

District Cllr Report Thurston Ward

Beyton, Norton, Thurston, Tostock, Stowlangtoft

January for February 2024

MSDC Meeting.

Mid Suffolk District Council meeting in January thanked our local volunteers and residents for their work during the recent floodings caused by storm Babet. About 300 homes and 40 businesses were flooding within our district. It was agreed that the MSDC chair would write to all Parish Councils asking them to revisit or create their flooding plan.

A new council strategic plan was approved and focuses on four elements (housing, residents, wellbeing and environment).

The siting of polling stations was confirmed. (Beyton – All Saints, Norton and Stowlangtoft – Norton Village hall, Tostock – Village Hall, Thurston- New Green Centre and Cavendish Hall.

Stage 1 of the Stowmarket (SHELF) project was signed off.

It was agreed to invest £18.7 million in building a skills and innovation centre on Gateway 14. This will consist of office space and training areas. This will focus on providing a starting place for new businesses and the skills needed for the new 'Green Industries'.

Finally, Council agreed to create a Community Rail Partnership with Anglia rail. We would welcome suggested names for the line from Thurston to Ipswich

Planning

Joint Local Validation List Consultation - Monday 22 January 2024 to Monday 4 March 2024
Since our Local Validation List (LVL) was amended last year, our new Joint Local Plan (JLP) has been adopted and the LVL has undergone further revisions as a consequence. These revisions are such that formal six week consultation will be required, giving interested parties an opportunity to make any comments prior to the Joint LVL being adopted.

Please follow the link below for further information and to make comments on the latest Joint Local Validation List Consultation:

Take part in the Joint Local Validation List Consultation

MSDC case on the Gladman appeal was heard on the 30th January. If successful the case would be passed to another inspector for consideration.

Target date has been re-set as the 14th of February for applications DC/23/02429 and DC/23/02430 because of a lack of a splay report by the applicants agent.

Network Rail.

Still no sign of the final report which was due by the end of November.

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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 have now been able to support Tostock village hall and the knitting/crochet club and Stowlangtoft variable speed signs and its village newsletter.

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