

# COLD NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2011 IN THE NORTON ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL

### THOSE PRESENT:

#### Councillors:

Mr. J. Archer  
Professor L. Barclay  
Mr. C. Litscher  
Mrs. S. Garnham  
Mr. P. Wakeling (Chairman)  
Mr. S. Rivers

**In attendance:** Ms S. White (District Councillor)  
Mrs M. Dyer (Parish Clerk)

**363. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillor Mrs V. Jennings.

**364. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** Members were required to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they know they may have in items of business on the meeting's agenda. They were reminded that they will need to repeat their declaration at the appropriate point in the meeting and leave the room if the interest is a prejudicial one. Unforeseen interests must be declared similarly at the appropriate time.

Professor Barclay declared an interest in the planning agenda item relating to Pendragon (see minute No. 384 below) as it related to his home, but the agenda item was for information only and did not require a decision to be taken by the Council.

**365. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING of the Parish Council** held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2011 were approved as correct and signed accordingly.

### FINANCE

#### Approval of Payments

- 366.** Mr D. Bull to village caretaker work in July 2011 Invoice No.18 dated 18.11.11 £145 Cheque No.1039
- 367.** Mr R. Wiseman to village caretaker work 31<sup>st</sup> October to 26<sup>th</sup> November 2011 £177.63 Cheque No.1040
- 368.** E-on Energy Street lighting for October 2011 Invoice No. HC2D391D8 dated 03.11.11 £45.97 (£43.78 net) taken by direct debit on 13.11.11
- 369.** Essex & Suffolk Water to allotments water usage 19<sup>th</sup> May to 16<sup>th</sup> November 2011 and fixed charge 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011 to 31st March 2012 Invoice No.005 dated 23.11.11 £37.45 (£31.21 net). Cheque No.1041
- 370.** MAIA Services to updating web site (minutes for extraordinary meeting in July 2011, September minutes and report from October 2011 meeting) Invoice No. 12004 dated 12.11.11 £30 (£25 net) Cheque No.1042.
- 371.** Maldon District Council to Grass Cutting (October 2011) Invoice No.COL58767548 dated 17.11.11 £261.90 (£218.25 net) Cheque No.1043.
- 372.** BT to village hall payphone charges Invoice No.Q0455C dated 13<sup>th</sup> November 2011 £48.38 (£41.56 net) Cheque No.1044.
- 373.** CPRE membership renewal to end October 2012 £29. Cheque No.1045
- 374.** EALC to Funding Training Day 10<sup>th</sup> November 2011 for Clerk. Invoice No.1708 dated 14.11.11 £40.00. Cheque No.1046
- 375.** SLCC to membership renewal for 2012 £110. Cheque No.1047
- 376.** GB Office Group to A4 paper 80gsm 5 x 500 sheets plus A4 100gsm 1 x 500 sheets Invoice No.IH459591 dated 04.11.11£ 21.36 (£17.80 net), but in credit for return of 5 x black and 2 x colour ink cartridges £74.32 (£61.94 net). Therefore £52.96 (£44.14 net) in credit.
- 377.** Maria Dyer office expenses £76.15 Cheque No.1048.

**378. Financial Statement**

**Current balances:**

Standard Life 10 Day Notice as at 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2011	£	552.16
Santander as at 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2011	£	<u>32,537.91</u>
	£	33,090.07

**379. Pensions:** Members had been supplied with NALC Legal Topic Note LTN 79 dated August 2011 which advised: *'The Pensions Act 2008 will require all employers to enrol eligible workers and contribute to a pension scheme on their behalf – staged from 2012 to 2016 depending on number of employees'*. Noted by Members.

**380. Precept for 2012/13:** Members had been supplied with details of spend to end March 2012 and estimated costs for 2012/13 Precept. Members went through each budget heading and requested Clerk amend/research certain figures for January meeting when Precept will be agreed.

**ACTION: CLERK**

**PLANNING**

**381. Planning Applications received by the Parish Council:** the following were considered and responses were as indicated:

**HOUSE/MAL/11/00989 Two Square, St Stephen's Road, Cold Norton.** Double garage and open car port and stores. Week No.46 dated 18<sup>th</sup> November 2011:

Cold Norton Parish Council has NO OBJECTIONS to the works proposed within the above application. However the Parish Councillors wanted recorded that this application is against Cold Norton Parish Council's planning policy, but due to the special location of this property and the character of the house, an exception to the policy has been allowed on this occasion.

Cllr Wakeling requested that his objection to this application be recorded in the minutes.

**382. Maldon District Council Decisions:** a detailed list had been copied to Members, which is summarised below:

**FUL/MAL/11/00806 Cold Norton**

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.

Lower Burnham Road North Fambridge Essex  
(UPRN - 010013995995)  
Mr Jonathan Knight,  
RES UK & Ireland Ltd **REFUSED**

**HOUSE/MAL/11/00805 Cold Norton**

Single storey extension to the front  
Wold House Latchingdon Road Cold Norton Essex  
(UPRN - 100091256861)

Mr & Mrs Lockwood **APPROVED**

**FUL/MAL/11/00741 Cold Norton**

One 4 bed bungalow with basement and one 5 bed bungalow with basement  
White Acres Crown Road Cold Norton Essex  
(UPRN - 100091650513)

Mr Stewart Rivers **APPROVED**

**HOUSE/MAL/11/00813 Cold Norton**

Two storey side and rear extension. Single storey side extension and conversion of garage.  
2 Green Trees Avenue Cold Norton Essex CM3 6JA  
(UPRN - 100090554855)

Mr Z Achha **APPROVED**

**FUL/MAL/11/00701 Cold Norton**  
Proposed new stables and garage building (providing 3 garages)  
Little Canneys Stow Road Cold Norton Essex  
(UPRN - 100091446664)  
Mr F Everitt **REFUSED**

- 383. Palepit Farm. Appeal against Enforcement Notice:** Members had been advised that the appeal start date was 4<sup>th</sup> November 2011 and had been supplied with related correspondence. Noted by Members
- 384. Pendragon 12 St Stephens Road, Cold Norton. Appeal APP/TPO/X1545/2020 Application ref WTPO/MAL/11/00346 TPO 15/96 T50 Oak – remove.** Members had been supplied with details of the appeal Cllr Professor Barclay declared again his interest in this item as it related to his home and advised that the appeal hearing had been held earlier in the day and that a decision is expected in five weeks. Noted by Members
- 385. Great Canney House – change to landscaping.** Members had been supplied with details relating to recent works and the original planning application. Noted by Members.
- 386. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING/LOCALISM ACT:** Policy Briefing P44-11 17<sup>th</sup> November 2011 – copy had been supplied to Members. Reference Neighbourhood Planning Regulations Clerk to circulate consultation paper plus EALC response. **ACTION: CLERK**

#### **HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY**

- 387. Highways Schedule:** Members were advised that County Cllr Mrs Channer has reported over growing vegetation near County Produce to Highways. It was confirmed that the vegetation from bridge to County Produce had been sided back, but that area past Country Produce to Palepit Roundabout still required work. **ACTION: CLERK**
- 388. Local Highways Panel:** Members were advised that Cllr Michael Edwards could not attend this meeting – will attend 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012 meeting to give a short verbal update and to also to discuss any issues CNPC may have which he will then be able to bring up at the next Panel meeting scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> January 2012. Noted by Members.

#### **VILLAGE HALL**

- 389. Report from Parish Council Representatives:** Members were advised that:
- Two new groups using the hall: Pilates and The After 8 Club
  - Christmas bazaar made a profit of £570
  - External lights had now been attended to
  - Water heater had been fixed
  - Village Hall will have its own web site
  - Leaflet produced and delivered to all homes in the village advertising all clubs using the hall/availability of hall for hire for classes/private events
- Information was noted by Members
- 390. Village Hall Project:** nothing to report
- 391. Request from Pre School for textile recycling bank:** Members considered this request - information now required re insurance for the receptacle and a suitable location being found for it at the hall, but that it could not take up any of the car parking spaces. **ACTION: CLERK**
- 392. Request from a resident for a bike rack:** Members considered this and requested Clerk investigate costs. **ACTION: CLERK**
- 393. Parking at the Village Hall:** Problems discussed. Clerk to obtain prices for signs for January Meeting. **ACTION: CLERK**

394. **VANDALISM/POLICE MATTERS:** Professor Barclay gave a report on the Neighbourhood Meeting held immediately before this parish council meeting, attended by Cllrs Barclay and Rivers and the Clerk, covering:
- Crime figures,
  - Cold calling (residents are encouraged to call the Police if concerned)
  - Dog fouling (costs for requesting MDC Officer to issue fines/tickets to be investigated)
  - School parking problems at Purleigh School (Police officer had advised that on recent visits there had been no parking violation tickets issued in Cold Norton)
  - speed watch (setting this up in Cold Norton to be discussed at February PC meeting)
  - Changes to Police organisation resulting in less formal boundaries
  - Increase to neighbourhood policing (10%)

Noted by Members.

395. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** District Cllr Archer and District Cllr Ms White gave an update on the progress of the Gypsy & Traveller Working Group and advised the situation re fishing problems in the River and boats from outside the district dredging the river for oysters and mussels. Noted by Members.

#### OPEN SPACES

396. **Cowpiece Nature Reserve:** nothing to report

397. **Playing Field:** Members were advised that Essex Playing Fields Association had advised that CNPC is eligible for grant to assist with mound slide and tiles under swings – form to be completed.

MDC looking at mound slide re steps – have been chased.

Youth football team want to use the field – paperwork in hand.

Big Society Fund – application had been submitted in respect of the fencing for the play area - application will be assessed by the Big Society Community Capital Fund judging panel which will sit in February. The judging panel will be comprised of a group of relevant local representatives.

All Noted by Members

398. **Village Caretaker work:** Members were advised that Roy Wiseman is continuing to carry out this work. Noted by Members.

399. **Allotments:** Work in progress re agreement etc.

400. **Village Sign** – work in progress

401. **The Beacon:** Members had been advised that the Clerk had spoken to the Landowner and it will not be possible to light the Beacon as there is a crop – grass/hay. Clerk was requested to obtain price from MDC for moving the Beacon to the playing field. **ACTION: CLERK**

#### PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

402. **Footpaths Map:** Members were advised no change this is still at copy writing and photo selection stage. Noted by Members.

403. **EMERGENCY PLANNING/PROCEDURES:** Members had been advised that MDC planned to hold training sessions in all aspects of rest centre provision. Mrs. Garnham advised she will attend, subject to dates. Clerk to advise MDC/ascertain dates of training. **ACTION: CLERK**

## TRAINING/CONFERENCES/MEETINGS.

404. **EALC Free Training Course 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012** Neighbourhood Planning /Localism Agenda. Members had been supplied with details. Mr. Litscher and Mr. Rivers to attend.  
**ACTION: CLERK**

## CORRESPONDENCE

405. **ECC Mobile Library Service:** Members were advised that whilst there have been amendments to some routes, Cold Norton remains as before i.e. fortnightly on a Wednesday at the Village Hall from 1.50pm to 2.20pm. Noted by Members.
406. **QUEENS JUBILEE 2012:** Mrs Garnham advised that Cold Norton had been awarded a grant towards this event. Members congratulated and thanked Mrs Garnham.
407. **THE NORTON:** nothing to report
408. **DENGIE LOCAL TRANSPORT NEEDS:** Members had been supplied with notes from meetings held on 13<sup>th</sup> October and 17<sup>th</sup> November 2011 and also notes from the Parish Transport Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2011. Mr Archer advised that he had attended a meeting of the Dengie DART and that this was nearly at break-even point, was being heavily used by Althorne residents and that more widespread advertising is planned. Professor Barclay spoke about the November Dengie Local Transport Needs meeting and advised that he planned to attend the next DLTN meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2011. Noted by Members.
409. **BROADBAND** – deferred from September 2011 meeting: (*Members were advised that the PC had received an invitation to have a presentation re Broadband and Members had been supplied with copy e-mail dated 8<sup>th</sup> July 2011 re developing high speed broadband. Members requested that this item/invitation be deferred to the November meeting.*) Further copies of paperwork supplied to Members. Professor Barclay outlined the scheme/options proposed at the presentation he had attended. Clerk was requested to ascertain when it would be possible to have a presentation and how long the presentation would be.  
**ACTION: CLERK**
410. **HOW HEALTH CARE IS CHANGING:** Mr Rivers reported back on the 'Open Talk' event he had attended earlier in the week advising that: *in January 2012 the Government will present the new Health & Social Care Bill - if approved it will change how the Health Service will be delivered in the future: clinicians and other health care providers will focus on how primary health care is delivered in their communities; Public Health activities will be transferred from the NHS to Essex CC. Planning/delivery for Essex outlined, including providing better care and treatment for older people those with complex health needs, introduction of modern technology in GP practices and similar locations, and preventative measures such as more health checks and healthy living programmes.* Noted by Members
411. **SATURDAY GARDEN WASTE COLLECTIONS:** Members had been advised that whilst this is one of the services that that has been axed as part of MDC's budget cuts for the financial year 2012 -2013 Cold Norton Parish Council had been asked to complete a questionnaire as MDC had been requested by some Parish Councils to reconsider the future of this service. Members considered the survey, and agreed a response for the Clerk to return to MDC.  
**ACTION: CLERK**
412. **VILLAGE SURVEY:** Members were supplied at the meeting with a copy of the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft – all to review and advise any comments.  
**ACTION: ALL CLLRS/  
CLERK**
413. **SALT BAG SCHEME:** salt bags delivered to volunteers/ paperwork being completed. Noted by Members.

**414. MATTERS TO REPORT** (Members are reminded that no decisions may lawfully be made under this agenda item - however matters may be discussed which involve exchanges of information only.)

Professor Barclay reported back on the Environment Agency Nuclear Power Station presentation/discussion he had attended earlier in the day relating to the future of nuclear power and Bradwell, advising that EDF is pursuing Sizewell as its first choice, but that Bradwell is its second choice.

**DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Scheduled or provisionally scheduled for 2012: Wednesdays: 11<sup>th</sup> January, 8<sup>th</sup> February, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 6<sup>th</sup> June, 4<sup>th</sup> July, 5<sup>th</sup> September, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 7<sup>th</sup> November, 5<sup>th</sup> December.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.45pm

Chairman.....

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