

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the October 2014 Meeting

Planning Applications: There were three applications considered by the Members this month, one at the ordinary meeting this month on 1st October and two at the extraordinary meeting that had to be called in 15th October: COUPA/MAL/14/00843 Flambards Farm, Hackmans Lane: change of use of agricultural buildings to 3 no. residential dwellings – the Members objected to this as it is outside the village development boundary and therefore contrary to the Parish Council’s Planning Policy, it is a significant development and because is out of keeping with the rural location and a long way from services. HOUSE/MAL/14/00906 White Acres, Crown Road. Alterations: remodelling and extensions to planning permission FUL/MAL/11/00741 (one 4 bed bungalow and one 5 bed bungalow with basement) – the Members had no objections to the works proposed within this application, but added to their response the following statement: *“The view expressed by residents in the Village Survey calls for restricted development outside the village development boundary and for that reason the Parish Council would not like to see any further development on this site”*. The last application considered was: HOUSE/MAL/14/0062 PP-03504738. 18 Green Trees Avenue: installation of solar panels at rear of property (retrospective) – the Members had no objections to this application.

Planning Decisions: There were two planning decisions advised by Maldon District Council for Cold Norton this month. The first was for HOUSE/MAL/14/00594 Bencott, Newport Avenue, Cold Norton: Single storey garage with domestic storage over – MDC granted approval for these works (Cold Norton PC had not objected). The second application was: FUL/MAL/14/00471 Lords Acre Nursery Lower Burnham Road, Cold Norton: Change of use of land for siting of mobile catering unit. For use 07:00 - 14:30 Monday - Friday and 08:00 - 16:00 Saturday for 10 months in a year – MDC refused permission (Cold Norton PC had not been consulted on this application)

This is just a summary of planning applications and decisions, please note that most approved applications also carry conditions – 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 or contact the Clerk – details below.

Buses: the 31 service through Cold Norton was stopped before the Transport meeting earlier this month, but the Cllrs are planning to attend further meetings re buses serving Cold Norton and a better service of DART 5 is being looked into.

Bridleway 29: a request for funding improvements and resurfacing has been approved in principle.

Essex Girls & Boys Club: there is an opportunity to set up a Youth Club in the village with the help of Essex Girls & Boys Club, who have Lottery Funding to facilitate this. But we need some residents to come forward to get involved in the first stage, which is to ascertain if the young people want a club (10 would be enough to start a club) and if so what they want from a club; volunteers would be needed to run the club. If you would like to help with the initial research stage or want some more information, please contact the Clerk. No one has come forward at the time of writing this report – if you can help it’s not too late.

Winter Salt Bag Scheme: this will operate again this year and ECC will be providing the salt free of charge. If you would like to part of the team for your road, please contact the Clerk.

Parish Council Meetings: Provisionally scheduled for 2014: Wednesdays 5th November, and 3rd December. Meetings start at 8pm 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.

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