

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS
From the March 2011 Meeting

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 two applications for the Parish Council to consider at this meeting. The first WTPO/MAL/11/00120 Four Corners, 10 St Stephens Road, Cold Norton – pollard beyond previous cuts to good growth points. The Parish Council had no objections to this application, providing it is carried out under the guidance of Maldon District Council's Tree Officer. The second application was FUL/MAL/11/00061 The Norton, 54 Latchingdon Road, Cold Norton – erection of 3 x two bedroom and 2 x three bedroom residential dwellings and single storey rear extension to existing public house. The following response was sent to Maldon District Council:

Cold Norton Parish Council has NO OBJECTIONS to the works proposed within the above application, BUT ONLY PROVIDING ALL THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS are attached to the planning permission:

- *That The Norton Public House is able to continue operating as a business whilst building works are in progress i.e. that building works are planned so that the business is not compromised*
- *That all the proposed works to the public house section of the site are commenced and completed prior to the commencement of the residential dwellings*
- *That an appropriate legal agreement is in place with The Norton Community Public House Committee to ensure that the long term future of the public house is assured. The Council would wish to see that a long term lease, with an option to purchase, is offered to the Committee*
- *That appropriate landscaping is agreed*
- *That the boundary distance indicated within the planning application is correct in relation to the neighbouring property*
- *That works commence within one year of planning application approval*

The Parish Council feels very strongly that permission should not be granted for this planning application if any of the above conditions are omitted from the approval.

Planning Decisions: none relating to Cold Norton had been advised.

Footpath Claim along Ferris Avenue and Station Crescent to Latchingdon Road (Case 800): Members were advised that Essex Legal Services at ECC had informed the Clerk that: "...the investigation into the Parish Council's application had been completed and that it had been decided that the application be refused, as the investigation revealed that Station Crescent and Ferris Avenue are public roads (along which the public have the right to walk, ride and drive) and do not at the present time fall to be publicly maintainable. It would not therefore be appropriate that the Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way be modified to show them as public footpaths or any other status as their true status is beyond what can be shown on the Definitive Map." Legal Services also advised: "...there is currently a Prohibition of Driving Order affecting the section of Ferris Avenue that leads to Latchingdon Road.

This order does not affect the public's right to walk along this section of Ferris Avenue."

Parish Elections: May 2011 will see the end of the four year term of office for the seven current Parish Councillors. Forms/election packs will be available from Maldon District Council from 4th March 2011 (for an election pack and form telephone 01621 854477 or request a pack via the Election link through the Maldon District Council web site www.maldon.gov.uk). Once completed forms have to be returned to Maldon District Council before noon on Monday 4th April 2011. A 'voting' election will only become necessary if there are more than 7 names put forward.

Parish Council Meetings: Scheduled or provisionally scheduled for 2011 Wednesday 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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