

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the September 2026 Meeting

Planning Applications: there were details of three two planning applications received from Maldon District Council (MDC) this month. The first was: 26/00470/HOUSE PP-15073050 Sky High, Hagg Hill: First floor side extension over the existing integral garages to provide annexe accommodation. The Members had no objections and made no comments. The second application considered was: 26/00500RES Land at The Brambles, Latchingdon Road: reserved matters application for the approval of all matters on approved planning application 25/00186/OUT (Outline application with all matters reserved for the erection of 1no dwelling). As this property technically comes under Purleigh PC, CNPC had not been invited to submit a consultee response, but the PC has submitted the following Cold Norton Parish Council recommends refusal of this application for the following reasons:

“Proposed dwelling is now much larger than originally presented at application 25/00186/OUT – so now is an over development of the site, in closer proximity to neighbouring property and out of character for this area.

Contrary to:

Policy D1 – Design Quality & Built Environment

Policy H4 – Effective use of Land

Policy S8 – Settlement Boundaries & the Countryside”

26/00279/HOUSE PP-14890676 Tintagel, 8 Howe Green Road: erection of a part two storey, part single storey extension. The Members had no objections and made no comments.

Planning Decisions: there were two planning decision advised by MDC relating to properties in the Cold Norton Parish Council area for the period of w/e 3 July to w/e 28 August 2026, namely: 26/00360/LDE Beacon Hill House, Latchingdon Road: Claim for a lawful development certificate for retention of an outbuilding for use as a hobby room incidental to the existing residential dwelling. MDC approved this. (As the Parish Council didn't have any knowledge that supported or contradicted the submitted evidence, no comments had been submitted). 25/00388/FUL Great Canney Court, Hackmans Lane: Addition of new building containing two dwellings to existing building containing flats and associated works. MDC refused this application. (The Members had not objected to the additional dwellings but had added the comment: *“Whilst this is outside the development boundary, in principle the Members do not object to this application, however, they have noted that none of the previous reasons for refusing this addition to the site seem to have been addressed.”*

In addition, the Clerk advised Members of two 'For Information Only' decisions relating technically to Purleigh PC, but relating to a property on Latchingdon Road: The first was 26/00491/NMA Land Adjacent Eastholm, Latchingdon Road: Application for non-material amendment following grant of planning permission 24/00742/FUL (Erection of 1no. dwelling with associated landscaping and ancillary works) Amendment sought: Replacement of first floor ensuite and walk-in wardrobe with fifth bedroom. MDC approved this amendment. The second decision was: 26/00493/NMA Land Adjacent Eastholm, Latchingdon Road: Application for non-material amendment following grant of planning permission 24/00742/FUL (Erection

of 1no. dwelling with associated landscaping and ancillary works) Amendment sought: Addition of front entrance gate to site access drive. MDC refused this amendment.

For interest the Clerk also advised Members of the decision relating an application submitted by the National Highways Historical Railways Estate to the dismantled railway in Stow Maries: 25/00891/FUL Land at Dismantled Railway, Church Lane, Stow Maries: Structural reinforcement works to bridge including installation of steel arch to centre span and infilling of side spans with concrete. MDC approved these works with a list of conditions relating to listed wildlife and vegetation, plus the matching of the existing brickwork.

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

The New 99 Bus Shopper Service: is now operational and as well as visiting shopping venues (Maldon, South Woodham Ferrers and Chelmsford) it also goes to Broomfield Hospital – see posters on the village notice boards or visit the Parish Council website for details or visit:

<https://www.travelessex.co.uk/about-bus-services/explore-bus-options/route/1634?type=route&id=1634&label=99+-+Asda+Store%2C+Stephensons&sort=Asda+Store%2C+Stephensons&intelliLabel=%3Cb%3E99%3C%2Fb%3E+-+asda+store%2C+stephensons>

Essex Honours & Awards 2026/27: nominations are now open for all three national schemes aimed at promoting recognition of and celebration of individuals and organisations making a positive impact in Essex. These three awards, namely The National Honours (e.g. MBE), The King's Awards for Enterprise and The King's Award for Voluntary Service (KAVS) are all excellent opportunities to recognise the selfless efforts, innovative spirit and entrepreneurial drive that defines the best of Essex. If you want more information/nominate someone, please contact the Clerk for further information.

Climate & Nature Crisis - People's Emergency Briefing: in November 2025, the National Emergency Briefing brought together leading UK scientists and experts to present the latest evidence on the climate and nature crisis to politicians and other influential people in Westminster and its effect on extreme weather, food security. Biodiversity loss, health and cost of living. The film 'People's Emergency Briefing' is based on the National Emergency Briefing and sets out the risks facing the nation and the credible, positive responses available, in a clear and accessible account. The film, with appearances from Chris Packham, Deborah Meaden, Jennifer Saunders and a range of people from across the UK, is being shown all over the country - visit the website for details of local screenings <https://www.nebriefing.org/the-film> and also to read the briefings from the experts presented in full as part of the public record.

It is proposed to host a screening of this film in the village – lookout for details coming soon.

The Parish Council is keen to find ways that Cold Norton can do its bit to help nature recovery. There are many simple tasks that individuals, household and communities

can do that will make a difference detailed in a leaflet called THIRTY FOR 30 to encourage taking actions between now and 2030. Please contact the Clerk for a copy.

FREE Children's events in Cold Norton: Green Space Games sponsored by the Parish Council were held on two mornings in August and proved to be very successful providing physical activities, outdoor games and arts & crafts for a mix of children aged 3 – 11 years.

Vacancy on the Parish Council: there is one vacancy for a Parish Councillor caused by the resignation of Mr Brian Haydon. As no requests for a by-election were received, the vacancy will be filled by co-option at the Parish Council meeting on 7th October 2026. This vacancy is for a position on the Council only 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. If you would like to be considered, please apply by letter or email to the Parish Clerk (details at end) by Friday 2nd October 2026 giving details of your occupation, interests, reasons why you want to join the Parish Council and other relevant information.

New Residents: if you have a new neighbour, do please let the Parish Clerk know, so they can be given a footpath map and a copy of the latest Village Appraisal.

TRUCAM/Speed Checks: these cover both the 30mph and 40mph zones in the village. In July nine offenders were recorded with a speed of 64mph recorded in a 40mph zone. In August there were eight captures with 34 mph recorded in a 30mph zone and 53mph 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.

Village Hall: the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) is responsible for running the Village Hall including maintenance and fund raising. A new committee is being formed, the role of treasurer has been filled, but the other four roles to be filled are: Chairman, Booking Clerk, Secretary and 100 Club Organiser (some of the roles can be combined as at present, but this is very flexible). For more information, please contact Mrs Joanne Luck on 07871 167634 or email: joanneluck@gmx.com

Village Hall Availability: 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. The main hall and the two other rooms are also available for clubs, classes, indoor sports, lessons – the options are endless. During school term time the main hall is available Friday evenings and all day Saturday and Sunday; during school holidays the main hall is also available during the day and most evenings. The St Stephens Room is available during the day/evening Monday to Friday and weekends, and The Les Barclay Room is available daytime on Fridays and day/evening at weekends. For full details phone Mrs Joanne Luck on 07871 167634 or email: joanneluck@gmx.com

Solar Panels at the Village Hall: for the period 25th March to 23rd June 2026 the PC received a FIT payment of £898.91.

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: the village shop, Londis, is a stockist, 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.

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>

Parish Council Meetings in 2026

Wednesdays: 7th October, 4th November and 2nd December.

To contact the Parish Council: please email the Parish Clerk (Maria Dyer) at clerk@cold-norton.org.uk 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>