

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

**Planning Applications:** there were three applications for the Councillors to consider at this meeting: HOUSE/MAL/11/00805 Wold House, Latchingdon Road - single storey extension to the front; FUL/MAL/11/00806 Lower Burnham Road, North Fambridge - Three areas of permanent road widening at two junctions at the intersection of Lower Burnham Road and Fambridge Road between North Fambridge and Cold Norton. The works will result in a change of use from residential and agricultural land to form new highway land. These works are to facilitate access for abnormal load deliveries such as turbine blades to the proposed wind farm at Turncole Farm; HOUSE/MAL/11/00675 Imps Camp, Purleigh Grove – Proposed cart lodge and store with games room above. The Parish Councillors had no objections to any of these applications.

**Planning Decisions:** there was only one decision from MDC relating to Cold Norton: FUL/MAL/11/00675 Bay Lodge, Newport Avenue - proposed manège, this had been approved by Maldon District Council

**Winter Salt Bag Scheme:** Members were advised that as offers of help from residents had been received, Cold Norton would be participating in this scheme, whereby ECC will be supplying 1 tonne of salt for use on roads within the village. Cllr Charles Litscher and the Clerk are coordinating this scheme – if you would like to be added to the list of volunteers please contact the Clerk.

**Village Survey:** Members were advised that all the data had been imputed and a first draft report was distributed to Members. The working group will meet in the next few weeks to progress.

**Completion of the Audit for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011:** Members had been supplied with a further copy of the audit now complete with signed audit certificate from the external auditor who had made no comments and Members were advised that no actions were required to be taken by the PC. A copy of the signed audit and relevant sections from the audit return are displayed on the locked notice board on Latchingdon Road (near Directa).

**Grants:** The Parish Councillors considered two requests for grants; the first was from The Parochial Church Council for St Stephens Church in relation to repairing/replacing some of the leaded windows in the Church – the Councillors agreed to give a grant of £500 to the PCC to help towards the costs of these works. The second request had been received from Essex Air Ambulance – the Councillors agreed to a grant of £100 to this charity.

**Emergency Planning:** Cllr Mrs Garnham will be attending a meeting in November when the Emergency Planning Officer at MDC will be updating Parishes on the emergency planning situation and rest centre management. If you would like to be part of the Parish Emergency Team please contact the Clerk.

**New Councillors:** at a closed session of the meeting the Councillors considered applications from residents for the two vacant seats on the Parish Council and

agreed to co opt onto the Council Mrs V. Jennings of Valentine Cottage, Crown Road and Mr S. Rivers of Whiteacres, Crown Road.

**Parish Council Meetings:** Scheduled or provisionally scheduled for 2011: Wednesdays 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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