PARISH COUNCIL NEWS
From the November 2026 Meeting

Planning Applications: there was just one planning application received from Maldon District Council (MDC) this month, namely: 26/00708/FUL PP-12243325 Land opposite Bluebell Barn, Lower Burnham Road: erection of a farm shop incorporating a seafood counter and a rural property office, together with associated access, parking and landscaping (demolition of the existing building)
The Members recommended refusal of this development for the following reasons:

> *The Parish Council has major concerns regarding highway safety – this is already an accident black spot, and this has been highlighted in relation to the proposed housing development in North Fambridge.*
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> *Contrary to: Policy T2 - Accessibility*

The Parish Council was also advised about the proposed Dengie Peninsula Energy Park, which is at the pre-application stage.

Planning Appeal: MDC advised details of appeal Ref:6016681 25/00388/FUL Great Canney Court, Hackmans Lane: addition of new building containing two dwellings to existing building containing flats and associated works.

Planning Decisions: there was just one planning decisions advised by MDC relating to properties in the Cold Norton Parish Council area for the period of w/e 9 October to w/e 30 October 2026, namely: 26/00640/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) Amendments Sought :Addition of front entrance gate to site access drive. MDC approved this amendment.

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

Local Police: two of our local Policemen attended this meeting to talk about local issues and to give an update re Policing in this district. Issues raised with the Police included the ongoing problem with inconsiderate parking in St Stephens Road at school start and finish times, the riding of electric bikes on the bridleway and speeding through the village. The Police will be looking into all these issues and advised that they plan to undertake speed checks in addition to the TRUCAM checks paid for by the Parish Council. The Police issued a reminder, especially applicable at this time of year, to securely lock cars and homes.

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.

Remembrance Day Service: the Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Mrs Luck and Cllr Dixon attended this poignant service held in the grounds of the Church to lay a wreath on behalf of all residents of Cold Norton in remembrance and to give thanks. The names of those from Cold Norton who gave their lives were read out to honour their memory and to show they are not forgotten.

FREE Children's event in Cold Norton: As the two summer events had proved so popular the Parish Council sponsored another Green Space Games event during the October half term break. The children enjoyed a range of activities and games inside the village hall and out on the playing field.

District Councillor Report: Cllr Lisa Wiffen was unable to attend this meeting due to a prior meeting but supplied a report for November advising about major changes coming to Maldon District Council (MDC) car parks in November: MDC is modernising its parking machines and going paperless in its car parks, with 12 new payment machines being installed in Maldon's town centre and Promenade Park; work is due to be completed by 20 November. The new machines will accept contactless payments only and will not print a paper ticket. Drivers will need to enter their registration number when paying to park, and an email payment receipt can be requested on the machines. RingGo will remain available in all council car parks, giving people the option to pay using the app. The Council Offices Car Park and Promenade Park Coach Park will move to RingGo-only payments due to low levels of payment machine use at these locations. MDC will be sharing more information about the changes on their social media channels and putting up signs in the car parks to help people understand the new system. For more information, including frequently asked questions, visit https://www.maldon.gov.uk/paperlessparking
Cllr Wiffen's report also included news about the support for a new neighbourhood health centre in Maldon, confirmed by Health Minister Karin Smyth during a debate in Parliament on Wednesday 14th October.

Free Christmas Parking: designed to support local businesses and make it easier for people to visit Maldon town centre during the busy festive season. This year's free parking dates in December are:

- Thursday 3 December (from 2pm)
- Thursday 10 December (from 2pm)
- Thursday 17 December (from 2pm)
- Christmas Eve (all day)

Free parking will be available in the following town centre car parks only:

- White Horse Lane
- Butt Lane
- High Street East
- Friary Fields
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Essex Honours & Awards 2026/27: nominations are now open for all three national schemed 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.

Vacancy on the Parish Council: there is one vacancy for a Parish Councillor. 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 or attend a Parish Council meeting to see what is involved.

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 October there were seventeen captures with 45 mph recorded in a 30mph zone and 55mph 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

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.

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 2027
Wednesdays: 6th January, 3rd February, 3rd March, 7th April, 5th May (NB this date may need to be changed due to the local elections) 2nd June, 7th July, 1st September, 6th October, 3rd November and 1st December. Members of the Public are warmly welcomed to hear the proceedings and to speak during the time set aside for that purpose.

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