

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS
From the December 2024 Meeting

Planning Applications: There were no planning applications received from Maldon District Council for the Members to consider this month.

Planning Decisions: there were two decisions received from MDC relating to Cold Norton for the period from w/e 8th November to w/e 29th November 2024:
PADOT/MAL/24/00687 Building 5 Adjacent Norton Hall Cottages St Stephens Road: Prior approval application under Schedule 2, Part 3, Class R of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) England Order 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. MDC approved this with a large number of detailed conditions. The Members had objected to this development.
PACUAR/MAL/24/00691 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. MDC advised 'Prior Approval Required and Granted' with a large number of conditions. The Members has objected to this.

Planning Appeal: the following has been dismissed:
24/00235/FUL (Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/W/24/3347605)
Proposal: Erection of 2no. dwellings with associated landscaping and ancillary works
Address: Land adjacent Eastholm, Latchingdon Road, Purleigh, Essex
Area: NW
Decision Level: Delegated
APPEAL DISMISSED: 22nd November 2024

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

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 November seven offenders were recorded during six patrols over a period of three hours. During these sessions, a speed of 48mph was recorded in a 30mph zone and 55 in a 40mph zone. 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 to check the speed of drivers coming through the village. NB TRUCAM will continue to operate in the village. A joint activity was held during Road Safety Week in November with the Cold Norton Speed Watch Team and Maldon TRUCAM.

County Councillor Report: Cllr Mrs Fleming attended this meeting and advised that the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) at Three Rivers Golf & Country Club had been repaired and is now working – data from this will be used to support the request to reduce the speed on this stretch of road to 30mph; the footway from Pale Pitt Farm to the roundabout has been cleared. County Cllr Mrs Fleming also advised Members that requests have been made to revive the old 99 bus service to Broomfield Hospital. £18 million is going to be provided from the Government for Essex bus services, but at this point it is not clear if this is for services or infrastructure e.g. bus

stops etc. Cllr Mrs Fleming is trying to set up a Community Bus Service to provide a link between villages and train stations with financial support from sponsors and the villages on the proposed route. The Members agreed to include £1,000 in the budget for 2025/26 for this.

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 the Parish Council meeting in March 2025. 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.

Football in the Village: please contact the Parish Clerk if you are interested in playing football on the playing fields – children or adults.

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.

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 suspended whilst water levels are being monitored to ascertain if the pond would be a suitable breeding ground.

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.

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 28th June. If you would like to be part of the team organising this, please contact the Parish Clerk in the first instance.

Parish Council 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.

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>