

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the January 2013 Meeting

Planning Applications: At this meeting there was only one planning application for the Councillors to consider, namely: HOUSE/MAL/12/01008 PP-0232929, Great Canney Farm, Hackmans Lane. Cold Norton for alterations, remodelling and extensions consisting of mainly first floor additions to existing bungalow. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

Planning Decisions: There were two decisions from MDC advised to the Council this month, namely: FUL/MAL/12/00831 Land adjacent to Thistledown, Latchingdon Road Cold Norton Demolish existing redundant workshop and erection of one pair of semi-detached cottages and external works - MDC refused permission (Cold Norton PC had objected to this application). The second decision notified was for FUL/MAL/12/00953 Woodcote, Station Road Cold Norton Demolition of existing dwelling and double garage and erection of replacement dwelling with attached garage - approved by Maldon District Council (Cold Norton PC had not objected to this application).

This is just a summary of planning applications and decisions – if you would like to see full details of any of the above please contact the Maldon District Council offices on 01621 854477 or visit the web site www.maldon.gov.uk or contact the Clerk – details below.

Precept for 2013-2014: Councillor considered the figures and agreed to set the Precept at £22,000, an increase of 2% over the previous year.

Grants: The Parish Councillors considered a request for a grant from The Parochial Church Council for St Stephens Church in relation to further works to repairing 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.

Stow Maries: the Public Notice has been ‘posted’ in the location and local papers regarding the proposed restricted road and reduction in speed limit to 30mph.

ECC Community Volunteering Initiative: The Community Capacity Officer at ECC advised a new initiative that has been launched with the Bishop of Bradwell. The concept called ‘Lent Invest’ is to encourage people to come together to give time instead of giving up chocolate or wine etc. during Lent and to use this time to progress a project that will benefit the local community. There is not space here to include all the information supplied in the papers supplied to the Parish Council, which includes lots of ideas involving the ‘donation’ of just one hour during Lent (13th February to 31st March), so if you would like a copy this can be e-mailed or posted to you – please contact the Clerk, details at the end.

Leisure Centre Survey: You are reminded that Maldon District Council is conducting a Leisure Centre Survey across the district to seek views on the Council’s existing leisure centre facilities in Maldon and Burnham and what people would like to see in the future. The survey runs until 22nd February 2013. Hard copies of the survey are available from the Clerk (details below) or can be completed on line – follow the link

on the Maldon District Council web site www.maldon.gov.uk or contact Richard Heard, MDC Leisure & Community Services Manager, direct on 01621 875838.

RCCE Community Oil Buying Scheme: to clarify this scheme is open to anyone to join; membership is on an individual basis and is not dependent on having a minimum number of people joining in a village or having a co-ordinator in the village. Minimum order quantity per individual is 500 litres. Information is available on the RCCE website www.essexrcc.org.uk/oil or contact the Clerk.

Parish Council Meetings: Scheduled or provisionally scheduled for 2013: Wednesdays 6th February, 6th March, 10th April, 1st May, 5th June, 3rd July, 4th September, 2nd November and 4th December. Meetings start at 8pm 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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