

Teston Parish Council

25th May 2022

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 Tuesday 19th July 2022 starting at 7.30 p.m. at Teston Village Hall.



Michelle Tatton

Clerk

In the interests of transparency, all Parish Councillors declare that that they have an interest in (a) Ash Tree Corner, Courtlands Verge and the Allotments, as the Parish Council owns the land; (b) the Village Green and Village Hall as Custodian Trustees; (c) Teston Land Conservation Trust Matters as they are Trustees; (d) Teston Village Stores CIC as they are Directors of the CIC; d) Cllr Douglass, Cllr Miss Page and Cllr Mrs Wheat have an interest as members of Teston Village Hall Management Committee; and e) Cllr Burgon, Cllr Owens, Cllr Miss Page, and Cllr Mrs Wheat have an interest as members of the Parochial Church Council.

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22/083	Declarations of Interest
22/084	Apologies for Absence
Meeting adjourned to receive comments and questions from members of the public	
Public session: for approximately 15 minutes the Chairman invites comments and questions from members of the public (which do not constitute a formal part of the meeting). Members of the public may not speak at any other time during the meeting, save with the express consent of the Chairman	
22/085	To agree the Minutes of previous meetings: 31 st May 2022
22/086	Ratification of Decisions: to ratify decisions taken by the Clerk since the last meeting as set out at the end of this Agenda
22/087	Ordering of Agenda: requests for items to be taken earlier in the meeting
	<u>Administration and Finance</u>
22/088	Statement of Accounts: To consider receipts, approve bills for payment including ratification of payments made since the last meeting, and claims for refund of expenses
22/089	Review of Standing Orders, Policies and Procedures and Risk Assessment: to receive any update
22/090	Annual Return for the Year ending 31st March 2022: to note current position (at time of issue of the Agenda receipt of the AGAR has been acknowledged by PKF and the outcome is awaited)
22/091	Possible Grant to St Peter and St Paul Church for assistance with Churchyard maintenance – deferred from previous meeting
	Planning
22/092	a) New Decisions (to be reported via the Clerk's Report) b) Pending Decisions/New Applications (none received at date of Agenda)
22/093	MBC and TMBC Local Plan Updates: Chairman to report
	Environment

22/094	Teston Bridge Country Park: to note future dates for Liaison Meetings (4 th October 2022 and 4 th April 2023) and to receive any further updates, including issues with parking charges
22/095	Tree and Hedge Work: a) To confirm next steps in light of the Tree Officer's ongoing objection to felling of the Silver Birch at Teston Village Green b) To note current position regarding application for work to the Beech within the Hall grounds of Teston Village Hall c) To note work carried out to the hedge at Courtlands and to the roadside hedge at the Allotments d) To note status of works to the Lime Tree at Courtlands and Catalpa on the Village Green e) To note other tree and hedge issues and to agree action
22/096	Allotments Report: Cllr Douglass to report on any issues
22/097	Play Area Inspection: to receive annual play inspection report (if available) and agree any actions or, if the report has not been received by the date of the meeting, to confirm delegated authority to the Clerk to take action in respect of any urgent items
	Highways
22/098	Highway Improvement Plan and Highway Spreadsheet of Routine Items: to a) receive update in particular with regarding to a possible mobile speed indicating device b) review regular items and agree any further action
22/099	Parking of Network Rail Vehicles at Livesey Street Near Junction with Malling Road: to note any latest exchanges with the PCSO
22/100	Consultation upon Transport Plan for the South East (closing 12th September) https://transportforthesoutheast.org.uk
	Other
22/101	Screen and Projector for Teston Village Hall: to consider the principle of a pull-down screen and ceiling mounted projector and subject to the agreement of Teston Village Hall Management Committee
22/102	Ward Boundary Changes: to consider a response to latest Boundary Commission proposals https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/have-your-say/32722
22/103	HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee: to receive report from the Chairman regarding the event, and to consider any outstanding matters
22/104	Community Safety Ward Cluster Meetings: to receive any update
22/105	Lorry Movements on Malling Road: to receive any update from the Chairman
22/106	Clerk's Report – See Clerk's Report attached
22/107	Exceptional Delegated Authority: to consider whether EDA should continue until the next meeting
Meeting Adjourned	
	• Teston Land Conservation Trust matters: • Teston Village Stores CIC matters
	Confidential Items
22/108	To resolve that the press and public to be excluded from the item 22/109 below on the basis that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted
22/109	Enforcement issues: to consider any further information received from Maidstone Borough

	Council and to agree upon any further action to be taken to progress outstanding enforcement issues. The material supplied is considered in confidence as required by Maidstone Borough Council.
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Decisions Taken by the Clerk Since 31st May Under Agreed Scheme of Delegation

For ratification under Agenda item 22/086

Detail	Decision and background	Date Taken
Courtlands Hedge	At the May meeting it was agreed that the Courtlands hedge should be cut but no price was available at that time. The Clerk liaised with the contractor and subsequently agreed a price of £360.00 which was consistent with the previous cut.	27.06.2022
Tree Application	22/502901/TPOA 2 South Lodge Barham Court Tonbridge Road Teston: Tree Preservation Order application: T1 - Beech - Crown lift to 5m, T2 - Beech - Remove and replace tree, T3 - Beech - Crown lift to 5m and remove small deadwood. Also clear house roof by 2 metres where 5 metre crown lift has not done so. Details were shared with Cllrs. No objections were raised. The Clerk submitted a response on this basis.	05.07.2022
Allotment Hedge and Ripton Wood hedge	It was reported to the Clerk that the Allotments and Ripton Wood hedges were in need of an urgent cut on the roadside. The Clerk obtained a quotation from the contractor for the £170 plus vat. This was considered to be reasonable based on previous cuts and was accepted. Invoices are awaited. The contractor has been reminded that separate invoices will be required.	11.07.2022
Planning Application	22/503162/FULL Colindale 66 Tonbridge Road Teston Part Garage conversion into a habitable space, erection of a first floor side and single storey rear extension Details were shared with Cllrs. While there was no objection to the development it was felt that any new ground and first floor windows facing the neighbour should be obscure-glazed, with any opening panels restricted to above a reasonable head-height. A response was submitted on this basis.	11.07.2022

Date of next Parish Council meeting – 7.30pm on 27th September 2022 at Teston Village Hall

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