

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the March 2015 Meeting

**Planning Applications:** the Councillors considered three planning applications. The first was FUL/MAL/14/01289 Land between Middlewick Farm & Wraywick Farm, The Marshes, Southminster. Variation of condition 37 of approved planning application FUL/MAL/10/00004 (Construction of nine wind turbine generators with an overall height to tip of 125m, and associated crane hard standing areas, access tracks, substation building, 80m meteorological mast, hard standing area for marine access, temporary laydown area, temporary construction compound, and associated electrical infrastructure - allowed on appeal reference APP/X1545/A/10/2140423). Vary condition to allow an updated Habitat Management Plan and mitigation works to be undertaken. The following response was agreed by the Members: Cold Norton Parish Council does not feel it has the necessary technical knowledge to submit comments in relation to the above and will therefore rely on the expertise within the District Council to make a decision regarding the variation on one of the conditions proposed within this application. The second application considered was: COUPA/MAL/15/00130 Flambards Farm, Hackman Lane. Prior approval of proposed change of use of an agricultural building into two dwelling houses (use Class C3). The Parish Council objected to this application as it is outside the village development boundary and is a change of use of site. The final application considered was: HOUSE/MAL/15/00044 South View Station Road - extensions and alterations to existing dwelling – the Councillors did not consider that the plans were clear so are awaiting clarity from MDC and will review at a future meeting.

**Planning Decisions:** there were six planning decisions advised by Maldon District Council this month relating to Cold Norton, namely: HOUSE/MAL/14/01163 19 St Stephens Road: proposed new detached garage – this was refused by MDC (the Parish Council has objected to this application). FUL/MAL/14/01039 Land Rear of Imps Camp Purleigh Grove: amended plans to planning application FUL/MAL/13/01118 - permission given for single storey dwelling and cart lodge garage, amended plans for one and half storey dwelling and cart lodge garage – this was approved by MDC (the Parish Council had objected to this). The third decision advised related to: HOUSE/MAL/14/01125 The Rectory Howe Green Road: front porch extension and detached garage to front garden – this was approved by MDC (the Parish Council had not objected to this application). The fourth decision advised was: HOUSE/MAL/15/00017 20 St Stephens Road: single storey rear extension with lean to roof continued over adjoining flat roof extension. Repositioning ground floor window – MDC approved this (the Parish Council had not objected to these plans). The fifth decision was: OUT/MAL/14/01165 Land at Bencott Newport Avenue: outline planning application for one dwelling – MDC refused permission (the Parish Council had objected to this). The last decision advised related to a planning appeal, namely: OUT/MAL/13/01078 (Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/A/14/2218409) Three Rivers Golf and Country Club: outline planning application for residential development comprising six dwellings incorporating new access road, landscaping and rationalisation of existing car parking – The Planning Inspectorate has allowed the appeal, but refused costs (MDC and the Parish Council had both objected to this development).

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

**Comments by Residents on Planning Applications:** residents can comment on any planning application (comments must relate to planning issues) by writing to Maldon District Council (Princes Road, Maldon CM9 5DL) or emailing: [dc.planning@maldon.gov.uk](mailto:dc.planning@maldon.gov.uk)

**Solar Panels at the Village Hall:** application for the Public Works Loan was successful and works to install the panels scheduled to start on 6th March (*at time of writing this report for The Beacon, installation is due to be completed on 23<sup>rd</sup> March*).

**Toilets and St Stephens Meeting Room at the Village Hall:** renovation works started on 23rd February; at the meeting the Members were advised that at the site meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> March the contractors advised that they had had to bring in humidifiers as the plaster work was taking longer to dry, which was delaying the next items in the process, but this would be reviewed at the next site meeting. (*At time of writing this report for The Beacon this did delay the works slightly, but apart from finishing off elements the works would be completed in time for the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March*).

**Best Kept Playing Fields Competition 2015:** Members agreed to enter this at an entry fee of £10.

**Parish & District Council Elections:** these will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015 (same day as the General Election). Please contact the Clerk if you would like to know what is involved in being a Parish Councillor.

**Parish Council Meetings:** meetings are held at 8pm in The Norton Meeting Room at the Village Hall. Provisionally scheduled for 2015: Wednesdays 2nd April and 13<sup>th</sup> May. 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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