

# **District Cllr Report Thurston Ward**

## **Beyton, Norton, Thurston, Tostock, Stowlangtoft**

### **June 2023**

#### **MSDC Administration Appointments.**

Mid Suffolk District Council web site has a full list of appointments including our Cabinet of six members. David Bradbury is a member of the Licencing Committee and is our Council representative of the Network Rail East West Rail Partnership. He is going to take a special interest in all matters relating to railways and integrated transport within our Ward. Austin Davies has accepted roles as Director of the MSDC holding company and CIFCO, a member of the planning committee and the joint Audit Committee.

**Gateway 14** – The Range has confirmed the creation of over 1,600 new jobs by early 2024. As a major distribution hub they envisage 3 shifts running 24/7. Early discussions indicate that they would run electric buses between Stowmarket station and Gateway 14. We are exploring options for extending the route to the surrounding villages.

Planning application has been submitted for a second warehouse on this site.

#### **Planning**

MSDC lost the appeal ( APP/W3520/W/23/3316136 - DC/22/0194) on 9 self builds off Ixworth Road, Norton, however, this developer will have to install a crossing point on Ixworth Road before first occupation. DC/19/02090 Gladman have taken this case to a public appeal. The hearing is set for July 4 in Elmwell (no venue was available locally). Have called in applications DC/23/02430 Barrells Road and the related application off Norton Road DC/23/02429.

#### **Network Rail**

Update held on the work carried out. Investigation of the old tunnel to be carried out with the feasibility study to be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023. Focus is now need on building a funding case to the Department of Transport.

#### **Thurston Library extension**

Richard and Ellie shared the plans for the proposed extension with David and Austin. We fully support the CIL bid of £200k and are working with Suffolk Libraries to build a successful case.

#### **Thurston Community College meeting**

During a meeting with the College principle it was exciting to learn that Suffolk County Council have now acquired the additional land that is needs for both additional parking and new playing field area and the expansion/new school build.

#### **Locality grants**

David and Austin have received applications from community organisations in Norton and Thurston so far!.

#### **David Bradbury & Austin Davies**

#### **Mid Suffolk District Councillors**

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