

COLD NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2016 AT 7.30PM IN THE LES BARCLAY ROOM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

THOSE PRESENT:

Councillors:

Mr J Archer
Mrs S Garnham
Mr B Haydon
Mr C Litscher
Mr S Rivers

In attendance: County Cllr Mrs Channer
Mrs M. Dyer (Parish Clerk)
Mr James Salmon - County Broadband
Plus 3 Members of the Public

- 710. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Wakeling, Cllr Mrs Jennings and District Cllr Ms White.
- 711. 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 would need to repeat their declaration at the appropriate point in the meeting and leave the room if the interest was a prejudicial one. Unforeseen interests must be declared similarly at the appropriate time. Members have dispensation to discuss and vote in respect of matters relating to the Precept.
- Mrs Garnham declared an interest in Allotments as she is an allotment holder and a non-pecuniary interest in the village hall roof/soffit works.
- 712. PRESENTATION FROM COUNTY BROADBAND:** Mr Salmon attended the meeting to update the Members regarding the service in the village provided by his company, advising that:
- All of the village is covered except the lower end of Latchingdon Road, but he does have an option to cover this area too
 - System is up and running and achieving speeds of up to 32Mb in both download and upload
 - Will be launching unlimited data service to whole network
 - Currently working on a phone network/combined package, which should be available in 2-3 weeks – subscribers then won't need telephone line rental; cost will be just £8 per month for unlimited landline calls and no line rental. Full details will be forwarded to the Parish Council
 - Future plans include a high speed link to a fibre optic line from London, which will achieve 100Mb to the property instead of the current 32Mb – thereby being able to offer villagers a variety of packages/services from 32Mb up to 100Mb
- 713. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:** there were no questions or topics raised by Members of the Public
- 714. MINUTES THE ORDINARY MEETING of the Parish Council** held on Wednesday 13th January 2016 were approved as correct and signed accordingly.
- 715. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** In his role as District Cllr Mr Archer advised that he had nothing to report other than to advise that there is still no date re the Local Development Plan.
- 716. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT:** Members had been supplied with a copy of the report supplied by County Cllr Mrs Channer on 14th January 2016. At the meeting County Cllr Mrs Channer updated the Members advising that ECC Highways had produced a short film 'Transport for Essex' which can be viewed on the ECC website: <http://www.essexhighways.org/Transport-and-roads.aspx>

County Cllr Mrs Channer also spoke briefly about the Thames Crossing – ECC have approved; that there had been a further rise in GCSEs achieved in secondary schools in Essex; on line recipes are now available in connection with the Healthy Living Campaign; ECC Budget goes to Council on 9th February 2016 and it is likely that there will be an increase of up to 2% in council tax.

FINANCE

Approval of Payments

717. Roy Wiseman to village caretaker work – invoice will be submitted next month
718. Sue Lees Consultancy to maintenance fee for February 2016 Invoice No.0002387 dated 8th January 2016 £30.00. Cheque No.1448
719. Maria Dyer office expenses from 7th to 29th January 2016 £68.71. Cheque No.1449
720. Information Commissioner to Data Protection Registration Renewal Ref: Z767964 from 3rd March 2016. Invoice Reference No 00752eb020207 dated 20th January 2016 £35. Cheque No.1450

721. Financial Statement

Current balances:

Barclays 10 Day Notice as at 10 th April 2015*	£	568.77
Santander as at 2 nd January 2016	£	<u>23,699.06</u>
	£	24,267.83

* Barclays now only send a statement when there has been movement to the account

722. **Street Lighting:** nothing to report
723. **Solar Panels at Village Hall:** Members had been advised that £149.20 FIT payment had been received for the period 4th October 2015 to 2nd January 2016. Noted

VILLAGE HALL

724. **Report from Village Hall Representative:** Members were advised that the VH cleaning bill had risen due to the rise in the living wage and that a high insurance bill was expected. Members had been supplied with quotes from three companies regarding roof/soffit works. Having considered the quotes Members (excluding Mrs Garnham who had already declared an interest) agreed to appoint BR Home Improvements to undertake the works at a cost of £1,490 ex VAT, which includes installation of anti-climb paint to the down pipes. It was noted that an anti-climb paint sign will then need to be installed. Noted.
725. **Coffee Morning/Lunch Club for Seniors:** Members were advised that the number attending coffee mornings has risen from 18 to 25; lunch session can accommodate maximum of 24; that a Friday afternoon over 50's exercise class would be starting on 12th February 2016 Noted.
726. **Parking at Village Hall:** nothing to report
727. **Defibrillator:** Members were advised that delivery of the box to house the defibrillator inside the hall was still awaited. Noted
728. **Grant Fund Plaque re toilet project:** Members were reminded that this will be installed when the framed footpath map is supplied. Noted.

HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

729. **Various issues with ECC for action:** nothing to report
730. **Cutting Back from Bridge to Country Produce:** Members were advised that letters for residents had been supplied to Mr Haydon who had kindly offered to deliver; Clerk had posted letters to landowners. Noted.

731. **Cold Norton Road Safety Plan 2015 – 2020:** no further action – to be taken off agenda.

POLICE MATTERS/ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

732. **Southminster Neighbourhood Policing:** no report received to date. Members were advised that there had been thefts from vans in Green Trees Avenue and Ferris Avenue; local Neighbourhood Watch Representative and editor of The Beacon had been duly advised to warn residents to be vigilant.

733. **Street Meets:** next date to be advised

734. **Parking in St Stephens Road:** Members were advised that MDC had supplied the School with two A-Boards to put outside the school to stop parking near the school, but these were on temporary rota basis, shared with other schools. Noted.

OPEN SPACE

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

736. **Playing Field:** Members had been reminded that re the Independent Playground Inspection 2015, and works agreed that these were ongoing and that some materials are still to be supplied to Village Caretaker to undertake some works.

Signing on outdoor play area – replacement required

Fields in Trust: Land Registry – amendment completed, copy had been supplied to Members. Type of plaque agreed.

Replacement bark for younger children's play area: alternative contractors to quote.

737. **Village Caretaker work:** Mr Wiseman continued to carry out this work i.e. regular litter picks and safety checks at the playing field. Noted

738. **Allotments:** nothing to report

739. **Bench at Churchyard:** nothing to report

740. **Trees at Three Ashes Corner (corner of Hackmans Lane and Howe Green Road):** nothing to report

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

741. **Footpaths Map:** nothing to report

742. **Footpath 28 Proposed Reduction in Width:** nothing to report

743. **Footpaths 12/13 bridge brickwork:** nothing to report

744. **Bridleway 29:** reported to ECC re vegetation needs cutting back and extremely muddy section (reported to Clerk by a resident).

745. **EMERGENCY PLANNING/PROCEDURES:** Members had been reminded that a plan is being prepared by Chairman for presentation at future meeting and had been supplied with a copy email from new Emergency Planning Officer at MDC requesting update re CNPC's plans. Mr Rivers to supply details to Clerk to supply to MDC.

ACTION: MR RIVERS

TRAINING/CONFERENCES/MEETINGS

746. **The England Coast Path (Improvements to Public Access along the Essex Coast): drop in sessions on Saturday 30th January 2016 9am to 1pm in Maldon; Thursday 11th February 2016 in Burnham 11am to 4pm; Wednesday 2nd March 2016 in Steeple 4.30pm to 8pm.** No one had been able to attend the January session; Mr Haydon advised that he planned to attend the February session. **ACTION: MR HAYDON**
747. **Transport Meetings – Maldon meeting Tuesday 2nd February 2016 10am to 12noon:** Mr Rivers had been unable to attend due to other commitments.
748. **Larger Local Councils Forum – Thursday 25th February 2016 10am to 12.30pm Gt Dunmow:** Members had been advised that Cllr Rodney Bass would be speaking at this Forum and that whilst CNPC is not a large council CNPC Cllrs may attend. Members to advise Clerk if they wish to attend **ACTION: ALL MEMBERS**
749. **MDC Meet the Leader Events:** Members were advised that Mr Rivers would be attending this on Tuesday 1st March 2pm to 4pm and that another Cllr could also attend. No one available that day.
750. **The Police Partnership Conference Tuesday 15th March 2015 10.30am to 4pm Gt Dunmow:** Mr Rivers to attend; Clerk to make arrangements. **ACTION: CLERK/MR RIVERS**
751. **Dengie Hundred Group of Parish Councils: next quarterly meeting Wednesday 23rd March 2016 7.30pm in Burnham:** Members had been supplied with details advising that Cllr Bass had been invited to attend and information relating to Bradwell reference the January DHGPC meeting. Mr Litscher and Mr Haydon advised they planned to attend: **ACTION: MR LITSCHER/ MR HAYDON**
752. **Queens 90th Birthday Beacon Lighting Event 21st April 2016:** this was briefly discussed; Members to consider further. **ACTION: ALL MEMBERS**
753. **Police & Crime Commissioner for Essex Elections 5th May 2015:** noted by Members

County Cllr Mrs Channer left the meeting

CORRESPONDENCE

754. **Draft Magnox Socio-economic Plan Consultation 12th January to 23rd February 2016:** Members had been supplied with details. At the meeting it was agreed that there would not be a PC response that Members would respond as individuals.
755. **Email received 27th January 2016 from DHGPC re Dengie peninsula Fire & Rescue Cover Changes:** details had been supplied to Members. Noted.
756. **Email received 28th January 2016 Lower Thames Crossing Consultation 2016.** Members had been supplied with details and advised that the Consultation closes on 24th March 2016. At the meeting it was agreed that there would not be a PC response that Members would respond as individuals
757. **Email received 29th January 2016 NHS Services: ‘Consultation on proposed changes to healthcare in your area’.** Members had been supplied with details of the consultation outcome. Noted.

758. **WINTER SALT BAG SCHEME:** letters and paperwork were passed to Mr Litscher for completion by salt team members.
ACTION: MR LITSCHER
759. **STOW MARIES AERODROME:** nothing to report
760. **BROADBAND:** see Minute No.712 above re County Broadband. Nothing to report re Superfast service.
761. **STANDING ORDERS:** nothing to report.

PLANNING

762. **Planning Application received by the Parish Council:** the following was considered and the response was as indicated:
- FUL/MAL/15/00868 Land Rear of Imps Camp, Purleigh Grove:** Variation of condition 2 on approved planning permission FUL/MAL/14/01039 (Amended plans to planning application FUL/MAL/13/01118 - permission given for single storey dwelling and cart lodge garage, amended plans for one and half storey dwelling and cart lodge garage) Alterations of size of windows & adding windows and removing 1 window. Alteration of position of window, adding small entrance porch & staircase to garage. Week No.3 dated 22nd January 2016:
- Cold Norton Parish Council has NO OBJECTIONS to the works proposed within the above application.
763. **Maldon District Council Decisions:** there were no decisions relating to Cold Norton this month.
764. **Local Development Plan (LDP):** nothing to report
765. **Hillsborough 42 Latchingdon Road - unauthorised outbuilding and access:** nothing to report
766. **MDC Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule (CIL) -** in abeyance pending LDP outcome
767. **Affordable Housing -** in abeyance pending LDP outcome
768. **Land at corner of St Stephens Road & Fambridge Road:** appeal Ref APP/X1545/C/15/3138510 has been submitted to the Secretary of State against an Enforcement Notice (ENF/14/00215/CU). Noted
769. **Land at Corner of St Stephens Road & Fambridge Road:** appeal Ref APP/X1545/W/16/3142028 has been submitted to the Secretary of State against MDC's refusal to grant planning permission for AGR/MAL/15/00658 - Prior approval notification of the extension of the steel portal building (class 2 agricultural). Members had been supplied with copy of appeal notice
770. **Vehicle accesses along St Stephens Road:** nothing to report
771. **Hoarding – Old Fire Station Site:** nothing to report
772. **Cherry Blossom Lane:** it was agreed that Mrs Garnham and Mr Rivers would review archive materials and view Land Registry data, Clerk to confirm situation to date to Solicitor.
**ACTION: MRS GARNHAM/
MR RIVERS/CLERK**

773. Costs Decision: Land adjacent to former Stow Bullocks, Stow Road: Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/W/15/3028111. Planning Application Ref: OUT/MAL/14/00496. Outline application for 1 x 3 and 1 x 4 bedroom dwellings. Application made by MDC for an award of costs against land owner was refused. Details supplied to Members. Noted.

774. Site Allocations Development Plan Document – Briefing Note No.3 4th January 2016: copy supplied to Members. Noted

775. Maldon District Community Led Planning Protocol. (Email received 21st January 2016): supplied to Members. Noted.

776. 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.)

There were no matters reported.

777. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS:

Provisionally scheduled for 2016: Wednesdays 2nd March, 6th April

Annual Parish Meeting: Date was agreed as Tuesday 12th April 2016. Clerk to approach quest speakers as discussed.
ACTION: CLERK

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.35pm

Chairman.....

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