

District Councillors Report to 15 February 2021

Cllr Hicks our County Councillor continues to advise us of the data for the Covid statistics.

I don't need to tell you all about vaccination centre closures due to the snow last week and of course the delayed bin collections. Please leave your bins out and they will be collected. I suggest you leave both bins out and let the operatives decide which ones they will pick up first!

The covid injections centres continue to operate at a pace and we can only thank everyone involved for their continued professional support.

A hardship fund is available for those households who are struggling to pay their council tax. Full details on MSDC website but it will be automatic for those who have already claimed Local Council Tax support.

Plans for Gateway 14 are now available to view on the Gateway 14 website which can be accessed from MSDC website

Last week Hutchison Ports submitted a bid to government for Free Port East which includes Gateway 14, Harwich and Felixstowe to be one of 10 Free ports in the UK which will create manufacturing, green energy and innovation hubs with the aim of attracting companies and investors to the Region. Successful bidders will be announced in the spring.

A Planning application which was approved at Woolpit some months ago has been subject to a Judicial Review. (JR) Mid Suffolk Planners defended their recommendation which the Planning Committee approved and the appeal Inspector upheld that decision. The JR was rejected. I point this out as there is a huge cost to the Public Purse to defend these decisions and relatively small costs can be recouped. It also demonstrates the professional work not only the planners do but those on planning committees also!

Aspall Cyder will be conducting authorised movements and improvements to the Storage tanks on site but heavy cranes will be seen and will be ongoing this week.

Kathie Guthrie

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