

COLD NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER 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

402. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE there were no apologies for absence.

403. 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.

404. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no Members of the Public present.

405. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 6th November 2024 were approved as correct and will be signed at a future meeting.

406. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: not available

407. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

Cllr Mrs Fleming 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; Cllr Fleming clarified the extent of the 20mph in St Stephens Road.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT/ POLICE MATTERS AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

408. The NhW Co-ordinator was not in attendance; the Clerk gave a brief update.

409. Update re Cold Norton Speed Watch not available.

410. Clerk advised that the road safety week activity joint activity with CN Speed Watch and MDC TRUCAM had taken place on Sunday 17th November 2024 – report awaited.

411. Members noted the request from Dengie Hundred Group of Parish Councils re Speed Watch; Clerk will forward request to the Cold Norton Speed Watch Group Co-ordinator.

ACTION: CLERK

FINANCE

Approval of Payments

412. Maria Dyer office expenses from 1st to 29th November 2024 £24.27 (£23.60 net). Cheque No.912490
413. Essex & Herts Air Ambulance to grant agreed at November PC meeting £100.00 (Minute no.364 applies). Cheque No.912491
414. EALC to 2 x training days for Cllr Dixon 2nd & 9th November 2024 @ £130 each ex VAT. Invoice No.18100 dated 25th November 2024 £312 (£260 net) but CNPC had credit of £54 (£45 net) from EALC due to past course cancelled by EALC), therefore payment of £258 (£215 net) due. Cheque No.912495
(Members were advised that a Cllr Training Bursary of £195 had been applied for, so cost of two Training days to the PC will only be £65.00 before credit).
415. Tax/NI to 5th January 2025 £872.36. Cheque No.912494
416. All Staff costs £836.70

417. **Financial Statement**
Current balances:

Barclays 10 Day Notice as at 10 th Sept 2024	£	602.30
Santander as at 2 nd November 2024	£	<u>31,990.43</u>
	£	32,592.73

418. **Grants:** Members considered request from the Cold Norton PCC, but requested that further information be supplied; Clerk to contact CNPCC
ACTION: CLERK

419. **Community Bus**
Members discussed financial contribution to facilitate set up of above as outlined by Cllr Fleming (Minute no.407 applies) and agreed to include £1,000.00 for this in the budget for 2025/2026.
ACTION: CLERK

420. **Precept 2025-26:** Members considered budget outline. Clerk to update/amend as discussed.
ACTION: CLERK

PLANNING

421. **Planning Applications received by the Parish Council:** no planning applications had been received.

422. **Maldon District Council Decisions:** covering decisions advised from w/e 8 November to w/e 29 November 2024; a detailed list had been supplied to Members, which is summarised below:

PADOT/MAL/24/00687 Cold Norton

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. Building 5 Adjacent Norton Hall Cottages St Stephens Road Cold Norton Essex (UPRN - 010094636276)

Robert & John Lyon **PRIOR APPROVAL GRANTED (with conditions)**

PACUAR/MAL/24/00691 Cold Norton

Prior notification for the change of use of agricultural buildings to 8 dwellinghouses (Use Class C3) and for associated operational development

Land Adjacent to Norton Hall St Stephens Road Cold Norton Essex

(UPRN - 010094634085)

Robert & John Lyon **PRIOR APPROVAL REQUIRED & GRANTED (with conditions)**

423. Planning Appeal

Members noted that 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.

424. Neighbourhood Planning in Maldon District

This is being investigated with MDC

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

425. EV Charging Point

Nothing to report. Clerk to follow up with MDC/ECC. **ACTION: CLERK**

426. Playground

Nothing to report. Rota/frequency for inspections discussed. Clerk to investigate.

ACTION: CLERK

427. Bicycle Racks: Clerk was requested to investigate. **ACTION: CLERK**

428. VILLAGE HALL

Members were advised that vegetation at rear and front of building needs attention and that there had been a leak in the roof. Survey costs to be obtained. **ACTION: CLERK**

Members were advised that a tree had fallen down into the playing field from residential property.

Clerk to contact the resident.

ACTION: CLERK

429. CLERKS REPORT

Clerk updated Members regarding a request by a resident in Cherry Blossom Lane to install a dropped kerb to join the 'new' road.

HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

430. TRUCAM

Members noted that during October 2024 there had been seven offenders during 5 sessions over 3 hours.

431. Parking at School

Nothing to report re SEPP or the 3PR Scheme.

432. 20mph along St Stephens Road

Members noted that Cllr comments had been passed to ECC Highways. Cllr Fleming had updated Members earlier in the meeting – Minute No.407 applies.

433. Overgrowing hedges/vegetation

Members noted format of county letter and agreed that elements of this be incorporated when applicable. Clerk to contact owners of offending properties near the Zebra Crossing, obscuring the Belisha Beacons. **ACTION: CLERK**

OPEN SPACE

434. Village Caretaker work: Mr Wiseman continued to carry out this work: regular litter picks and emptying bins on playing field; details of other works for this month to be advised.

435 Cowpiece

Members noted Cllr Dixon is monitoring water levels at pond to ascertain if pond is suitable breeding 'ground'; Cllr Dixon advised that water levels had increased

Members discussed and were in agreement that in view of assessment of pond as breeding 'ground'

works to dipping platform should be put on hold. NB TCV have advised that they have found a more suitable grant fund for these works. Timing of works by TCV to be put on hold – to be discussed at the January meeting.

436. Cherry Blossom Memorial Trees

Wording still to be written/agreed re plaques

437. Goal Posts in Playing Field

Nothing to report; new contact number advised for football team. Availability of football pitch to be advertised.
ACTION: CLERK

TRAINING/CONFERENCES/MEETINGS

438. Maldon Parish & Town Council Forum Thursday 5th December 2024 2pm to 4pm

Members noted Chairman and Clerk to attend.

439. Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome Joint Consultative Committee 2025 Meetings

Nothing to report; dates awaited for next year's meeting.

440 Cllr Training

Cllr Dixon has completed both days of his training course. Clerk to investigate training sessions for Cllr Jacklin.
ACTION: CLERK

CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS

441. Virtual Attendance at Meetings Government Consultation; closes 19th December 2024

Clerk to complete based on Members views.

ACTION: CLERK

442. Connecting Essex through Cycling & Walking Consultation; closes 10th January 2025

It was agreed that Members would complete as individuals as applicable.

ACTION: CLLRS

443. Festive Free Parking

Members noted free parking in Maldon Town Centre car parks from 2pm on Thursdays 5th, 12th and 19th December and all day on Christmas Eve.

444. New litter bin

Members discussed the request received from a resident via County Cllr Mrs Fleming for an additional litter bin. The Clerk had supplied the Members with costs to install another bin and contacted the Village Caretaker regarding this resident's concern re additional rubbish: it was reported that the volume of rubbish had not noticeably increased and that as most of the strewn rubbish was fast food wrappers, drink cartons etc from passing cars, that a bin would not solve the problem. The Members were in agreement that an additional bin was not required at this time.

445. PARISH COUNCIL WELFARE OFFICER

Nothing to report.

SOCIAL EVENTS

446. Party in the Park 2025: Saturday 28th June

Cllr Jacklin advised that DJ Dan had been booked and the VHMC had paid the deposit.

447. Applause 2025 Rural Touring/subsidised shows (brought forward from November meeting)

Members discussed and requested that this be brought back to the January meeting to give Members time to review the options/timings in the 2025 Applause Programme.

ACTION: ALL CLLRS

448. The Norton Public House Charity Quiz

It was noted that this may not be taking place as The Norton was closed now awaiting a new tenant.

449. CLLR RESIGNATION/VACANCY

Members noted that the Elections Officer at MDC had advised that as there had been no requests for an election CNPC can proceed to co-option. Members agreed that applicants for the vacant seat would be considered at the March Parish Council meeting. **ACTION: CLERK**

450. 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.

451. 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 10.50pm

Chairman.....

Date.....