

COLD NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER 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
Cllr J Richardson
Cllr A Romang

In attendance: Mrs M Dyer (Parish Clerk)
One Member of the Public

- 293. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** apologies were received and accepted from Parish Cllr Jacklin, County Cllr Mrs Fleming, Mrs J Ralph (Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator) and District Cllrs White and Wiffen.

294. 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.

Cllr Romang declared a non-pecuniary interest in Allotments as he is an allotment holder.

295. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Member of the Public present raised two queries, the first in relation to litter picking equipment that the ECC Cllr had mentioned at an earlier meeting could be supplied and the speed limit in St Stephens Road. The Member of public present in relation to marketing the village hall advised that he would supply details of an events co-ordinator and social media adviser.

- 296. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING of the Parish Council** held on Thursday 12th September 2024 were approved as correct and signed accordingly.

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

- 298. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** not available

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT/ POLICE MATTERS AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

- 299.** The NhW Co-ordinator was unable to attend but had provided the Clerk with a report, including a report relating to the recent incident involving the Police Helicopter. Members noted
- 300.** Members were advised that a training session was arranged for the Community Speed Watch volunteers and were awaiting confirmation of approved sites for Speed Watch volunteers to work from. Members were all in agreement to cover the cost of room hire and refreshments for the Speed Watch training session and proposed monthly Speed Watch team meetings. The Members expressed thanks to Mrs Ralph for her NhW work and instigating a Cold Norton Speed Watch Team.

FINANCE

Approval of Payments

301. Mr Roy Wiseman to village caretaker works. Invoice dated 1st October 2024 £84.00. Cheque No.022529
302. Maria Dyer office expenses from 30th August to 26th September 2024 £115.77 (£102.47 net). Cheque No.912478
303. Essex Digital Copiers (EDC) to supply of 1 x toner for Ricoh MP301 photocopier. Invoice No.58480 dated 26th September 2024 £30.00 (£25.00 net). Cheque No.912479
304. A&J Lighting Solutions to call out/rectify fault for Street Light No.12. Invoice No.38603 dated 27th September 2024 £121.80 (£101.50 net). Cheque No.912480
305. All staff costs £803.95

306. Financial Statement

Current balances:

Barclays 10 Day Notice as at 10 th Sept 2024	£	602.30
Santander as at 2 nd September 2024	£	<u>42,386.93</u>
	£	42,989.23

307. Barclays Business Account

Members noted a reduction in interest rates from 19th December 2024.

PLANNING

308. **Planning Application received by the Parish Council:** the following was considered, and the response was:

24/00742/FUL PP-13204066 Land adjacent Eastholm, Latchingdon Road, Purleigh: erection of 1no. dwelling with associated landscaping and ancillary works. Week No.38 dated 20th September 2024:

The Members recommended refusal of this application 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.

309. **Maldon District Council Decisions:** covering decisions advised from w/e 6th September to w/e 27th September 2024; a detailed list had been supplied to Members, which is summarised below:

Technically, the first are in Purleigh Parish, but are both very close to Cold Norton and CNPC had submitted comments:

FULM/MAL/24/00366 Purleigh

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

Land South West Of The Warren Hackmans Lane Purleigh Essex
(UPRN - 010094635162)

Anglo Renewables Ltd **APPROVED**

HOUSE/MAL/24/00525 Purleigh

First floor extension over existing single storey side elevation including Juliet balcony to the rear.
Pale Pitt Farm Latchingdon Road Purleigh Essex
(UPRN - 100091256500)
Mr Peter Hoggett **APPROVED**

HOUSE/MAL/24/00454 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.
Chestnuts 67 Latchingdon Road Cold Norton Chelmsford
(UPRN - 100090555275)
Mr & Ms Alan & Nataliya
Cowperthwaite & Prymich **APPROVED**

310. Planning Appeal

Members noted: Hearing on Wednesday 6th November 2024 10am at MDC Offices
Site Address: Land adjacent Eastholm, Latchingdon Road, Purleigh Essex
Proposal: Erection of 2no. dwellings with associated landscaping and ancillary works
Application Ref: 24/00235/FUL PP-12843199
Appellants Name: Mr S Jacob – Marden Billericay Limited
Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/W/24/3347605

311. Neighbourhood Planning in Maldon District

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would contact MDC for clarification.

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

312. EV Charging Point

Nothing to report

313. Playground

Works required relating to bark top-up, zip wire, basketball nets and signage discussed. Clerk to progress. Photo of playground to be changed on CNPC website.

ACTION: CLERK

314 Trees in Extended Car Park

It was agreed that three new cherry blossom trees be purchased to replace those that were vandalised.

ACTION: CLLR DIXON

315. VILLAGE HALL

Members noted that there is a VHMC meeting on 3rd October 2024 and that a celebratory afternoon tea event is planned for Saturday 23rd November 2024.
Members noted that the gates to the outside enclosed play area used by Pre School cannot be locked other than during Pre School sessions, as one of the fire exit doors from the main hall leads into this space.
Current hall usage to be clarified so that additional events/users can be investigated. Clerk to follow up leads re event management and social media provided by a resident (Minute No.295 applies)

ACTION: CLERK

316. CLERKS REPORT

Nothing to report not already covered.

HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

317. TRUCAM

Members noted that September report was still awaited.

318 20's Plenty

Members discussed the latest request from 20's Plenty for Essex Group and it was noted that as Latchingdon Road is a PR1 road and ECC Policy states that 20mph advisory limits are not considered acceptable for PR1 routes; the only other 'well used' road with safety and speed concerns is St Stephens Road and this is to be made a 20mph road in the New Year.

319. Parking at School

Nothing to report re SEPP or the 3PR Scheme.

OPEN SPACE

320. Village Caretaker work: Mr Wiseman continued to carry out this work: regular litter picks and emptying bins on playing field.

321. Cowpiece

Cllr Dixon advised that a meeting had been arranged for 7th October with a representative of The Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group to assess the pond as a suitable breeding location.

322. Willow Trees at Playing Field

Members noted that the PC continues to receive reports from the insurance company following removal of the Willow Trees. Members requested that this item be removed from the agenda.

323. Cherry Blossom Memorial Trees

Cllr Dixon advised he had sourced suitable plaques. Clerk to prepare copy for quote to be obtained.

ACTION: CLERK

324. Goal Posts in Playing Field

Members discussed and requested that Clerk contact Wooden Radars regarding goal posts stored on site.

ACTION: CLERK

325. STREETLIGHTS

Members noted that the fault at street light No.12 had been rectified.

TRAINING/CONFERENCES/MEETINGS

326. Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome Joint Consultative Committee

Members noted receipt of press release advising that despite a very challenging year due to increased costs and reduced visitor numbers because of the long-term road closure, that the site would remain open.

327. KOMPAN Outdoor Fitness Event: Tuesday 8th October 2024

No one available to attend and not a project that the PC is able to pursue at this time.

328. Dengie Hundred Group of Parish Councils Wednesday 9th October 2024

Members noted that Cllr Luck plans to attend.

329. Essex Playing Fields Association AGM Thursday 24th October 2024 8pm

No one available to attend.

Members noted receipt of The Playing Field Magazine

330. Community Safety Event: Tuesday 3rd December 2024

Members noted date and that this will be a full day joint event involving EALC & Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner.

331. Cllr Training

Following discussion, Clerk to book Cllr Dixon to attend EALC training in November.

ACTION: CLERK

CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS

332. Public Consultation: Cycling & Walking Survey in Maldon District; closes 13th October 2024:

Members noted, Cllrs to complete as individuals

333. 2024 Maldon Resident & Business Survey; closes 24th November 2024.

Members noted.

334. Food Waste Caddy Liners

Members noted that MDC will no longer provide these to residents.

335. Vacancy for a Parish Cllr to sit on Joint Standards Committee; close date 8th October 2024

Members discussed but agreed not to put forward a CNPC Cllr as it is a non-voting position.

336. PARISH COUNCIL WELFARE OFFICER

Members noted that a suitable CPR course will be investigated.

337. SOCIAL EVENTS

Party in the Park 2025 discussion deferred to November meeting.

338. 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).

Cllr Richardson announced that for family reasons he had advised the Chairman that he had to resign from the Parish Council.

339. MEETINGS IN 2024

Wednesdays: 6th November and 4th December

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.50pm

Chairman.....

Date.....