

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**Meeting Cancelled:** unfortunately due to illness and other commitments the scheduled January meeting could not go ahead as only 2 Cllrs were available and to be able to proceed and make any decisions, there has to be a minimum of three Cllrs present. An Extraordinary Meeting will be held to discuss and agree the Precept (the PC portion of the Council Tax). So this month's news is therefore limited to information/requests.

**Planning Decisions:** (covering the period w/e 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017 to w/e 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018): MDC advised 3 decisions: the first related to: OUT/MAL/17/01129 Land at Pine Lodge, Junction Road: Erection of two bungalows. MDC refused planning permission. (Cold Norton PC had recommended refusal). The second decision was: HOUSE/MAL/17/01274 South View, Station Road: Proposed new front boundary post and rail fence and gates. MDC approved this application (Cold Norton PC had not objected). The last decision advised was: HOUSE/MAL/17/01256 11 Victoria Road: Garage conversion, side extension and attached double garage with storage above. MDC refused permission (Cold Norton PC had not objected).

**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)

**Adult Cycling Training:** the ECC senior road safety officer for cycling has received some funding for Adult cycling training for residents of Essex. This training can be from learning to ride, cycle confidence or even helping plan a route to work. There is a fee of £10 for the training and the courses range from 45 minutes to 3 hours long. Follow this link for more information: <http://saferessexroads.org/road.users/cycling/>

**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 Required:** This is a self-employed paid role. The work involves general maintenance around the parish to keep our village tidy and attractive, including repairs and maintenance of Parish Council property, cutting back vegetation at the recreation ground and at the Nature Reserve, inspections and minor repairs to play equipment, and some litter picking. Apart from having the ability to carry out the work described; the main need is to have someone who cares about the appearance and environment of Cold Norton. Please contact the Clerk (details at the end) for more information.

**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. The next PC Meetings will be on: Wednesdays 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.

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