

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the April 2025 Meeting

Planning Applications: There was only one planning application received from Maldon District Council for the Members to consider this month, namely: 25/00178/WTPO PP-13807368 14 St Stephens Road: Henney Close: TPO15/96 T49 – Ash Tree: reduce the crown by 2m and remove deadwood. 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”*.

In addition, Members were advised that the following application had been withdrawn: 25/00044LDP PP-13704573 Beacon Hill House, Latchingdon Road: Claim for lawful certificate for proposed single storey front extension to existing outbuilding.

Planning Decisions: there was just one decision received from MDC for the period from w/e 7th March to w/e 28th March 2025, namely: 25/00101/NMA Land Adjacent Thornfields, Purleigh Grove: Application for non-material amendment following grant of Planning Permission 23/00491/FUL (The erection of 2No. 4/5-bedroom detached dwellings, both with carports and private amenity, with the construction of a new access road) Amendment sought: Internal and external design changes with alterations in height to carports. MDC approved this amendment. (CNPC had not been invited to comment on this application).

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

County Councillor Report: Cllr Mrs Fleming was unable to attend the Parish Council meeting but had supplied a report which included information on social supermarkets operating in Burnham-on-Crouch and Southminster offering affordable cupboard essentials; for further information or to find a community supermarket, visit <https://www.essex.gov.uk/helpcost-living/find-community-supermarket> Other topics in Cllr Fleming’s report included ‘Kinder Essex’ (which connects people to local groups and activities where they can meet others), Foster Carers, the Scrap Campaign (fly tipping and alternative waste disposal methods), improvements to walking and cycling in Essex and how Essex Highways is using microbiology to clean up fuel spills – see the full report on the Parish Council Website: <https://www.cold-norton.org.uk>

TRUCAM/Speed Checks: these cover both the 30mph and 40mph zones in the village. In February six offenders were recorded during six patrols over a period of three hours. During these sessions, a speed of 50 mph was recorded 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.

Villager of the Year 2025: this award was created in 2011 and is an annual award made to an individual, the exception being in 2020 when it was awarded to ‘All Cold Norton Residents’ as everyone pulled together as a village during COVID lockdowns helping neighbours in a wide variety of ways. There was no award in 2021. In 2024 Jackie Ralph was given the award for setting up the Cold Norton Neighbourhood Watch Group, all whilst she was actually away on a family holiday abroad!! Jackie also set up a dedicated NhW WhatsApp and keeps everyone updated with

information and advice from the Police. The Members invite you to put forward nominations for the 2025 title for them to consider at the May Parish Council meeting. The person nominated must live in the village. The presentation will be made at the Annual Parish Meeting in May (date to be confirmed). Nominations please to the Parish Clerk (details at end of Parish Report) by Thursday 1st May 2025.

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

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

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.

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.

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: 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. 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
Please note that Maldon District Council no longer provide green food waste bags.

Change to Recycling of Plastic Bags & Wrapping: 25th March 2025 Maldon District Council advised: *"Thank you to everyone who has taken part in the trial. The*

trial has proven to be extremely successful and importantly will help shape the nationwide rollout of the collection of plastic bags and wrapping.

The funding for the existing trial has come to an end but we are pleased to be able to continue to collect plastic bags & wrappings from those households that were taking part in the trial.

It is no longer necessary to separate your plastic bags and wrappings, you can now place them in your pink sack with the rest of your recycling. If you have a supply of purple sacks you can continue to use them, but they will be collected in the same vehicle as your pink sacks and they will no longer be provided.

Unfortunately, we are no longer able to accept pet food, baby food or other pouches which include a thick aluminium layer. You can continue to include crisp packets and sweet wrappers. The results from the trial highlighted that there are limited UK options to recycle the pouches, however, we will continuously review this and notify you should this change.”

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: 7th May, 4th June, 2nd July, 3rd September, 1st October, 5th November and 3rd December.

Annual Parish Meeting: will be held on Thursday 22nd May 2025 at 8pm in The Les Barclay Room at the Village Hall. All Parish & Town Councils throughout England are required by law to hold an Annual Parish Meeting between 1st March & 1st June each year. The purpose of this meeting is so that the Parish Council can explain what it has been doing over the last year, and it enables the electors to have their say on anything which they consider is important to the people of Cold Norton. Following the reports and question time, refreshments will be served to allow more time for individual discussion with the various representatives present and with your friends and neighbours from Cold Norton.

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>