

District Cllr Report Thurston Ward

Beyton, Norton, Thurston, Tostock, Stowlangtoft

December 2022

MSDC Meeting.

There was no council meeting this month.

Joint Scrutiny Committee

Deputised at this meeting during which Suffolk Association of Local Councils gave a presentation explaining the support they provide to Parish Council Chairs and Clerks. Started a campaign to establish formal links and support from MSDC to SALC.

Planning

Undertook the in-house planning training session. Continued to work with Thurston Parish Council on their case for the Bloor Homes Supreme court case. Still no progress on the Heath Road development. DC/22/ 00398 Follow up meeting postponed so call in still has not happened.

EN/22/00335, EN/22/00492 Barrell's Road, our MSDC enforcement officer has confirmed that there have been breaches of the planning approval. The next steps are awaited.

Briefing on Residents survey

MSDC officers briefed councillors on the results of the 2022 residents survey. There were high levels of trust in MSDC and the majority felt that a good job was being done. However, only 16% of residents thought that they could influence the council decisions

Thurston Primary School (Car Parking)

Met with Mr Bayes, head of Thurston Primary School to understand the parent car parking issue. Witness the smooth operation of the morning drop off. Clearly the evening pick up is causing great concern. In comparing the approved plans with the actual car park it is clear that at least 3 spaces have not been provided (not that this would solve the parent parking issue. However, it would help as the school expands. Will discuss options with our planning officers to see how the design of the next phase on the Linden Homes development might assist.

Community Action for Thurston Station (CATS)

Met with this campaign group who explained that it was proving difficult to find potential tenants for the station building because of the real short lease terms and the lack of vehicle access. Have written to Network Rail asking for clarifications.

Gateway 14

The 'Range' warehousing will have solar panels on its roof which will make a major contribution to its energy needs.

Community Infrastructure Levy MSDC Officers provided a forum for all Parish Councils to increase their understanding on CIL and the appropriate processes.

Locality Fund Working on the request to help Tostock village hall.

Application for support from all local organisations welcome before the end of January. WIGIG.

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