

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS
From the January 2011 Meeting

At this meeting 1 member of the public was present. Please note all Parish Council meetings are open; Members of the Public are most welcome to listen to all or part of the proceedings and speak at a time decided by the Chairman.

Planning Applications: there were no applications for the Councillors to consider at this meeting.

Planning Decisions: Members had been supplied with details of the Planning Decisions made by Maldon District Council relating to applications considered by Cold Norton Parish Councillors at previous meetings:
FUL/MAL/10/00828 Two Square, St. Stephens Road, Cold Norton – demolish existing dwelling house, garage sheds and all other outbuildings. APPROVED BY MDC
FUL/MAL/10/00875 Great Canney Studios, Hackmans Lane, Cold Norton – refurbishment conversion with alterations and change use to B1 office from workshop studios. APPROVED BY MDC
Lords Acre Nursery, Lower Burnham Road, Cold Norton FUL/MAL/10/000839 requesting permission for erection of 4 poly tunnels and farm shop in connection with existing nursery business. Farm shop to provide home grown and home made products. APPROVED BY MDC (with three year condition which was suggested by Cold Norton Parish Council)
All the decisions above made by Maldon District Council were in agreement with the recommendations made by Cold Norton Parish Council at previous meetings.

Please visit the MDC web site www.maldon.gov.uk if you wish to view the applications in full.

Parish Precept 2011/12: The Councillors considered the monies spent/predicted to be spent to the year ending 31st March 2011 and estimated monies required for the year 2011/12 together with further information as requested by the Councillors at the December meeting – each budget category was reviewed in considerable detail. Following discussion the Councillors agreed to set the precept for 2011/12 at £21,500 – a £1,000 increase over the previous year, which is primarily required in relation to the Village Hall project.

Footpath Map: As the P3 representative for Cold Norton footpaths, Roger Hawes has been working with a map designer to produce an interesting map showing the locations of Cold Norton's footpaths. The first draft of the map was shown to the Councillors at this meeting.

Footpath 14: installation of step risers/planings/gravel alongside handrail has now been completed – greatly improving access along this popular footpath.

Footpath Claim along Ferris Avenue & Station Crescent to Latchingdon Road: The Legal Services Department at ECC have now started investigating the Parish Council's application

Essex Transport Plan: ECC is writing its new transport plan and wants to know what is important to residents. To give your views visit www.essex.gov.uk/LTP or call 0845 7430 430 for a paper copy. Consultation finishes on 11th February 2011.

Mineral Matter – Consultation: Members were supplied with information relating to this consultation: The Minerals Development Document is required to plan for a steady and adequate supply of minerals in Essex to meet the County's current and future needs to 2028. Minerals play a crucial role in our lives and the economy. Sand and gravel (in the form of concrete, asphalt, mortar and construction fill) are a key raw material for the construction industry and are critical for Essex's economic growth and development. 'The Preferred Approach' sets out the preferred strategy, criteria and sites to meet minerals needs and has been developed from earlier consultations. The views of Parish Councils and Members of the Public will help to inform the next stage 'The Submission Document Consultation' due to take place in December 2011. View the documents on line at www.essex.gov.uk/MDD-consultation, call 01245 435555 for further information, visit an information display at Maldon Library or there are various drop in sessions (with members of staff), nearest one to Cold Norton is at Danbury Village Hall on 1st February 2011 11.30am to 6.30pm. Consultation closes on 17th February 2011.

Parish Elections: May 2011 will see the end of the four year term of office for the Parish Councillors. Cold Norton Parish Council has 7 members and it is understood that some Councillors will be standing down at this time. Forms will be available from Maldon District Council (date to be advised), once completed these have to be returned by hand to the Elections Office at MDC by the nominated date – a 'voting' election will only become necessary if there are more than 7 names put forward. If you want to know what is involved in being a Parish Councillor, please contact the Clerk or come along to a Parish Council meeting as detailed below.

Parish Council Meetings: Scheduled or provisionally scheduled for 2011 Wednesdays, 2nd February, 2nd March and 6th April. All meetings start at 8 pm in The Norton Meeting Room at the Village Hall. Members of the public are warmly welcomed to hear the proceedings and to speak during the time set aside for that purpose.

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