

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the October 2024 Meeting

Planning Applications: There was just one planning application for Cold Norton received from Maldon District Council this month, namely: 24/00742/FUL PP-13204066 Land adjacent Eastholm, Latchingdon Road, Purleigh: erection of 1no. dwelling with associated landscaping and ancillary works. The Members recommended refusal for the following reasons:

1. It is outside the Development Boundary (S8 – Settlement Boundaries & the Countryside)
2. Over development of site (D1 Design Quality & Built Environment & H4 Effective Use of Land)
3. Ribbon development (S1 Sustainable Development & S2 Strategic Growth)
4. Safety concerns as proposed entrance/exit opposite village shop already issues with speeding at this point (dangerous situation) (T2 Accessibility). This is technically a 40mph road, but this speed is not adhered to. Very narrow footway which has been damaged by lorries driving on footway.
5. Surface water drainage issue already exists at this location.
6. The local village primary school is already oversubscribed.

Planning Decisions: technically there was only one decision received from MDC relating to Cold Norton for the period from w/e 6th September to w/e 27th September 2024, but the first two whilst in Purleigh are very close to Cold Norton:

FULM/MAL/24/00366 Land South West of The Warren, Hackmans Lane, Purleigh:

Proposed Solar Farm together with sub-station, ancillary buildings, structures, landscaping, emergency lighting and access. MDC approved this development (with a number of conditions). The Members had not objected to the Solar Farm. The second application in Purleigh was: HOUSE/MAL/24/00525 Pale Pitt Farm, Latchingdon Road, Purleigh: First floor extension over existing single storey side elevation including Juliet balcony to the rear. This was also approved by MDC. The Members had not submitted a comment. The last decision was:

HOUSE/MAL/24/00454 Chestnuts, 67 Latchingdon Road, Cold Norton: 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. MDC approved these works. The Members had not objected.

Planning Appeal: 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. The hearing for this appeal will be heard at MDC Offices on Wednesday 6th November 2024 at 10am.

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 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 October report can be found on the Parish Council website.

Streetlights: If you spot an issue with any of the streetlights on Latchingdon Road, please report to the Parish Clerk.

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: Training for the seventeen villagers who have volunteered to run Speed Watch in Cold Norton took place in October and they have already been out checking the speed of vehicles coming through the village. NB TRUCAM will continue to operate in the village.

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.

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. Please note that Maldon District Council will no longer be providing green food waste bags. 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.

Maldon Resident & Business Survey 2024: Residents, businesses and organisations in the Maldon District are being invited to take part in the Council's annual survey. The Council wants to hear what really matters to you within the district. Getting feedback helps it to prioritise and to make plans for the future. The survey can be completed by going to www.maldon.gov.uk/jointhediscussion

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: 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>