

District Cllr Report Thurston Ward

Beyton, Norton, Thurston, Tostock, Stowlangtoft

June 2022

MSDC Meeting

The Mid Suffolk District Council AGM was held in June. Our Officers presented the proposed council housing strategy. Although it is planned to add 65 new affordable homes each year our number of social homes is currently predicted to decline. Our current waiting list is above 500 persons.

Plans to improve leisure and wellbeing facilities in Stowmarket are set to move forward following agreement from Mid Suffolk District Council to fund the next stage of development.

The draft masterplan outlines how new and improved facilities for a wide range of sports, leisure and health organisations can be brought together across a single site in Stowmarket. The proposals include a multi-agency wellbeing hub, a 4g football pitch and a multi-use 2g pitch, a mini athletics track, new multi-sports pavilion, a multi-use games area, four new indoor sports courts and new cricket square and nets. With the funding now agreed, Mid Suffolk District Council can develop detailed designs for the project.

Housing Revenue Account

Mid Suffolk District Council tenant satisfaction survey will now be conducted each year so that progress can be tracked.

MSDC District CIL funds

The use of CIL District funds for Feasibility studies was questioned particularly for network rail.

Parking Strategy

Online survey

To ensure our strategy is relevant, and meets both our current and future aims, there are a number of recommended actions for you to comment on. Parking affects **everybody** - so whether you drive a car or not - we'd really appreciate it if you could spare **just 15 minutes** to share your thoughts with us:

Complete our parking strategy online survey

Parking strategy roadshow drop-in events happened 22nd June at New Green, Thurston.

Planning

Raised a question about Ixworth Road Housing in Norton (answered) and Discharge conditions ref DC/22/01358. Development Beyton (still awaiting answer). Have asked for a call-in ref DC/22/00398 Thurston. Have lobbied for the inclusion of an objective facilitator in the Peer group review committee meetings.

Locality grants

Supported purchase of new tents by the Thurston Scout Group

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