

District Cllr Report Thurston Ward

Beyton, Norton, Thurston, Tostock, Stowlangtoft

May 2024

MSDC Meeting.

Mid Suffolk District Council held both its AGM and May meeting. Cllr Dan Pratt was elected Chair for the coming year with Cllr Keith Scaff as his deputy. Various other posts were filled including Cllr James Caston as chair of Scrutiny.

It was decided that the current boundary between Stowmarket and One house parish should remain unchanged. Financing for the training centre at Gateway 14 was confirmed at £18.8 million. Freeport East has agreed to cover 89% of the cost. This means that MSDC will invest £2.26 million in this initiative which will be focused on re-skilling residents and businesses in the new 'Green' technologies. A motion to support the 'Climate and Nature Bill' was passed.

Our June meeting is cancelled because of the General Election.

Domestic food waste

Funding to begin food waste collections in Mid Suffolk from 2026 has been agreed, as part of a nationwide requirement by central government.

Gateway 14

Planning approval was granted for a new warehouse.

Planning

Persimmon have submitted an application for 61 homes on the land between College Park and Thurston Community College.

Further details and information has been requested by the planning officer. For applications DC/23/02429 and DC/23/02430 a field tour is being organised.

MSDC is pursuing the debt DC/20/00663 (Nursery House, Tostock Road, Beyton) through a formal debt recovery process.

Network Rail.

The final report has been received by MSDC. 5 options have been described with a range of estimated costs from £3 to £7 million. One is to reopen the pedestrian tunnel and refurbish the station house. The next action is to select an option and then work up the detailed costing of its implementation.

Locality grants

Please do not make any application until after the 4th July.

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