

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the April 2012 Meeting

Planning Applications: As advised in the last report it was not possible to include the Parish Council's view on the application for FUL/MAL/12/01119 Lower Burnham Road, Cold Norton: The proposal seeks permanent road widening works for the purpose of facilitating access for abnormal load deliveries to the proposed wind farm at Turncole Farm. The new highway created will be fenced or similar to allow access to the abnormal loads only and not all traffic. The works will take place at the two road junctions between Lower Burnham Road and Fambridge Road near Cold Norton. The works will result in a change of use from residential and agricultural land to form new highway. (Resubmission of Previous Application FUL/MAL/11/00806) - this is the view submitted to Maldon District Council: *"Cold Norton Parish Council OBJECTS to the works outlined within the above application because of the proposed fencing; the Parish Council preferred the proposal submitted in the previous application FUL/MAL/11/00806."* At the April meeting there was only one planning application for consideration: FUL/MAL/12/00202 Playing Field, Cherry Blossom Lane submitted by the Parish Council for relocation of the beacon from St. Stephens Road to the meadow area of the playing field.

Planning Decisions: The only decision advised this month related to HOUSE/MAL/11/01118 Pensarn, Lower Burnham Road, Cold Norton – roof conversion, side extension and conservatory to bungalow (revised scheme), Maldon District Council granted permission (Cold Norton Parish Council had had no objections to this application).

Footpaths: Problem at Footpath/Bridleway 15 entrance at St Stephens Road with hand rail had been reported to the Public Rights of Way Officer at ECC who has had the loose rail removed, will be re-installed ASAP – delay due to change in contractor by ECC for new financial year. Problem with gate into Footpath 20 at Crown Road also reported to PRow Officer – this will also be attended to by the new contractor as soon as possible. Thank you to the two residents who promptly reported these problems to the Clerk.

Younger Children's Play Area: work will go ahead shortly to remove the wooden fencing around this area, which has been the subject of many years of vandalism, and metal fencing will be installed as the Parish Council has been awarded a Big Society Grant which will cover 87% of the costs.

Maldon District Council – Commemorative Jubilee Medals: MDC has advised these will be presented to pupils who have started a primary school in the Maldon District this school year 2011-12

The Village Sign: both the sign and post will be repainted before the Jubilee celebrations – the sign will be taken to a workshop for refurbishment, the post will be retained in situ.

Parish Plan: a draft had been circulated to all Members and it was agreed to put this to the Parish for approval at the Annual Parish Meeting which will take place on Tuesday 8th May 2012 at 8pm

Parish Council Meetings: Scheduled or provisionally scheduled for 2012:
Wednesdays: 2nd May, 6th June, 4th July, 5th September, 3rd October, 7th November,
5th December. 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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