

COLD NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 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 P Jacklin
Cllr Mrs J Luck
Cllr A Romang

In attendance: Mrs M Dyer (Parish Clerk)
County Cllr Mrs J Fleming
One Member of the Public

- 340. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** apologies were received and accepted from Mrs J Ralph (Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator) and District Cllrs White and Wiffen.

341. 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.

342. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Member of the Public present did not wish to speak.

- 343. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING of the Parish Council** held on Wednesday 2nd October 2024 were approved as correct and signed accordingly.

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

345. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

Cllr Mrs Fleming updated Members, advising that ECC Highways would be represented at the MDC Forum in December for Chairmen and Clerks; that there is an NHS Summit in Maldon on Friday 8th November 2024. Cllr Fleming then outlined a plan to introduce a new 6 days a week community bus service for villages in this section of the Maldon District to tie in with train services and requested Members considered contributing to the setting up of this service. Cllr Fleming then advised that the 20mph scheme at the village school is at the design stage and that the remarking of the zebra crossing is on the list of tasks to be carried out. There then followed a discussion re the actual Belisha beacon lights and possible changeover to LED or more highly visible 'halo' type lights that Members had seen in other areas. Meanwhile Clerk to contact MOAT Housing to cut back the vegetation from their properties which is obscuring the Belisha beacon on one side.

ACTION: CLERK

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT/ POLICE MATTERS AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

346. The NhW Co-ordinator was unable to attend, but Clerk passed on a short report
347. Re Speed Watch, Members were advised that training of the volunteers had taken place on 2nd November 2024.
348. Clerk advised that Maldon TRUCAM were very keen to do a road safety week activity (17-23 November) with the newly formed Community Speed Watch team

FINANCE

Approval of Payments

349. Mr Roy Wiseman to village caretaker work. Invoice dated 3rd November 2024 £150.00. Cheque No.912482
350. Maria Dyer office expenses from 27th September to 31st October 2024 £26.66. Cheque No.912483
351. Sue Lees Consultancy to renewal of Cookie Control (Cookie Yes) annual subscription November 2024 to October 2025 Invoice No.INV006706 dated 16th October 2024 £70.00. Cheque No.912484
352. Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal to supply of type C Poppy Wreath with centre personalised to Cold Norton Parish Council. Invoice No.59 dated 8th October 2024 £25.00. Members discussed and were all in agreement to increase this donation by £75.00; total therefore £100.00. Cheque No.912485
353. Maldon District Council to Community Engagement Team Services for TRUCAM July to September 2024 inc. 9 hours. Invoice No.COL58591460 dated 11th October 2024 £458.68 (£382.23 net). Cheque No.912486
354. Maldon District Council to ground maintenance (April 2024 to March 2025 £2,844.00 PA) for quarter July to September 2024. Invoice NO.COL58691546 dated 18th October 2024 £853.20 (£711.00 net). Cheque No.912486
355. Cold Norton Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) to hire of The Les Barclay Room for PC meetings September, October and November 2024. Invoice dated 2nd November 2024 6 hours (2 hours @ £9.60; increase on 1st October 4 hours @ £9.90) £58.80. Cheque No.912487
356. Cold Norton VHMC to hire of The Les Barclay Room for Speed Watch Training Session on 12th October 2024. Invoice dated 2nd November 2024 2 hours @ £9.90 £19.80. Cheque No.912487
357. Society for Local Council Clerks to renewal of subscription for Parish Clerk £190.00. Cheque No.912488
358. Npower to streetlights for September 2024 Invoice IN11630399 dated 3rd October 2024 £219.01 (£208.58 net) was taken by direct debit on 17th October 2024.
359. Npower to streetlights for October 2024 Invoice IN11861888 dated 5th November 2024 £237.62 (£226.30 net) was taken by direct debit on 19th November 2024.
360. All Staff costs £1,066.15

361. Financial Statement Current balances:

Barclays 10 Day Notice as at 10 th Sept 2024	£	602.30
Santander as at 2 nd October 2024	£	<u>33,404.31</u>
	£	34,006.61

362. Solar Panels at Village Hall

Members noted FIT payment advised on 4th October 2024 of £814.01 covering period 19th June to 19th September 2024.

363. 2024/25 National Salary Award

Members noted that the Local Government Association had advised that it had come to an agreement re pay scales from 1st April 2024 (copies had been supplied to Members).

364. **Grants:** Members discussed the one application received. Members were all in agreement to grant £100 to the Essex & Herts Air Ambulance.

PLANNING

365 Planning Applications received by the Parish Council: the following were considered, and the responses were

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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. Week No.43 dated 25th October 2024.

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".

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. Week No. 43 dated 25th October 2024.

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".

366. Maldon District Council Decisions: covering decisions advised from w/e 4 October to w/e 1 November 2024; a detailed list had been supplied to Members, which is summarised below:

FUL/MAL/24/00540 Cold Norton

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).

Caravan At Toad Hall Station Road Cold Norton

(UPRN - 010094637571)

Rebekah Prince

APPROVED

WTPO/MAL/24/00624 Cold Norton

(TPO 15/96) T34 Oak - Crown reduction by 3m. Remove epicormic regrowth and crown lift to 4m.

Remove major deadwood throughout crown.

30 St Stephens Road Cold Norton Chelmsford Essex

(UPRN - 100090555820)

Mr L Stentiford

APPROVED

367. Planning Appeal

Members noted that the following had been withdrawn:

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

368. Neighbourhood Planning in Maldon District

Members noted this is being investigated with MDC.

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

369. EV Charging Point

Nothing to report

370. Playground

Members noted works being progressed as required.

371. Trees in extended car park:

Members noted replacement trees will be obtained in New Year

372. VILLAGE HALL

Members noted that repairs had been undertaken to the heating system; signage options were discussed, research to be undertaken.

Members had been supplied with details of current usage and future usage was discussed. Clerk to follow up a possible new sporting activity.

ACTION: CLERK

Members noted that contact details of social media and events planner had been supplied to the Clerk by a Resident; Clerk to follow up.

ACTION: CLERK

373. CLERKS REPORT

Nothing to report not already covered.

HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

374. TRUCAM

Members noted that during September 2024 there had been ten offenders during 5 sessions over 3 hours.

375. Parking at School

Nothing to report re SEPP or the 3PR Scheme.

376. 20's Plenty in St Stephens Road

Cllr FleMing had advised that the school will have been involved in the signage

OPEN SPACE

377. 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 had removed brambles and cut back and reshaped bushes at Ferris Avenue and Green Trees Avenue.

378. Tree/fence at playing field.

Fence not visible at present

379. Cowpiece

Members received a report from Cllr Dixon regarding the meeting held on 7th October 2024 with The Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group regarding pond as a suitable breeding 'ground'. Cllr Dixon will be monitoring water levels.

Members discussed and were in agreement to ask TCV to return to carry out further general clearance works and to open up the canopy at the dipping pond as recommended by the representative from The Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group. Budget line for works at Cowpiece to be added to the precept calculations.

Members noted that the TCV has applied for funding re dipping platform works

380. Cherry Blossom Memorial Trees

Wording still to be written/agreed re plaques

381. Goal Posts in Playing Field

Members noted Clerk is liaising with football team re goal posts/storage units

TRAINING/CONFERENCES/MEETINGS

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

Cllr Mrs Luck gave a report from this meeting advising that the Community Speed Watch

Representative was present at the meeting as speeding is a major concern in the Dengie. It is hoped

that Parishes in the Dengie can have a pool of Speed Watch volunteers to work together across the Dengie i.e., undertake speed watch sessions in villages other than their own. Clerk to discuss this concept with the Cold Norton Speed Watch Co-Ordinator. Other subjects discussed at this meeting were Alms Houses and the new hall in Mayland. Clerk to contact the Dengie Hundred Clerk re the use of Cold Norton Village Hall for the next or a future meeting. **ACTION: CLERK**

- 383. Dengie Hundred Bus Users Group (DHBUG) public meeting Wednesday 6th Nov 2024 1pm**
No one was available to attend this meeting.

It was agreed to take up the DHBUG's offer to supply information re bus services in the Dengie.

ACTION: CLERK

Cllr Jacklin offered to take on the role of Transport Representative for the Parish Council

- 384. Community Safety Event: Tuesday 3rd December 2024 9.30am to 4pm**
Cllr Mrs Gunn to attend

- 385. Maldon Parish & Town Council Forum Thursday 5th December 2024 2pm to 4pm**
Chairman Cllr Haydon & Clerk to attend.

- 386. Neighbourhood Planning Thursday 12th December 2024 9.30am to 1pm**
No one available to attend

- 387. Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome Joint Consultative Committee 2024 Meetings**
Members noted details of next meeting are still awaited

- 388 Cllr Training**
Cllr Dixon has attended part one of his training course.

CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS

- 389. Essex Highways Users Survey 2024/25; closes 11th November 2024**
Members noted above/link: <https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/essex-highways/006d0a2e/>

- 390. Maldon Resident & Business Survey; closes 24th November 2024**
Members noted above/link: www.maldon.gov.uk/jointhediscussion

- 391. Virtual Attendance at Meetings Government Consultation; closes 19th December 2024**
To be brought back to December meeting

- 392. Community Safety Fund; closes 24th November 2024**
Members noted.

- 393 NHS Update email dated 11 October 2024**
Members noted

- 394. MDC new Chief Executive email dated 15 October 2024**
Members noted new appointment

- 395. EALC Legal Bulletin October 2024**
Members noted receipt

- 396 PARISH COUNCIL WELFARE OFFICER**
Nothing to report

- 397. SOCIAL EVENTS**
Cllr Jacklin spoke about Party in the Park 2024 and the option to hold 'Party in the Park 2025'. Members discussed and agreed that this should be progressed, date of Saturday 28th June 2025 agreed. Cllr Jacklin advised that a deposit of £200 would be required to book DJ Dan. Applause 2025 Rural Touring/subsidised shows – to be brought back to the December meeting for consideration.

398. CLLR RESIGNATION/VACANCY

Members were advised that following the formal resignation supplied to the Chairman by Cllr Richardson, the vacancy was notified to MDC and the required public notice had been posted on CNPC website and noticeboards. Awaiting closure period re calling of an election. If an election is not requested by ten electors, the PC may proceed to fill the vacancy by co-option.

Members wanted to formally record their thanks to Cllr Richardson for his dedicated hard work as a Cllr, in particular with regards to the new playground, renovation and extension works to the village hall car park and works to Cherry Blossom Lane road surface.

399. 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).

No matters were reported by Members.

400. LAST MEETING IN 2024

Wednesday 4th December

401. MEETINGS IN 2025

Wednesdays: 8th January, 5th February, 5th March, 2nd April, 7th May, 4th June, 2nd July, 3rd September, 1st October, 5th November and 3rd December.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10.22pm

Chairman.....

Date.....