settlement Boundaries & the Countryside)
2. Over development of site (D1 Design Quality & Built Environment & H4 Effective Use of Land)
3. Ribbon development (S1 Sustainable Development & S2 Strategic Growth)
4. Safety concerns as proposed entrance/exit opposite village shop already issues with speeding at this point (dangerous situation) (T2 Accessibility). This is technically a 40mph road, but this speed is not adhered to. Very narrow footway which has been damaged by lorries driving on footway.
5. Surface water drainage issue already exists at this location.
6. The local village primary school is already oversubscribed.

The last application was: 24/00239/WTPO PP-12895732 8 Victoria Road: Maple Trees x 6 Apple Tree – reduced by 3.5m. The Members had no objections to these works but added the following comment: *"The Parish Council raises no objections to these works providing they are in line with MDC's Tree Officer's recommendations"*. The following application was advised to the Members for information only – not required to comment (*it is submitted for MDC to consider solely whether the proposal complies with the planning legislation and requires planning permission or not*): 24/00278/LDP PP-12925068 Toad Hall, Station Road: claim for lawful development certificate for proposed single storey rear extension.

Planning Decisions: only one decision was received from MDC relating to Cold Norton for the period from w/e 8th March to w/e 5th April 2024, namely: WTPO/MAL/24/00084 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. MDC approved these works. The Members had not objected. Whilst not in Cold Norton Parish, coming under Purleigh Parish Council, the Members were advised of the following as it is so close to the border:

HOUSE/MAL/24/00067 Pale Pitt Farm, Latchingdon Road, Purleigh: First floor extension over existing single storey side elevation including Juliet balcony to the rear. First floor extension over existing detached garage including new external staircase. MDC refused this extension for the following reason: *"It is considered that the proposed development, by reason of its location and design would result in material harm the appearance and character of the existing building and surrounding locality. It is therefore considered that the proposed development is not in accordance with Policies D1 and H4 of the approved LDP, the Maldon District Design Guide (2017) and the NPPF"*.

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

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 unfortunately there had been a burglary in Hackmans Lane in March, but the Police are investigating. 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.

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

Ride London 2024: Friday 24th to Sunday 26th May: As last year Ride London will come through Maldon: on Saturday 25th May the second stage of the Ford RideLondon Classique will begin and end in Maldon. Temporary road closures will be in place in the Essex districts of Uttlesford, Braintree, Colchester, Tendering and Maldon on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th May. For full information go to: <https://www.ridelondon.co.uk/community-info/community-info>

Report from District Cllrs: District Cllrs Ms White and Ms Wiffen were in attendance at the meeting and updated Members, advising that the Secretary of State has approved the King Charles III England Coast Path stretch in Essex, this will form part of the longest managed coastal paths in the world. This decision has come at

opportune time as plans are in hand for the second Saltmarsh Coast Walking Festival which will take place from 27th September to 6th October 2024. The date has been announced for UFest 2024 as Friday 16th August. UFest is a free all-day community festival in Maldon Promenade Park with a live band. As well as a fun day when all members of the family can enjoy themselves, they can try new activities and interests and there will be the opportunity to find support re the cost of living or family or personal matters. The District Cllrs advised that MDC has secured external funding for the District with over £200,000 secured for community and wellbeing projects and has also launched a new Rural England Prosperity Fund scheme worth £400,00 to support business and community organisations across the District. Regarding the Council Tax the District Cllrs advised the breakdown is as follows:

- ECC 71p in every £1
- MDC 11p in every £1
- Essex Fire & Crime Commissioner (policy and community safety) 11p in £1
- Essex Fire & Crime Commissioner (fire & rescue) 4p in every £1
- Parish & Town Councils 3p in every £1

Cowpiece: work has been carried out by The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) to make Cowpiece more accessible. Some more works to the entry and the dipping pond platform are still required, so it remains closed to the public for the time being but will be reopened as soon as all works have been completed.

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 March, two 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>

Fish and Chip Van: contrary to the proposed monthly trial advised in the March edition of The Beacon, please check the Village Facebook (or signs posted at Cherry Blossom Lane) for details of next visits to the Village Hall Car Park.

Parish Council Meetings in 2024

Wednesdays: 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>