

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the July 2024 Meeting

Planning Applications: There were no planning applications for Cold Norton received from Maldon District Council this month.

Planning Decisions: three decisions were received from MDC relating to Cold Norton for the period from w/e 7th June to w/e 28th June 2024, namely:

FUL/MAL/24/00099 Great Canney Court, Hackmans Lane: Addition of new building containing four affordable flats to existing building containing flats and associated works. MDC refused this application. The Members has recommended approval of this application. The second decision related to: FUL/MAL/23/01079 Land Between Koombora & Mansfield, Victoria Road: Erection of detached dwelling. MDC approved this new dwelling. The Members had not objected. The final decision advised was: FUL/MAL/24/00176 9 Cherry Blossom Lane: Erection of 2no bungalows with semi-detached garages. MDC approved these two bungalows. The Members had not objected.

Planning Appeal: has been submitted by Anglo Renewables Limited for Land South West of The Warren, Hackmans Lane Purleigh; proposal: Solar Farm together with sub-station, ancillary buildings, structures, landscaping, emergency lighting and access. Application Ref: 23/00807/FULM PP-12258575; Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/W/24/3345280.

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

Party in the Park Saturday 29th June 2024: a very enjoyable event and the weather was kind to us!!! The event included live music from female vocalist Tillie Rampling and 60's to 80's music band The Multi-Tones – both provided two sessions during the afternoon. DJ Dan provided additional support music and made announcements. DJ Dan Events organised the licensed bar and hot food; there was an ice cream van, cakes from Lady Room Cakes (Karen) and mixed sweets. A raffle was organised by Chris Edwards with £100 being the top cash prize. There were bouncy castles for the children and stalls included jewellery, clothing, mugs, knitted items etc. Taking into account all expenditure, £700 was raised for village hall funds. Grateful thanks go to Phil Jacklin for spearheading this event, with special thanks to Billy White, Chris Edward, Helen Davies and Sally Jacklin for all their help prior to the event and on the day.

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 was delivered to homes during July. If you did not receive a copy and would like one, please contact the Parish Clerk.

County Cllr Report: Cllr Mrs Fleming was unable to attend this meeting but had supplied a report – this is available to view on the Parish Council website.

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 the co-ordinator for Cold Norton's Neighbourhood Watch (NhW) attended this meeting and gave an account of time spent with Community Police Officers. 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.

Speed Watch: as a result of spending time with the Community Police Officers Mrs Ralph has applied for the village to become a Speed Watch Village. Mrs Ralph was congratulated by the Members for recruiting 11 villagers to run Speed Watch in Cold Norton as past attempts to recruit the minimum of 10 required to be trained by the Police had failed. If anyone else would like to put their name forward, please contact Mrs Ralph – details as above.

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: Works to the dipping pond platform have been delayed but will be carried out as soon as possible; 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. (All play sites fall under a Maldon District wide Public Space Protection Order [PSPO]. This means dogs aren't allowed in play sites). 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.

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 May ten offenders were recorded during five sessions over a period of three hours. The offenders will either receive three points on their licence and a £100 fine or be offered a speed awareness course at a cost of £100.

Solar Panels at the Village Hall: continue to provide reduced electricity costs for the village hall and for the period 10th March to 18th June 2024 produced a FIT payment to the Parish Council of £785.66. Current annual FIT receipts exceed the twice yearly payment to the Public Works Loan Board for the loan taken out to install the solar panels in 2015; the loan will be paid off in 2030.

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. NB the boxes will not be available during the school summer holidays. 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 | 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>

Parish Council Meetings in 2024

Wednesdays: 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>