

# **District Cllr Report Thurston Ward**

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

### **October 2023**

#### **MSDC Meeting.**

Mid Suffolk District Council meeting held in October. MSDC would like all residents views on what matters most to each of our communities. Please let MSDC know by completing the survey which is available the website until the 15<sup>th</sup> November.

Working with Groundwork East MSDC is providing help to local businesses to reach net zero.

MSDC's business CIFCO is completing the purchase of the Co-Op building in Stanton.

MSDC will be launching its 'cozy homes' initiative next month which will make insulation available to appropriate households in our District. This is the £2 million special provision set aside in our Councils 2023/24 budget.

Council passed a planning guidance note on Solar Farms. Applicants are encouraged to work closely with local communities before making an application. Weight is given to food production and also landscapes, however, there has been no response to the request to the Minister for guidance.

#### **Planning**

MSDC is still awaiting the outcome the legal challenge to the Planning Inspectors decision to approve the Gladman application.

David and Austin have various meetings on applications DC/23/02429 and DC/23/02430.

#### **District CIL**

Norton Village Hall request for District CIL has been supported by David and Austin. We have also supported the application of the New Green Centre to replace all the exterior doors.

#### **Network Rail.**

Participated in CIL funded feasibility study on Thurston railway crossing. Need the opinion of Thurston Parish Council on level of District CIL to be committed. Final report due by the end of November.

#### **Thurston Community College**

Appreciate that the college has given access to various clubs to use the sports hall.

Next month the fitness suite should be available for community use.

#### **A14**

Supporting the Tostock campaign to have the village speed limit further along Church Road.

#### **Locality grants**

We have agreed to support Thurston Primary School as their request for Pickleball equipment.

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