

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the June 2024 Meeting

Planning Applications: There was only one planning application received from Essex County Council (ECC) for Cold Norton this month, namely: CC/MAL/28/24 Cold Norton County Primary School: Removal of existing storage sheds, installation of new heating system (Air Source Heat Pumps), provision of new acoustic enclosure, electrical intake cabinet and storage shed. The Members had concerns and the following was submitted to ECC:

The Members of Cold Norton Parish Council considered the above at their 5th June 2024 meeting and still have the same concerns as outlined to you last year in the Parish Council letter dated 27th April 2023, namely:

- 1. Is an Air Pump System suitable for such an old building/old radiators – will it deliver the acceptable temperature required?*
- 2. Whilst you have undertaken a 'Noise Impact' Exercise to establish if the residential property next door would be affected by the noise from the proposed new system, has a similar survey been undertaken to establish if this system would impact on the adjacent classrooms? Also, we understand that the Noise Impact Exercise was only carried out for one day.*
- 3. It has been noted should extreme weather be experienced that the system would have to run between the hours of 11pm and 7am, and that the acceptable noise level would be exceeded and would impact on the nearest neighbouring property. Have you considered providing the nearby homes with triple glazing?*

In addition:

- 4. The Cllrs now understand that this form of heating is more suitable as an underfloor system and will not achieve the required temperature for radiators. The classroom windows are not double glazed. Will the children be warm enough?*
- 5. The noise element is a big concern as we have been advised that whilst ECC would obviously be aiming to be within the acceptable (BS?) for humans we have been advised that the noise will be detectable to the much more sensitive ears of dogs, of which there are many in this village.*
- 6. As per point 2 above where the Cllrs were concerned re classrooms, as you may be aware planning permission has been granted for a modular unit on the school site – has the noise element been considered for this new unit.*
- 7. Have alternative locations on site been considered for the housing of this proposed new heating system?*
- 8. We note that Environmental Health at MDC has been consulted, but their response was not available to view at time of the meeting or indeed writing this letter.*
- 9. If this system is installed will the noise level be monitored for a meaningful length of time, for the neighbouring properties and the classrooms?*

Planning Decisions: seven decisions were received from MDC relating to Cold Norton for the period from w/e 3rd May to w/e 31st May 2024, namely:
LBC/MAL/24/00077 Norton Hall St Stephens Road: Rebuild damaged wall to orchard and replace brick porch with classical style painted timber surround. MDC granted listed building consent. The Members had not objected.
FUL/MAL/24/00142 Norton Hall St Stephens Road: New porch to dwellinghouse. Re-build wall adjacent to St Stephens Road. MDC approved these works. The Members had not objected.
WTPO/MAL/24/00232 7 St Stephens Road: (TPO 15/96) Oak tree T2 (T4 on TPO) - Fell. MDC refused this application. The Members had submitted the following comment: "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."

FUL/MAL/24/00235 Land Adjacent Eastholm Latchingdon Road Purleigh: Erection of 2no. dwellings with associated landscaping and ancillary works. MDC refused this application. The Members had recommended refusal.

FUL/MAL/23/01109 Land North East Of Honeywood Farm Honeypot Lane: The retention of two self-contained holiday units. MDC approved this application. The Members had not objected.

WTPO/MAL/24/00239 8 Victoria Road: Maple trees x6, Apple tree - Reduced by 3.5m. MDC approved these works. The Members had not objected.

LDP/MAL/24/00278 Toad Hall Station Road: Claim for lawful development certificate for proposed single storey rear extension. MDC approved. The Members had not been required to comment on this application.

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

Football in the Village: please contact the Parish Clerk if you are interested in playing football on the playing fields – children or adults.

Village Appraisal: a copy of the appraisal based on the questionnaires completed by residents will be delivered to homes during July. If you do not receive a copy by the end of July and would like one, please contact the Parish Clerk.

County Cllr Report: Cllr Mrs Fleming advised Members that due to the forthcoming national elections, that it was very 'quiet' at ECC, but outlined details of the locality fund and the type of projects that would meet the criteria.

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: a wide variety of stalls including cakes, bread, coffee, fresh fish, biodynamic vegetables, cheese, pies, haberdashery, fashion, things for the home and lots more available.

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.

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). Unfortunately, there are some people who are ignoring this Byelaw and when reminded are being rude to the residents who have pointed out the signage. The Community Police have been advised.

Vandalism at the Playing Field: earlier in the month there was damage to four of the security lights and three trees erected around the new overflow car park. This was reported to the Police. At the time of writing this report the Parish Council is awaiting the outcome of the Police investigation.

TRUCAM/Speed Checks: the number of approved TRUCAM sites have been increased by the Police, now covering 30mph and 40mph zones in the village, In April nine offenders were recorded during four sessions over a period of three hours. The offenders will either receive 3 points on their licence and a £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: during Pre School operational hours there will be a box outside the village hall door with these bags available for residents to collect – please only take one of each at a time. Many thanks to Pre School Staff for facilitating this service. The village shop, Londis, is also 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

Purple Sacks for Plastic Bags & Wrapping: Maldon District Council has advised that as this hasn't been rolled out to the whole district, they are having to manage the delivery of additional sacks. Purple sacks can be ordered via: [Plastic bags and wrapping recycling pilot | Plastic bags and wrapping recycling pilot | Maldon District Council](#) Copy this link to the page for this trial into your computer search engine and click on the 'order them here' for a very short form to complete. If you are unable to do this online, please call Maldon District Council on 01621 854477.

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>

ECC Climate Action packs: ECC has launched new updated advice packs to learn how to become more sustainable and reduce carbon emissions. There are packs for residents, businesses, schools & early years:

[https://www.essex.gov.uk/news/2024/climate-action-packs-support-residents-and-](https://www.essex.gov.uk/news/2024/climate-action-packs-support-residents-and-businesses)

[businesses](#) There is also an 'Easy Read' Climate Advice Pack:

<https://www.essexclimate.org.uk/essex-advice-pack-easy-read>

These Advice Packs have been developed following recommendations from the Essex Climate Action Commission's report 'Net Zero: Making Essex Carbon Neutral'. As well as working with the Commission, ECC has also worked with local organisations and communities to provide informative and useful advice on how to become more environmentally friendly. Reducing your carbon footprint can be a daunting and complex challenge, but the Climate Advice Packs simplify the process and highlight ways to reduce carbon emissions and potentially save money.

Parish Council Meetings in 2024

Wednesdays: 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>