

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the June 2017 Meeting

The Parish Council Annual General Meeting and the ordinary May Meeting scheduled for 18th May both had to be cancelled due to insufficient number of Councillors being available.

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 31st May 2017 and 27 Members of the Public attended. A fuller report of this meeting will appear in a future issue, which included reports from the PC Chairman, the District Cllr Ms Sue White, the County Cllr Mrs Penny Channer and the Police. At the APM there was a presentation from ECC **Superfast Essex** regarding Broadband – the Clerk can email this presentation to residents, or residents may contact the Superfast team direct for a copy of the slides, or with any questions, via the online contact form:

www.superfastessex.org/contactus. Other key links are:

- Interactive rollout map (ECC plans): www.superfastessex.org/maps
- Interactive state aid map (eligibility for investment): www.superfastessex.org/whats happening next
- Make the Connection Survey (to register demand): www.superfastessex.org/registerdemand

The **Villager of the Year** was announced at the APM as Mrs Sue Garnham for being instrumental in setting up and helping to run the Seniors coffee mornings, lunch club, exercise class and carpet bowls club, as well as being part of the small team that manages the Village Hall.

The Parish Council Annual General Meeting was held on 7th June 2017

The Parish Councillors are:

Mr John Archer
Mrs Sue Garnham
Mr Brian Haydon
Mrs Von Jennings
Mr Charles Litscher
Mr Stewart Rivers
Mr Philip Wakeling

At the AGM officers were elected as follows:

Chairman: Mr Philip Wakeling

Vice Chairman: Mr Brian Haydon

Playing Field Representative: Mrs Sue Garnham & Mrs Von Jennings

Nature Conservation Area Representative: Mrs Sue Garnham & Mrs Von Jennings

Village Hall Representatives: Mrs Sue Garnham & Mrs Von Jennings

Public Rights of Way (Footpaths) Representative: Mr Philip Wakeling

Transport Representative: Mr Stewart Rivers

Police/NAP Representative: Mr Stewart Rivers

The Internal Auditor was confirmed as ASAP Office Services. The External Auditor appointed by the Audit Commission is PKF Littlejohn. Mr Wakeling, Mrs Garnham and Mr Litscher will remain as signatories as at present.

The AGM was followed by the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council

Planning Applications: no planning applications were considered.

Planning Decisions: (covering the period w/e 7th April to w/e 2nd June 2017): There were five decisions advised: the first was: HOUSE/MAL/17/00115 Oakwood Manor Station Road: Below ground family swimming pool with retractable cover and log pool house. MDC approved this application – the Parish Council had not objected these works. The second decision was: OUT/MAL/17/00137 Land North of 29 Green Trees Avenue: Outline planning application with all matters reserved for the construction of 3 single storey dwellings with associated off-street parking. The application was refused by MDC – the Parish Council had been split on this with three votes to two proposing not to object. The third decision was: ESS/MAL/17/00307 Cold Norton County Primary School 2 St Stephens Road: The retention of a class base for a temporary period until 31 August 2022 without compliance with Condition 2 (time limit) attached to planning permission CC/MAL/08/12. MDC had not objected to this and ECC approved the application – the Parish Council had not objected. The fourth decision was: LDP/MAL/17/00207 Oasis St Stephens Road: Claim for lawful development certificate for proposed single storey rear extension projecting 4m from rear of existing property. MDC approved – the Parish Council had not been required to comment on this application. The final decision for this period was: HOUSE/MAL/17/00290 3 Station Crescent: Attached garage/utility room. MDC approved – the Parish Council had not commented on this application due to the cancellation of the May PC meeting.

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

Foster Carers: County Cllr Mrs Channer advised Members that more Foster Carers are urgently needed in Essex for children of all ages. Information is available at: <http://www.essexadoptionandfostering.co.uk/fostering/>

Village Hall: the Solar Panels continue to produce an income and for the winter quarter to the end of March 'earned' £273.76. The walls in the main hall will be decorated during the summer.

Zebra Crossing: the overhanging vegetation obscuring the Belisha beacon has been reported and will be attended to shortly.

Footpath 24: Members were advised that the cross field Public Rights of Way that runs from Fambridge Road (Kits Hill) to join FP23 near St Stephens Road was overgrown and unwalkable – this will be reported. If anyone needs a copy of the Cold Norton footpath map, please contact the Clerk – details at the end of this report.

Playground/Playing Fields: unfortunately it has been reported that unsavoury items have been found on the playing fields and two teenage boys were approached by a stranger. Do please report incidents to the Police.

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 July dates.

Dog Waste Bins: following an enquiry from a resident the feasibility of installing additional bins will be investigated.

Winter Salt: Members agreed to participate again in this ECC scheme. Current Members of the Cold Norton Salt Team will be contacted shortly to see if they are willing and able to remain on the team. New Members very welcome.

Parish Council Meetings: Meetings start at 7.30pm in The Les Barclay Room at the Village Hall. The next PC Meeting will be on Tuesday 11th July, the Parish Council is in recess in August, but extraordinary meeting(s) will be called if required. Provisionally scheduled: 6th September. 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 or phone (Monday to Friday before 5 pm please) 01621 829566.