

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the October 2012 Meeting

**Planning Applications:** At the October meeting there were five planning applications for consideration: the first was for St. Stephens Church, FUL/MAL/12/00636: temporary permission for 10 years for a wooden outbuilding to house a composting toilet as an interim measure – the Parish Council had no objections to this application. The second application considered was: FUL/MAL/12/00719 Little Cooks, Lower Burnham Road, Cold Norton: demolition of outbuildings and barn and conversion of former milking parlour to form a 2 bed dwelling with associated extensions – this was a resubmission of FUL/MAL/12/00237 and the Cllrs agreed that its view of this proposal remained as for the previous application, therefore the following was submitted to MDC: *“Whilst this property is outside the development boundary, Cold Norton Parish Council has NO OBJECTIONS to the works proposed within the above application because the scale of development is modest. However, whilst it is noted that not all the demolition proposed in the application is necessary for the creation of this new modestly sized dwelling, the Parish Council feel it is essential that demolition of all the redundant buildings on the site detailed in the application (outbuildings, barn etc.) be listed as a condition if planning permission is granted.”* The next application was for Lone Pines, 63A Latchingdon Road, Cold Norton, FUL/MAL/12/00774: two proposed 3 bedroom bungalows with garages and new access road – this was another resubmitted application that had been refused permission by MDC under reference FUL/MAL/12/00378. In respect to the new application the Cllrs again objected to this back land development citing the same reasons as before, namely: that it is outside the village development boundary, it is contrary to the Council’s Parish Plan, there are Highway concerns as it is close to the traffic lights, over intensive development of the site and that if this proposal were to be permitted it would set a precedent for other properties along this stretch of the village to develop in a similar way. Additionally the Cllrs felt that the changes proposed to counteract some of the reasons MDC gave for refusing the first application had not been addressed i.e. re access – the newly proposed passing place did not really solve the problem and there is still loss of amenity for neighbouring properties including those in Green Trees Avenue. The fourth application was for 18 Latchingdon Road, Cold Norton HOUSE/MAL/12/00790: extend existing dormer window to the rear – the Parish Council had no objections to this. The final application considered was for the Site adjacent former Stow Bullock PH, The Street, Stow Maries OUT/MAL/12/00685: outline application for 2 x 3 bedroom dwellings. This property is in the Parish of Stow Maries, but as is it close to the boundary with Cold Norton, plans had been requested. The Parish Council objected to the plans in this application as it is outside the village development boundary and there were highway concerns; the Cllrs advised MDC that they did not feel that the site plan submitted was very clear in indicating exactly where the proposed dwellings would be positioned within the site.

**Planning Decisions:** There were five decisions from MDC advised to the Council this month, namely: FUL/MAL/12/00378 Land Rear of Lone Pines, 63A Latchingdon Road, Cold Norton: 2 x 3 bedroom bungalows with garages and new access road – refused by Maldon District Council (Cold Norton PC had objected to this application). FUL/MAL/12/00481 Woodcote, Station Road, Cold Norton: demolition of existing dwelling/double garage and erection of replacement dwelling with attached double garage – approved by MDC (CNPC had not objected to this application).

WTPO/MAL/12/00597 26 Station Crescent, Cold Norton TPO 7/00 -

T3/6/8/10/19/20/23/25 - Row of Ash - Reduce height by 6-7 metres and reduce remaining lateral limbs back to boundary. In addition T8 - remove central dead stem, T20 - reduce eastern upright to 1.2 metres, T23 - reduce western minor stem to 5 metres. T34 Willow - Crown lift to relieve encroachment to neighbouring property and trim back to boundary. Approved by MDC, CNPC had not objected.

WTPO/MAL/12/00596 Cutting Edge, 20 Station Crescent, Cold Norton TPO 07/00

(numbers in brackets as per TPO) T1(T53) &T2(T54) - Hawthorn - Reduce to 3 metres T3(T55) - Oak - Thin south side of crown by 15% and reduce west side of crown by 1.5 metres up to a height of 8 metres. T4 (T56) - Oak - Reduce height by 25%. T5 (T58) - Oak - Reduce height by 4 metres and reshape crown by removing a maximum of 1.5 metres. Approved by MDC, CNPC had not objected.

HOUSE/MAL/12/00595 Great Canney Farm, Hackmans Lane, Cold Norton –  
alternations, re-modelling and extensions consisting of mainly first floor additions to existing bungalow. Car port and garden store. MDC refused permission (Cold Norton PC had not objected to this application.

This is just a summary – 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](http://www.maldon.gov.uk) or contact the Clerk – details below.

**Remembrance Day:** The Chairman of the Parish Council, Philip Wakeling, will lay a Poppy Wreath on behalf of all residents of the village at the service at St Stephens Church on Sunday 11th November at 11.30am. All are most welcome to attend this special service.

**Highways & Road Safety:** Members requested that as ECC Highways were still to take any action Clerk is refer the two surface water issues on Latchingdon Road (by bridge and near junction with St Stephens Road) to the Minister for Transport/Department for Transport. Clerk confirmed that overgrown vegetation from the bridge to Palepit roundabout had been reported to Highways and also the Community Land Group re their section of hedges. Residents are reminded that whilst ECC Highway is responsible for the actual footway/pavement, householders/landowners are expected to maintain their boundary hedges so that they do not encroach onto the public highways/footways.

**Maldon District Council Local Development Plan:** At the meeting Members were advised that regarding timings etc. MDC Planning Policy had advised: *“The Council is going through all the consultation responses at the moment. Once the analysis is done it will be submitted to the Council’s Planning and Licensing Committee where a decision will be made with regard to the future progress of the Local Development Plan. Currently we do not have a clear timetable/key dates for next stages as this will have to be decided through the committee.”*

**Cold Norton Allotment Site:** Members were advised that at present there is one vacancy.

**Buses:** Council still has copies of the local bus map and timetable for buses D1, D2, D4, D6 – please contact the Clerk if you would like a copy (details at the end of this report)

**Winter Salt Bag scheme:** ECC are planning to continue this scheme again for the coming winter. Please contact the Clerk if you want to join the team of volunteers for your road.

**Queen's Jubilee Mugs/Surplus stock now available at £1:** The Parish Council had agreed to give all children at school (primary or senior) or younger a commemorative mug. Forms were distributed to all homes in the village for parents to register for the mugs. If you mislaid your form or 'forgot' to collect your child's mug please contact the Clerk (details below) to arrange completion of a form/receive a mug. From calculations it would appear that a sizable number of parents still haven't claimed mugs for their children. Last day to collect free mugs will be at the Christmas Fayre – see below.

Surplus mugs are available to purchase via the Clerk **at only £1 each** and any remaining will also be available to buy at the Village Hall Christmas Fayre on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

**Parish Council Meetings:** Scheduled or provisionally scheduled for 2012:  
Wednesdays: 7<sup>th</sup> November, 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**To contact the Parish Council:** please write to: The Parish Clerk (Maria Dyer), at Exordium, 30b Latchingdon Road, Cold Norton, Chelmsford, Essex. CM3 6JG. E-Mail to [mariadyer30@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mariadyer30@yahoo.co.uk) or phone (Monday to Friday before 5 pm please) 01621 829566.