

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the September 2024 Meeting

Planning Applications: There were five planning applications for Cold Norton received from Maldon District Council this month, namely: 24/00454/HOUSE PP-13101165 Chestnuts, 67 Latchingdon Road: demolition of conservatory to the side and replace with a single storey extension. Alterations to fenestrations including changes to the dormers to the rear. Reducing width of existing balcony and a change of materials. The Members has no objections to these works. The second application considered was: 24/00624/WTPO PP-13318900 30 St Stephens Road: (TPO15/96) T34 Oak – Crown reduction by 3m. Remove epicormic regrowth and crown lift to 4m. Remove major deadwood throughout crown. 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 third application was: 24/00540/FUL PP-13211790 Caravan at Toad Hall, Station Road: change of use of existing static caravan and associated land from C3 to C1 (Airbnb) accommodation and erection of external decking area and hard standing for access and parking (retrospective). The Members has no objections. The next application considered was: 24/00687/PADOT PP-13360944 Building 5 adjacent Norton Hall Cottages, St Stephens Road: Prior approval application for proposed change of use of an agricultural building to C1 (hotel) to create 7no. aparthotel units with storage room and associated car parking and cycle storage. The Members recommended refusal for the following reasons:

1. *It is outside the Development Boundary (S8 – Settlement Boundaries & the Countryside)*
2. *Local infrastructure is poor: single track country lane. No footways, unlit narrow road.*
3. *Development out of character with rural surrounding area. The proposed development would be remote and disconnected from local services and facilities by reason of its location.*
4. *The proposed development would substantially alter the character of the area and have an unacceptable visual impact on the countryside though the urbanisation and domestication of the site.*
5. *Applicant to note that due to the primary school the speed on a section of this road is going to be reduced to 20mph.*

The last application considered was: 24/00691/PACUAR PP-13372054 Land adjacent to Norton Hall, St Stephens Road: prior notification for the change of use of agricultural buildings to 8 dwellinghouses (use Class C3) and for associated operational development. The Members recommended refusal for the following reasons:

1. *It is outside the Development Boundary (S8 – Settlement Boundaries & the Countryside)*
2. *Local infrastructure is poor: single track country lane. No footways, unlit narrow road. Traffic access not considered. (T2 Accessibility)*
3. *Development out of character with rural surrounding area. The proposed development would be remote and disconnected from local services and facilities by reason of its location.*
4. *The proposed development would substantially alter the character of the area and have an unacceptable visual impact on the countryside though the urbanisation and domestication of the site – anti landscape protection (S3 Place Shaping)*

5. *Applicant to note that due to the primary school the speed on a section of this road is going to be reduced to 20mph.*

It was noted that two planning allocations were not considered by the Parish Council, due to Parish Council being in recess and extensions not possible. Applications were: 24/00397/HOUSE PP-13037883 Toad Hall, Station Road: two storey side extension. Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension. Raised patio area in permeable paving and 24/00533/LDP PP-13218960 Little Canneys, Stow Road: claim for lawful development certificate for the proposed change of roof from hipped to gable and the removal of a bay window.

Planning Decisions: three decisions were received from MDC relating to Cold Norton for the period from w/e 5th July to w/e 30th August 2024, namely:

Appeal Decision: 23/00220/OUTM (Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/W/23/3334253) Land West of Crown Road: Proposal: Outline planning application with all matters reserved apart from access, for residential development (up to 14 dwellings), vehicle circulation and parking, hard and soft landscaping and associated development. NW Decision Level: NW Committee (as per Officer recommendation to refuse). APPEAL DISMISSED – 05.08.2024.

LDP/MAL/24/00533 Little Canneys Stow Road: Claim for lawful development certificate for the proposed change of roof from hipped to gable and the removal of a bay window. This was approved subject to: The proposed roof alterations from hipped to gable and removal of bay window would fall within the tolerances of Classes B & A of Part 1, of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended).

HOUSE/MAL/24/00397 Toad Hall Station Road: Two storey side extension. Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension. Raised patio area in permeable paving. MDC approved these works.

In addition, ECC had advised that in reference to: CC/MAL/28/24 Cold Norton Primary School, St Stephens Road: works relating to new heating system had been Approved.

Planning Appeal: has been submitted by Marden Billericay Limited for Land adjacent Eastholm, Latchingdon Road; Proposal: Erection of 2no. dwellings with associated landscaping and ancillary works. Application Ref: 24/00235/FUL PP-12843199: Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/W/24/3347605.

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: Whilst all Members had contributed to this project, Members wanted it noted that the bulk of the work involved had been undertaken by Cllr Brian Haydon. A copy of the appraisal 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's September report can be found on the Parish Council website.

Reduction of the Speed Limit to 20mph in St Stephens Road: this is expected to be implemented in March 2025; extent of the new limit along this road still to be agreed. Thank you to ECC Cllr Mrs Fleming for progressing this.

Streetlights: works were undertaken in August to convert four more of the Parish Council owned streetlights to LED (sixteen of the twenty-one lights are now LED). If you spot an issue with any of the streetlights on Latchingdon Road, please report to the Parish Clerk.

Improved Safety of Lithium Batteries (used in e-bikes and scooters) and their disposal: Members agreed to advise support for Lord Don Foster's campaign and Bill to ensure greater safety in the use and disposal of lithium batteries.

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). 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: Mrs Ralph has so far recruited 11 villagers to run Speed Watch in Cold Norton. Training is due to take place in October. 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 June seven offenders were recorded during four sessions over a period of three hours. In July ten offenders were recorded during six sessions over a period of three hours. In August seven 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 c£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>

Parish Council Meetings in 2024

Wednesdays: 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>