

## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

From the November 2024 Meeting

**Planning Applications:** There were two planning applications for Cold Norton received from Maldon District Council this month, both relating to works to trees protected under Tree Protection Orders (TPO): 24/00823/WTPO PP-13494031 Elber, 28 St Stephens Road: T1 Oak (T36 on TPO 15/96: Crown Lift to 3.5m from ground level by pruning to suitable growth points, remove epicormic regrowth. Crown thin by 30% and remove any deadwood. 24/00835/WTPO PP-13505613 35 St Stephens Road: TPO15/96 T1 Ash (T26 on TPO): remove lowest limb over property. Cut back by 2m to a suitable growth point. Reduce the adjacent branches by 2m. Remove deadwood. The Members had no objections to either of these proposed works providing they are in line with MDC's Tree Officer's recommendations.

**Planning Decisions:** there were two decisions received from MDC relating to Cold Norton for the period from w/e 4<sup>th</sup> October to w/e 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024: FUL/MAL/24/00540 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). MDC approved this application. The Members had not objected to this change of use. WTPO/MAL/24/00624 30 St Stephens Road: (TPO 15/96) T34 Oak - Crown reduction by 3m. Remove epicormic regrowth and crown lift to 4m. Remove major deadwood throughout crown. MDC approved these works. The Members had not objected.

**Planning Appeal:** the following has been withdrawn:  
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](http://www.maldon.gov.uk)

**Grants:** the Members considered a request for funding from the Essex & Herts Air Ambulance and agreed to a grant of £100. In addition to the cost of £25 for the Poppy Wreath, the Members agreed to a donation of £75 to the Poppy Appeal.

**Solar Panels at Village Hall:** a FIT payment of £814.01 was received in relation to the period 19<sup>th</sup> June to 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

**TRUCAM/Speed Checks:** the number of approved TRUCAM sites has been increased by the Police, now covering 30mph and 40mph zones in the village. In September ten offenders were recorded during five sessions over a period of three hours and in October seven offenders were recorded. During the September sessions speeds of 47mph was recorded in a 30mph zone and 49 in a 40mph zone; in one of the October sessions 53mph was recorded in a 40mph zone. 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.

**Speed Watch:** thank you to the volunteers who have joined the Cold Norton Speed Watch Group and have started to check the speed of drivers coming through the village. NB TRUCAM will continue to operate in the village.

**Vacancy for a Councillor:** there is one vacancy for a Parish Councillor caused by the resignation of Mr Jeremy Richardson. As no requests for a by-election were received, it is proposed to fill the vacancy by co-option at a Parish Council meeting in the new year (date to be agreed). This vacancy is for a position on the Council until the next local Council elections which are scheduled to take place in Spring 2027. Applications are invited from those interested aged 18 years or over, living or working in the Parish, who are concerned about what goes on in and around the village and is prepared to take an active role. Please contact the Clerk for full details of eligibility to be a Parish Councillor and if you would like any information about the role of a Councillor; would suggest that if interested you attend some Parish Council meetings to gauge what is involved.

**Thanks to Jeremy Richardson:** at the meeting the Members wanted formally recorded thanks to Jeremy for the work he undertook as a Parish Cllr, taking on the lead role for the new playground and the resurfacing of Cherry Blossom Lane the road leading to the village hall.

**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 November 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](mailto: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](mailto:coldnorton.nhw@gmail.com) There is also a NhW WhatsApp Group – again please contact Mrs Ralph for details.

**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](mailto: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](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>

**Party in the Park 2025:** due to the success of the 2024 Party in the Park it is proposed to bring the village together again in 2025 on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June. If you would like to be part of the team organising this, please contact the Parish Clerk in the first instance.

**Last Parish Council Meeting in 2024**

Wednesday: 4<sup>th</sup> December

**Parish Council Meetings in 2025**

Wednesdays: 8<sup>th</sup> January, 5<sup>th</sup> February, 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 7<sup>th</sup> May, 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 1<sup>st</sup> October, 5<sup>th</sup> November and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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>