

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the December 2017 Meeting

**Planning Applications:** There were 6 applications considered at the November meeting: the Members had no objections or comments to make to five of the applications, which were: FUL/MAL/17/01128 PP-06291462 Land East of Bradwell Power Station, Downhall Beach, Bradwell-on-Sea: Application to carry out preliminary ground investigations & associated works in connection with a potential new Nuclear Power Station at Bradwell-on-Sea, use existing building as core storage area & form site compound with associated parking area. HOUSE/MAL/17/01274 South View, Startion Road: Proposed new front boundary post and rail, fence and gates. HOUSE/MAL/17/01256 PP-06505905 11 Victoria Road: Garage conversion, side extension and attached double garage with storage above. COUPA/MAL/17/01307 Nash House, Hackmans Lane: Notification for prior approval for a proposed change of use of a building from office use (Class B1[a]) to a dwelling house (Class C3). FUL/MAL/17/01335 2 The Links, Stow Road, (alongside Three Rivers Golf & Country Club): New dwelling – amendments to approved scheme 16/00884 (detached three storey dwelling). 2017. The sixth application was: FUL/MAL/17/01317 PP-06536023 Great Canney Cottage, Hackmans Lane: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection for placement dwelling. The Members recommended refusal of planning permission for the following reasons:

- 1. It is outside the development boundary (Contrary to policy S8 of the Maldon District LDP – Settlement Boundaries and the Countryside)*
- 2. It is proposed that this new dwelling is to replace an existing dwelling, but the Members are asking the question: ‘Has Great Canney Cottage ever been a dwelling/‘human’ residence with its residents paying Council Tax?’*

**Planning Decisions:** (covering the period w/e 3<sup>rd</sup> November to w/e 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017): there were five decisions advised: the first related to: FUL/MAL/17/00988 Land Adjacent 7 Cherry Blossom Lane: Construction of a detached 3 bedroom bungalow with associated vehicular access, hardstanding and landscaping. MDC approved this application (Cold Norton PC had not objected). The second was: OUT/MAL/17/00918 Land South of Nathilda Purleigh Grove: Erection of two single storey dwellings. MDC refused permission (CNPC had recommended refusal). The third decision advised was: HOUSE/MAL/17/00939 18 Victoria Road: Proposed porch and two storey rear extension for family wheelchair use. MDC approved this application (Cold Norton PC had not objected). The fourth related to: HOUSE/MAL/17/01006 30 St Stephens Road: Reconfiguration of existing layout and first floor extension. MDC approved this application (Cold Norton PC had not objected). The last decision advised was: OUT/MAL/17/01045 Land West of Crown Road: Residential development comprising 4 bungalows. MDC refused permission (CNPC had recommended refusal).

**Planning Appeals:** information received from MDC relating to three planning appeals: the first was ref: APP/X/1545/17/3182321 Stow Maries Aerodrome, Hackmans Lane (Planning Application No: FUL/MAL/16/01142 PP-05539026); Planning Application for operational arrangements for the use of the Airfield at Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome including hours of operation, restrictions on the number of take-offs and landings, and arrangements for Special Public Event days. Appeal has been withdrawn by The Trustees of Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome Trust. The second was to advise that a planning appeal has been lodged for: Land North of 29 Green Trees Avenue. Application Ref: OUT/MAL/17/00137 PP-05819865;

Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/W/17/3184004; Proposal: Outline planning application with all matters reserved for the construction of 3 single storey dwellings with associated off-street parking. The final notice referred to: Environment Act 1995 Section 97 Hedgerow Regulations 1997. Land East of Lords Acre Nursery, Lower Burnham Road. Hedgerow Notice Ref: HRepN/17/00181; Appeal Ref: APP/HGW/17/506; Contravention alleged: removal (without notifying the Council of the intention to do so by the submission of a formal hedgerow removal notice) of 700m of rural hedgerow in contravention of Regulation 5(1).

**Parish Planning Trigger:** this process meant that if the Parish Council submitted a comment which was in opposition to that which the designated planning officer was recommending, that the application would have to go to the MDC Planning Committee for a decision. A letter had been received from MDC advising that this 'trigger' was now being removed and that Parishes would have to '*contact an Area Planning Committee Member who may agree to call in the application to the relevant Area Planning Committee*'. The Members did not agree with this decision and would be writing to MDC.

**Planning applications and decisions:** if you would like to see full details of any planning application, please contact the Maldon District Council offices on 01621 854477 or visit the web site [www.maldon.gov.uk](http://www.maldon.gov.uk)

**Footway from the bridge to Country Produce:** this has been the subject of many reports to ECC Highways over many years, but in relation to the issues reported this year the latest response (dated 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017) from ECC Highways received via our Country Cllr Mrs Penny Channer, who has kindly been following up this issue, was: "*Thank you for your email below regarding overgrown vegetation in Latchingdon Road, Cold Norton. Looking at their records, Essex Highways has been liaising with the relevant landowner regarding this vegetation and has previously requested that it be cut back. However, the site was last visited by a Highways Inspector in October 2017 and the works had still not been undertaken. The case has now been referred to the Essex Highways Enforcement Team for assessment and appropriate action. Please be assured that this matter is in hand. I note that the Parish Clerk also raises concerns with the condition of the footway in Latchingdon Road. I am sorry to read that a resident has fallen at this location. Latchingdon Road is classified as a priority route which is inspected in its entirety on a quarterly basis. The Highways Inspector will also conduct separate inspections of particular issues in response to reports made by members of the public. Latchingdon Road was last routinely inspected this month and the Inspector does not consider there to be any issues with the footway which warrant urgent works or which meet the criteria for repair set out in our Maintenance Strategy. Essex Highways unfortunately has to make difficult decisions when deciding on which maintenance issues to prioritise due to the wide ranging function of highway maintenance. It is therefore essential that they have a robust prioritisation process that allows them to focus on the areas of greatest need with all service requests being assessed and prioritised according to their level of severity. In the event that the condition of the footway in Latchingdon Road significantly deteriorates or there is a specific issue residents are concerned about, they can report this to Essex Highways via their dedicated [Report it Tool](#). Essex Highways can then determine whether a further inspection is required. Please be assured that the condition of Latchingdon Road will continue to be monitored during future inspections.*"

**Closure of the Post Office at Country Produce:** the Parish Council had received an email/letter on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017 advising '*Branch Temporary Closure*' on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and that '*options were being investigated to reinstate a Post Office service for the local community*'. More information is being sought from The Post Office.

**Dogs:** Dogs are not allowed on the playing field - there is a Byelaw in place to enforce this. This area is used by children and adults for recreation and sporting activities. If you witness dog(s) in this area please inform the Parish Council. Dog waste is a big issue in the village and in particular on footpaths and recently in the Village hall car park. It is an offence that carries a maximum penalty of £1,000.

**Please do report** incidences to the Environment Services/Dog Warden at MDC on 01621 854477 (you don't have to give your name) or complete a simple report by following this link:

[https://maldon.firmstep.com/default.aspx/RenderForm/?F.Name=g9\\_h9wp8qi8&HideToolbar=1](https://maldon.firmstep.com/default.aspx/RenderForm/?F.Name=g9_h9wp8qi8&HideToolbar=1) via this link there is the facility to make your report anonymously.

**Village Caretaker:** Please contact the Clerk for details of the jobs involved in this self-employed (paid) job.

**Winter Salt:** If you would like to join the 'team' for your road, please contact the Clerk (details at end).

**Pink Recycling Bags & Food Recycling Bags:** these can be collected at coffee mornings generally held fortnightly in The Les Barclay Room in the Village Hall between the hours of 9.30am - 12 noon. See 'Dates for your Diary' at back of this magazine for dates of the coffee mornings.

**Parish Council Meetings:** Meetings start at 7.30pm in The Les Barclay Room at the Village Hall. For the first quarter of 2018 the PC Meetings will be on Wednesdays 10<sup>th</sup> January, 7<sup>th</sup> February and 7<sup>th</sup> March. 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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