

TESTON PARISH COUNCIL

9th June 2021

Teston Parish Councillors are summoned and members of the public and the press are invited to attend the next meeting of Teston Parish Council that will take place on 15th June 2021 starting at 7.30 p.m. at Teston Village Hall.



Michelle Tatton

Clerk

All Parish Councillors have an interest: (a) in Ash Tree Corner, Courtlands Verge and the Allotments, as the Parish Council owns the land; and (b) as Custodian Trustees of the Village Green and Village Hall. Cllr Douglass, Cllr Miss Page, Cllr Mrs Wheat and Cllr Perkins have an interest as members of Teston Village Hall Management Committee. In the context of changes to the regime relating to Code of Conduct, the Parish Council has resolved to apply dispensations to all Parish Councillors that fully reflect the Dispensation from Maidstone Borough Council during the previous regime with regard to decisions relating to (a) Teston Land Conservation Trust (except that Cllr Coulling is not included for decisions relating to any grants from the Parish Council); and (b) the Village Green.

IMPORTANT: Please note that capacity within the Hall is severely limited as a result of ongoing social distancing restrictions. Please refer to the separate notice displayed on the notice board and reproduced at the end of this Agenda for ease of reference for those viewing the Agenda on our website.

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21/023	Declarations of Interest
21/024	Granting of Dispensations
21/025	Private items: any items likely to be discussed in private on personal or confidential grounds, or because it would be prejudicial to the public interest to discuss the matter in public by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.
21/026	To receive and agree apologies for absence
In the interests of expediency, there will be <u>no public session</u> at this meeting. An opportunity for public questions and comments will resume after 21st June. Meanwhile, members of the public are requested to submit any questions to the Clerk in writing/by email prior to the meeting.	
21/027	To agree the Minutes of previous meetings: 18 th May 2021
21/028	Ratification of Decisions: to ratify decisions taken by the Clerk since the last meeting as set out at the end of this Agenda
	Administration and Finance
21/029	Statement of Accounts: to consider receipts, approve bills for payment – including ratification of payments made since the last meeting - and to note the general financial position including Parish Services Scheme
21/030	Annual Return for the Year ending 31st March 2021: a) To receive Internal Auditor's Report b) To note outcome of Governance Review undertaken by Cllr Owens and to agree any recommendations c) To approve updated Asset Register d) To agree the Governance Statement at section 1 of the Annual Return e) To approve the Accounting Statements at section 2 of the Annual Return
21/031	Date of Annual Parish Meeting: to consider options for the APM, noting ongoing social distancing requirements and lack of available capacity within the Village Hall

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21/032	Grants to village organisations, and Tapestry: decision deferred from May meeting: a) Pioneers - £125 – with consideration given to whether the grant should be half this amount to reflect the date when the Pioneers would return to the Hall b) TVHMC - £250 – with consideration given to the grant being applied to general maintenance for assistance at Teston Village Hall, not just grounds maintenance c) St Peter and St Paul - £250 for assistance with Churchyard maintenance – to be considered within the context of the current proposed scheme d) Transfer to the Tapestry Account for inclusion of regular items of information for 2021/22 – to be considered within the context of an Annual Parish Meeting this year
21/033	Exceptional Delegated Authority: to consider whether EDA should continue until the next meeting
	Highways
21/034	Tonbridge Road Crossing: to receive update from the Chairman and agree further action, including consideration of a PWLB application to fund legal and design aspects.
21/035	Road Safety/Highway Improvement Plan: to receive update from the Chairman and to consider new items including a Speed Indicator Device at the junction of Mallings Road and Livesey Street and speed limit changes on Mallings Road; a full resurfacing of Mallings Road rather than patching, combined with virtual platforms; to consider contents of the HIP and the order of priority of items; and facts relating to 20mph zones
	Planning
21/035	21/01490/FL (TMBC) Cromar Nursery 39 Livesey Street Watlington Maidstone Kent ME18 5BQ Redevelopment of existing commercial nursery and garden centre with 4 detached residential units with garaging facility and, associated works, including vehicular access (amendment to existing planning permission TM/19/01359/FL, not implemented)
	Other
21/036	To Consider Proposal for a Flower Trough Beneath the Notice Board
21/037	TPO – Becketts Croft: to consider response to the TPO placed on the Limes
21/038	Church Commissioners’ Pastoral Scheme: to receive update upon latest steps and to agree any further action
21/039	Book of Condolence: to consider where to store, whether to use the same book on the next occasion, and what arrangements should be put in place
21/040	Clerk’s Report for Noting Only

Date of next regular meeting of the Council – 7.30p.m. on 27th July 2021 at Teston Village Hall

List of Decisions Taken by the Clerk Since 18th May 2021 Under the Agreed Scheme of Delegation During COVID-19

Detail	Decision and background	Date
Broken allotment tap	On 18 th May it was reported that a tap at the allotments had broken and water had been escaping. A tenant had taken action and turned the water off. Following consultation with Cllr Douglass, urgent steps were taken to have the tap fixed so that water could be restored. pouring out water overnight.	19.06.21

Received correspondence since the last meeting (included here in the absence of a Clerk’s Report for this meeting)

21/013	Clerks and Councils Direct March 2021
21/014	Local Councils Update May 2021
21/015	War Memorials Trust May 2021
21/016	The Clerk May 2021
21/017	Local Councils Update June 2021