

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the Annual General Meeting and May 2011 Meeting

The Parish Council Annual General Meeting was held on 11th May 2011

The Parish Councillors are:

Mr. John Archer
Professor Leslie Barclay
Mrs. Sue Garnham
Mr. Charles Litscher
Mr. Philip Wakeling

At the AGM officers were elected as follows:

Chairman: Mr. Philip Wakeling
Village Hall Reps: Prof Les Barclay and Mrs Sue Garnham

As only three Councillors were able to be present at this meeting it was agreed to defer the appointment of Vice Chairman, Playing Fields Representatives, Nature Conservation Area Representatives and Footpath Representatives to the next meeting

The Internal Auditor was confirmed as ASAP Office Services and Professor Barclay and Mr Wakeling will remain as signatories as at present and Mrs Garnham will replace Mrs McDonald as the third signatory.

The AGM was followed by the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council

Planning Applications: two planning applications were considered by the Councillors at this meeting, the first WTPO/MAL/11/00259 PP-01432201 Elber, 28 St. Stephens Road, Cold Norton related to a tree protected by a tree preservation order TPO15/96 (T4 on plan) Oak – fell to ground level and treat the stump with an appropriate herbicide. Alleged tree related subsidence. The Parish Councillors agreed that they would be guided by the opinion and findings of Maldon District Council's Tree Officer, but that if the tree had to be felled, the Councillors would like to see a suitable replacement tree planted on the site. The second application was for a porch to the front of the property at Homestead, Latchingdon Road, Cold Norton – the Councillors had no objections to this application.

Planning Decisions: the Councillors had been advised of two decisions: the first related to a tree protected by a tree preservation order, WTPO/MAL/11/00120 TPO 15/96. T54 Horse Chestnut Tree - Pollard beyond previous cuts to good growth points at Four Corners 10 St Stephens Road Cold Norton Essex – Maldon District Council had approved this application subject to conditions – this was in agreement with the decision made by the Parish Councillors when they had considered this application at the March meeting. The second decision advised was in response to the application made by Norton Heights Limited for The Norton, 54 Latchingdon Road, Cold Norton FUL/MAL/11/00061 for the erection of 3 x two bedroom & 2 x three bedroom residential dwellings and single storey rear extension to existing

public house. Maldon District Council refused this application for the following reasons:

1. *The proposed development would by reason of its distance to the boundaries, bulk, scale and cramped appearance would fail to accord with the existing prevailing character of the area and thereby be contrary to policy BE1 of the adopted Maldon District Replacement local plan.*

2. *The proposed development represents an overdevelopment of the site as a result of its cramped appearance, contrived layout and provision of inadequate amenity space which would result in an inappropriate development in the locality contrary to policy BE1 of the adopted Maldon District Replacement Local plan and adopted Supplementary Guidance: The Essex Design Guide 1997.*

The Parish Council had advised no objections to the application, providing a list of 6 conditions were attached to the planning permission if granted.

Regarding planning applications and decisions please note above is only a summary, please visit the offices of Maldon District Council or the MDC web site www.maldon.gov.uk to view all the papers relating to planning applications.

Pre School Summer Camp Out: The Councillors considered a request from Pre School to hold a two night camp out in the playing field this year. The Councillors agreed to this request subject to certain conditions.

Village Plan: Councillors were advised that this is progressing well and that it is hoped that questionnaires will be delivered to homes in the village late June/July.

Villager of the Year: At the Annual Parish Meeting this new accolade was awarded to Mr Alec Paul in recognition for the vast amount of unpaid work he has done around the village for so many years, including creating flower beds at the top of Green Trees Avenue and by the bridge and recently for helping Charles Litscher to renovate the nature reserve, Cowpiece. This award will be presented each year at the Annual Parish Meeting, with the recipient's name being engraved on the shield.

Queens Jubilee 2012: Parish Council support was given to Mrs Garnham's proposal to celebrate the Queens Jubilee in June 2012 with a series of events.

Vacancies on the Parish Council: following the recent elections there are two vacancies, these will now be filled by co-option; if you would like to be considered, please contact the Clerk to express your interest or for more information.

Parish Council Meetings: Scheduled or provisionally scheduled for 2011: Monday 6th June, Wednesday 6th July. 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.

To contact the Parish Council: please write to: The Parish Clerk (Maria Dyer), at Exordium, 30b Latchingdon Road, Cold Norton, Chelmsford, Essex. CM3 6JG. E-Mail to mariadyer30@yahoo.co.uk or phone (Monday to Friday before 5 pm please) 01621 829566.