

**PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**  
From the June 2011 Meeting

**Appointment of Vice Chairman and Representatives (deferred from the AGM of the Parish Council held in May 2011):** at this meeting Professor Les Barclay was appointed Vice Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr Litscher was appointed Playing Field Representative, Professor Barclay and Mr Litscher were appointed as Representatives for the Nature Conservation Area (Cowpiece) and Mr Wakeling was appointed the Public Rights of Way Representative.

**Leader of Maldon District Council:** Cold Norton Parish Councillor and Purleigh District Councillor, Mr John Archer, was congratulated on his recent appointment as Leader of Maldon District Council.

**Planning Applications:** all four applications this month related to trees: the first listed on the agenda WTPO/MAL/11/00346 Pendragon 12 St. Stephens Road - Remove Oak (T1 on Plan) was not considered at this meeting as Maldon District Council had subsequently advised 'Declined to Determine' after the agenda had been prepared; in relation to the second WTPO/MAL/1100435 27 St. Stephens Road TPO15/96 T15 crown reduce 20%, crown lift to 5 metres and the third WTPO/MAL/1100437 29 St. Stephens Road TPO 15/96 T16 Ash Trees crown lift to 4 metres, crown reduction by 20% and remove deadwood and dangerous loaded limbs, the Councillors had no objections to the proposed works on either application, but requested that the work be carried out under the supervision of Maldon District Council's Tree Officer. The last WTPO/MAL/11/00439 Wyvern House, 29A St. Stephens Road Oak (T1 on plan) and replace with more suitable species: The Councillors agreed that the following response should be submitted to MDC: *"Cold Norton Parish Council would like to point out that the Oak Trees are a defining characteristic of St Stephens Road and that this application makes no mention of what would therefore be a suitable replacement. The Parish Council considers that insufficient information has been submitted for this application to be considered at this time and awaits a more detailed proposal."*

**Planning Decisions:** there were only two decisions relating to Cold Norton from MDC this month, the first LDP/MAL/11/00205 1 Victoria Road (LDP stands for Lawful Development Certificate Proposed) relating to 2 new small dormers to the rear elevation of the detached single dwelling house, to serve new loft conversion was approved as the proposed development would fall within the tolerances of Schedule 2 Part 1 Class B of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (No.2) (England) Order 2008 (as amended) and would therefore not require planning permission. The applicant was informed that the materials used in any exterior work should be of a similar appearance to those used in the construction of the exterior of the existing dwelling house. The second was for information only, namely: NMA/MAL/11/00396 Last Resort Junction Road Cold Norton: Application for non-material amendment following grant of planning permission for demolition of existing dwelling and construction of replacement chalet/bungalow (FUL/MAL/06/00848) - Change in position of the property.

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](http://www.maldon.gov.uk) to view all the papers relating to planning applications.

**Village Hall Project:** Members were advised that a meeting had taken place with the Project Manager and Contractor regarding 'snagging' items and that these are now in hand.

**Playing Field:** Members authorised Clerk to arrange for the third baize panel on the Timberline play equipment to be replaced with decking per the other two panels already replaced. The Chair of Cold Norton Pre School attended the meeting and outlined the latest proposals for an outdoor learning area; whilst the Councillors are not opposed to this in principal, it was agreed that further consideration needs to be given to the plans by Pre School, particularly in relation to the proximity to the hard standing area.

**Village Plan:** Councillors were advised that it is proposed that the three questionnaires (general appraisal, youth and business) are delivered and collected back from all homes in the village during July with analysis of responses commencing in August.

**Vacancies on the Parish Council:** following the recent elections there are two seats on the Council vacant. If you would like to be considered, please write to the Parish Clerk by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2011 giving reasons why you want to join the Parish Council and details of any relevant skills and experiences you would bring to the Council. All applications will be considered during a closed section of the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2011 meeting of the Parish Council.

Eligibility to be a Parish Councillor:

- 18 years old or over and
- UK, Republic of Ireland, Commonwealth or EU Citizen and
- Elector in the Parish or
- Living in Parish or within 4.8 kilometres or
- Occupies as owner or tenant, land or property in the Parish or
- Works in the Parish

(You cannot put your name forward if you are subject of a bankruptcy restriction order, or have within 5 years previous been convicted in the UK of any offence with a sentence of imprisonment, suspended or not, for over 3 months without the option of a fine).

If you have any queries or would like to discuss what is involved in being a Parish Councillor, please contact the Clerk.

**Parish Council Meetings:** Scheduled or provisionally scheduled for 2011: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 7<sup>th</sup> September, 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2<sup>nd</sup> November and 7<sup>th</sup> December. 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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