

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the May 2024 Meeting

Planning Applications: There were two planning applications received from Maldon District Council (MDC) for Cold Norton this month. The first considered was: 24/00364/WTPO PP-12993519 3 Henney Close: (W1 on TPO 18/5) T3 – Field Maple – Reduce to 1m above fence and retain as protected hedge: 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 second application considered was: 24/00366/FULM PP-12988537 Land South West of The Warren, Hackmans Lane, Purleigh: Proposed Solar Farm together with sub-station, ancillary buildings, structures, landscaping, emergency; lighting and access. The Members had no objections to these works and no comments to make.
For Information: 23/01041/FUL PP-12560744 Land rear of Little Canneys, Stow Road: construction of a two-storey, 5 bedroom dwelling – applicant has withdrawn this application.

Planning Decisions: only two decisions were received from MDC relating to Cold Norton for the period from w/e 12th April to w/e 26th April 2024, namely: HOUSE/MAL/24/00053 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. MDC approved these works. The Members had not objected.
LDP/MAL/24/00111 Cold Norton County Primary School, St Stephens Road: Claim for lawful development certificate for proposed removal of existing modular building to be replaced with new single storey modular building for permanent use. MDC advised that this was approved as the proposed development would fall within the tolerances of Class M, of Schedule 2, Part 7 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended). The Members had recommended that this work be permitted.

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

County Cllr Report: Cllr Mrs Fleming updated Members on ECC related matters including advising Members of a new CC Member Led Highways Scheme whereby each CC Member will be able to nominate at certain times of the year highways issues to be progressed outside the usual ECC Highways Programme of Works. Due to timing of first submissions Cllr Mrs Fleming had put forward two known carriageways defects in Cold Norton, i.e. bottom of Hackmans Lane/Stow Road/Latchingdon Road and opposite Londis (where lorries have damaged footway). Cllr Mrs Fleming also advised that the request through the Local Highways Panel (LHP) for a speed reduction in St Stephens Road/village school had now been successfully validated and this will be going ahead – timing not known at this point nor extent along the road of the 20mph limit. Cllr Mrs Fleming also advised that she had requested better signage regarding the water pipe replacement works in Hackmans Lane, whilst this 100 day closure is in force.

Village Hall: the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) is responsible for running the Village Hall including 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 is the co-ordinator for Cold Norton's Neighbourhood Watch (NhW). 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

Cowpiece: The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) were back again at the beginning of the month to undertake more works to make Cowpiece more accessible. Works to the dipping pond platform will be carried out shortly, once this work has been carried out, Cowpiece will be reopened to the public.

Annual Parish Meeting: was held on Wednesday 8th May, with reports from the Parish Council Vice Chairman Cllr Marion Gunn, ECC Cllr Mrs Jane Fleming and MDC Cllr Ms Sue White; there was also a report from Mrs Jackie Ralph the co-ordinator for Cold Norton's Neighbourhood Watch (NhW) and Cllr Phil Jacklin spoke about the 'Party in the Park' social event for the village being held on Saturday 29th June. Thank you to the residents who attended the APM and stayed afterwards for a chat over tea and biscuits served by Mrs Hawes and Mrs Taylor (thank you to them both).

Villager of the Year 2024: this was announced at the end of the Annual Parish Meeting: the recipient this year is Jackie Ralph for setting up the Cold Norton Neighbourhood Watch Group, all whilst she was actually away on a family holiday abroad!! Jackie also set up a dedicated NhW WhatsApp and keeps everyone updated with information and advice from the Police. Jackie was presented with the engraved Villager of the Year Shield by Marion Gunn, Vice Chairman for the Parish Council.

Streetlights: four more of the Parish Council owned streetlights will be upgraded to LEDs in the next few weeks – this means that 16 out of the 21 PC owned lights will now be LEDs.

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: from April 2023 to March 2024 40 offenders were recorded: 39 drivers took a speed awareness course (at a cost of £100) and one driver was given a 'Conditional Offer'.

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: 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>