

District Cllr Report Thurston Ward

Beyton, Norton, Thurston, Tostock, Stowlangtoft

November 2023

MSDC Meeting.

Mid Suffolk District Council meeting held in November and the BMSDC Joint Local Development Scheme and BMSDC Joint Local Plan was passed. This sets out the planning policy for the District. Joint Local Plan, Part 2 which included the settlement boundaries for all our towns and villages, is being prepared.

MSDC has launched its 'cozy homes' initiative which makes insulation available to appropriate households in our District.

It is for:

- *Residents of Mid Suffolk:* Whether you are a private tenant, a homeowner, or a landlord with fewer than five properties, this scheme is for you.
- *Financial Criteria:* Your household income should be less than £60,000 per year, with savings not exceeding £16,000.
- *EPC Rating:* Your home should have an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating between D and G.
- *Council Tax Banding:* Your property should fall within council tax bands A to E.

It covers loft insulation (including loft clearance), cavity wall insulation, draft proofing and possibly also other forms of insulation where appropriate.

Planning

MSDC legal challenge to the Planning Inspectors decision to approve the Gladman application will be heard in the New Year.

Supported the application for a new telco mast in Tostock (Ticehurst area).

Network Rail.

Thurston Parish Council's view on level of District CIL to be committed has been passed to the MSDC Cabinet. Final report due by the end of November (not arrived yet).

Thurston Community College

The fitness suite should be available for community use.

20's Plenty

David attended a 20s Plenty seminar. Plenty of useful information is available that will allow villages to request lower speed limits – for example, speed surveys should not be required these days as SCC has access to the "connected vehicle data" which shows the speeds for all roads in a parish also any new residential developments could be requested to have a 20mph limit applied as a condition of planning.

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Continuing to support the Tostock campaign to have the village speed limit further along Church Road and additional restrictions in Norton.

Locality grants

We would welcome applications, particularly from Tostock and Stowlangtoft Parishes.

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