

COLD NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3RD JULY 2024 AT 7.30PM IN THE LES BARCLAY ROOM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

THOSE PRESENT:

Councillors:

Cllr B Haydon (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs M Gunn (Vice Chairman)
Cllr T Dixon
Cllr Mrs J Luck

In attendance: Mrs. M Dyer (Parish Clerk)
Mrs J Ralph (Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator)
Three Members of the Public (plus a minor)

- 173. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** apologies were received and accepted from Parish Cllrs Richardson, Jacklin and Romang, County Cllr Mrs Fleming and District Cllrs White and Wiffen.

174. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members are required to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they know they may have in items of business on the meeting's agenda. They are reminded that they will need to repeat their declaration at the appropriate point in the meeting and leave the room if the interest is a prejudicial one. Unforeseen interests must be declared similarly at the appropriate time.
Members have dispensation to discuss and vote in respect of matters relating to the Precept.

There were no declarations of interest at this point.

175. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None of the Members of the Public present wished to speak.

- 176. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING of the Parish Council** held on Wednesday 5th June 2024 were approved as correct and signed accordingly.

- 177. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** not available.

- 178. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** Members noted receipt of Cllr Mrs Fleming's June report.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT/ POLICE MATTERS AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

- 179.** Mrs Ralph updated Members on NhW matters and gave an account of time spent with Community Police Officers, which included issues relating to speeding in the village, which has led to Mrs Ralph putting in an application for the village to become a Speed Watch Village. The Members congratulated Mrs Ralph on recruiting eleven residents to run Speed Watch as past attempts to recruit the minimum of 10 required to be trained by the Police had failed.

Mrs Ralph and Members of the Public present left the meeting.

- 180.** Members noted response from Police regarding vandalism in car park extension. Clerk to reply expressing the Members' disappointment.
- 181.** Members discussed the issue with flaunting of Byelaw relating to 'No Dogs' in the Playing Field. It was agreed that additional signage should be installed and support from Maldon District Council pursued.

FINANCE

Approval of Payments

182. Mr Roy Wiseman to village caretaker invoice dated 16th June 2024 £78.00. Cheque No.022509183.
183. Maria Dyer office expenses from 4th to 28th June 2024 £ 69.42 (£64.09 net). Cheque No.022510
184. Sue Lees Consultancy to maintenance fee (advance quarterly fee for CNPC website payable: January, April, July & October). Invoice No.INV006534 dated 1st June 2024 £30.00. Cheque No.022511
185. Sue Lees Consultancy to accessibility – yearly cost of ‘accessiBe’ software due 23rd July each year. Invoice No.INV006571 dated 23rd June 2024 £390.00. Cheque No.022511
186. Maldon District Council to annual play inspection by The Play Inspection company. Invoice No.COL58790729 dated 10th June 2024 £78.12 (£65.10 net). Cheque No.022512
187. Maldon District Council to ground maintenance (April 2024 to March 2025 £2,844.00 PA) for quarter April to June 2024. Invoice NO.COL58690776 dated 26th June 2024 £853.20 (£711.00 net). Cheque No.022512
188. Simmons Printers to artwork, print and production of 600 x village appraisals plus 500 x C4 white self-seal envelopes. Invoice No.66385 dated 28th June 2024. Cheque No.022513
189. Npower to streetlights for April 2024 Invoice IN10420256 dated 3rd May 2024 £237.09 (£225.80 net) was taken by direct debit on 17th May 2024.
190. Npower to streetlights for May 2024 Invoice IN10665214 dated 5th June 2024 £264.76 (£252.15 net) was taken by direct debit on 19th June 2024.
191. All Staff costs July 2024 £1,065.95
192. All Staff costs August 2024 £981.55

193. **Financial Statement**
Current balances:

Barclays 10 Day Notice as at 8 th Mar 2023	£	600.06
Santander as at 2 nd May 2024	£	<u>50,874.54*</u>
	£	51,474.60

194. **Precept 2024/25***
To note: MDC have paid £62.14 interest into the PC account due to late payment of Precept.
195. **Solar Panels at Village Hall**
FIT payment of £785.66 received on 1st July 2024 for the period 10th March to 18th June 2024.
196. **Grants**
Members considered a report and costs and were all in agreement to grant £430.00 (from the 2023/24 grants budget, held in reserve) to the Church towards the cost of remedial work on the west window as a well-used the public footpath crosses under this window, to ensure the safety of those using the footpath.

PLANNING

197. **Planning Applications**

Members noted that no applications had been received for consideration at this month's meeting.

198. **Maldon District Council Decisions:** covering decisions from w/e 7th June 2024 to w/e 28th June 2024; a detailed list had been supplied to Members, which is summarised below:

FUL/MAL/24/00099 Cold Norton

Addition of new building containing four affordable flats to existing building containing flats and associated works

Great Canney Court Hackmans Lane Cold Norton Essex

(UPRN - 010000236161)

Mr Mike Otter –

GPO Designs Ltd

REFUSED

FUL/MAL/23/01079 Cold Norton

Erection of detached dwelling.

Land Between Koombora and Mansfield Victoria Road Cold Norton Essex

(UPRN - 010013998579)

Mr. Warren Willsher **APPROVED**

FUL/MAL/24/00176 Cold Norton

Erection of 2no bungalows with semi-detached garages

9 Cherry Blossom Lane Cold Norton Chelmsford Essex

(UPRN - 010013998754)

Penny Homes Ltd **APPROVED**

199. Planning Appeal

Site Address: Land South West of The Warren Hackmans Lane Purleigh Essex

Proposal: Solar Farm together with sub-station, ancillary buildings, structures, landscaping, emergency lighting and access.

Application Ref: 23/00807/FULM PP-12258575

Appellants Name: Anglo Renewables Limited

Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/W/24/3345280

Appeal Start Date: 19 June 2024

Members noted and agreed that they did not wish to modify/withdraw the PC response submitted in September 2023 (i.e. *The Members have no objection, subject to information being supplied regarding the distribution of the power produced.*)

200. Tree Preservation Order (TPO)

Members noted that a TPO has been made by MDC on the Oak at the rear of the Church (overlooks the fields) per the plan shown at the meeting. Clerk to follow up queries raised with the Parochial Church Council and Maldon District Council.

PLAYGROUND RENOVATIONS & CAR PARK EXTENSION PROJECT WORKING GROUP (PCP)

201. EV Charging Point

Members noted that a letter of support with reference to the suggested sites for EV chargers submitted by Cllr Richardson had been sent to ECC and its receipt acknowledged and thanks given.

202. Independent Playground Inspection (The Play Inspection Company)

Members noted report. Clerk to progress works as required.

203. Sovereign Inspection

Members noted that next Sovereign Inspection would be undertaken w/e 5th July 2024.

204. Dogs on Playing Field

Members noted this topic has been moved to Neighbourhood Watch/Police Matters/Antisocial Matters

205. Overflow Car Park

Members discussed request from nearby resident to close this at night to deter parking not associated with an event in the village hall or field, but due to operational issues Members decided that this would not be possible.

206. VILLAGE HALL

Members noted nothing to report re VHMC, room divider in The Les Barclay Room or BT phone line. Members consider the 'Village Chippy' request to visit Cold Norton Village Hall every other Tuesday starting on Tuesday 9th July. Members had no objection to this, but 'Village Chippy' be asked to comply with the original agreed start time of 4pm.

Members discussed the 'garden area' to side and front of the hall. Cllr Mrs Luck offered to undertake this; Cllr Haydon offered to take materials to the recycling centre; Clerk to discuss rear of hall with Village Caretaker.

Clerk updated Members regarding disposal of rubbish collected by the Village Caretaker; Clerk to obtain quotes for this waste to be collected.

ACTION: CLERK

Members ratified decisions relating to Pre School outdoor space in relation to allowing Pre School to padlock this space and to installation of an external tap. Clerk advised Members that Pre School had also made a request for the installation of a gazebo on the outdoor space, but that the request had been received too late to be included the agenda for this meeting. Members requested that details be obtained from Pre School for discussion at the September meeting.

207. CLERKS REPORT

Nothing to report not already covered.

HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

208. TRUCAM

Members noted that during May 2024 there had been ten offenders during 5 sessions over 3 hours at 3 of the 4 approved sites. Members noted details of the four approved sites.

209. Parking at School

Nothing to report re SEPP or the 3PR Scheme.

210. Free Parking Spaces in Maldon Car Parks

Members noted that update was awaited from District Cllr Ms White. Members requested that this item be removed from the agenda.

OPEN SPACE

211. Village Caretaker work: Mr Wiseman continued to carry out this work. In addition to the regular litter picks and emptying bins on playing field, Mr Wiseman has carried out the following tasks: trimmed back vegetation around both dog waste bins in St Stephens Road to allow access and trimmed back vegetation around bench in St Stephens Road, plus extensive litter picks Latchingdon Road from bridge to shop and at Three Ashes Corner.

212. Trees and Survey

Nothing to report re fallen conifer/fence on playing field. **ACTION: CLERK**

213. Cowpiece

Members noted The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) had advised that they had found a community fund that could possibly cover the entire pond dipping platform materials and the TCV day rates and that the Clerk had asked TCV to pursue.

Members noted nothing further to report regarding possible school visits to Cowpiece

Members noted that dates for TCV return dates in autumn were still to be set.

Cllr Dixon to contact the Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG East) for information, support and possible funding pf pond restoration.

ACTION: CLLR DIXON

214. Willow Trees at Playing Field

Members noted the PC continues to receive reports from the insurance company following removal of the Willow Trees.

215. STREETLIGHTS

Members noted date was awaited for works.

TRAINING/CONFERENCES/MEETINGS

216. Maldon & Heybridge Transport & Bus Users Group Monday 8th July 2024 2pm:

Members noted but agreed this group is not relevant to Cold Norton.

217. Dengie Hundred Group of Parish Councils Wednesday 10th July 2024

Cllr Mrs Luck to attend. NB meeting was subsequently changed to 17th July 2024 and no Members were available to attend.

218. Cold Norton Village Hall Management Committee AGM Thursday 11th July 2024 11.30am
Cllr Mrs Gunn to attend.

219. Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome Joint Consultative Committee 2024 Meetings
Members noted dates of future meetings: 17th July and 11th September and that Cllr Haydon plans to attend.
Members noted that Cllr Mrs Fleming has arranged for clearer signage to be installed regarding closure of Hackmans Lane.
Members agreed that letters should still be sent to relevant bodies re the road closure.
ACTION: CLERK

220. EALC AGM Thursday 26th September 2024 at Colchester Stadium
Members noted date and that Cllrs Haydon and Richardson plan to attend. Cllr Mrs Gunn to advise.

CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS

221. Government Guidance on Biodiversity
Members considered draft response and advised approval. **ACTION: CLERK**

222. Register of Interests
Members present confirmed that they had checked their register of interests at MDC/amended if applicable. Clerk to check with Members not present at this meeting.
ACTION: CLERK

223. MDC Change to Waste & Recycling Services Collection Day
Members noted this is effective from 23rd July 2024.

224. VILLAGE APPRAISAL
Members noted printing was complete and that production of the covering letter/labels was in hand; distribution will commence 13th July 2024. Cllr Mrs Luck will distribute copies to Dengie Group of Parish Councils Members at the next meeting.
ACTION: CLLR MRS LUCK

225. PARISH COUNCIL WELFARE OFFICER
Nothing to report.

226. SOCIAL EVENTS
Members noted report supplied by Cllr Jacklin re Party in the Park 2024, summarised as follows:

"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. Special thanks to Billy White, Chris Edward, Helen Davies and Sally Jacklin for all their help prior to the event and on the day"

Cllr Jacklin also included in his report observations/notes for consideration for a future event of this nature.

The Members expressed their thanks to Cllr Jacklin and the team of helpers

Nothing to report re pyro-laser show (quiet alternative to noisy fireworks) for Halloween/Bonfire Night

- 227. MATTERS TO REPORT** (Members are reminded that no decisions may lawfully be made under this agenda item - however matters may be discussed which involve exchanges of information only).

It was noted that a long-term resident and past Parish Cllr and Chairman, Philip Wakeling, was moving away from the village and that a letter would be sent thanking him for all his many contributions to the village and wishing him and his wife much happiness in their new home.

Clerk advised that boiler works would be undertaken at the school during the school holidays.

Clerk advised that the notice board at the school had 'failed' again, and that whilst a repair had been made, a new notice board was required.

228. MEETINGS IN 2024

Wednesdays: 4th September, 2nd October, 6th November and 4th December

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10.07pm

Chairman.....

Date.....