

Teston Parish Council

23rd November 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 29th November 2022 starting at 7.30 p.m. at Teston Village Hall.



Michelle Tatton - Clerk

In the interests of transparency, all Parish Councillors declare 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; and d) Cllr Douglass, Cllr Miss Page and Cllr Mrs Wheat have an interest as members of Teston Village Hall Management Committee.

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22/139	Declarations of Interest , including any interest as members of the Parochial Church Council.
22/140	Apologies for Absence
Meeting adjourned to receive comments and questions from members of the public	
For approximately 15 minutes the Chairman invites comments/questions from members of the public who may not speak at any other time during the meeting, save with the Chairman's express consent	
22/141	To agree the Minutes of previous meetings: 27th September 2022
22/142	Ratification of Decisions taken by Clerk since the last meeting (see Clerk's Report)
22/143	Ordering of Agenda: requests for items to be taken earlier in the meeting
Administration and Finance	
22/144	Statement of Accounts: to consider receipts (including for Platinum Jubilee mug sales) , approve bills for payment including ratification of payments made since the last meeting, and claims for refund of expenses
22/145	Budget 2023-24/Precept: to agree, subject to confirmation of PSS Grant and review in January
22/146	Review of Standing Orders, Policies, Procedures & Risk Assessment: to receive any update
22/147	Appointment of Internal Auditor for 2022/23: to receive update and agree next steps
22/148	Church Matters including Possible Grant to St Peter and St Paul Church for Assistance with Churchyard Maintenance: to receive update and agree action
22/149	Review of Clerk's Salary (in line with the National Pay Award) and Office Allowance: i) to note the outcome of national pay negotiations and to confirm the Clerk's revised salary of £4808.40 per annum applicable from 1 st April 2022 ii) to approve backpay of 212.31 for the period 1 st April – 31 st October 2022 iii) to approve salary payments thereafter at £400.70 per month iv) to consider an increase in the Clerk's Office Allowance from the beginning of the next financial year commencing 1 st April 2023 from £545 to £600, payable on a quarterly basis
Planning	
22/150	a) New Decisions (to be reported via the Clerk's Report) b) Pending Decisions/New Applications
22/151	MBC and TMBC Local Plan Updates: Chairman to report

	Environment
22/152	Teston Bridge Country Park: to receive update from the Chairman including upon the deferred application relating to surfacing of the overflow car park
22/153	Tree and Hedge Work: a) To receive any update regarding TPO procedure for the Silver Birch on Teston Village Green b) To receive and consider schedule of maintenance c) To note progress of work to the Lime Tree at Courtlands and Catalpa on the Village Green d) To note imminent delivery of the 2 Pandora Cherries for the Village Green
22/154	Allotments Report: to receive update from Cllr Douglass to report on any issues, and report from the Clerk regarding outstanding rent
22/155	Play Area: to receive report upon any issues and to note inspection rota
	Highways
22/156	Highway Improvement Plan and Highway Spreadsheet of Routine Items: to i) receive update, including results of recent surveys ii) review regular items and agree any further action
	Other
22/157	Screen and Projector for Teston Village Hall: to receive any update
22/158	Boundary Changes: to consider responses to i) the Constituency Boundary Review ii) Maidstone Community Governance Review
22/159	Book of Condolence: to note completion of purchase of a spare copy
22/160	New Year's Day Event: to confirm arrangements and budget
22/161	Coronation Beacon Lighting Monday 8th May 2023
22/162	Emergency Plan: to consider whether to conduct a review or allow the plan to lapse
22/163	Kent Minerals and Waste Consultation closing 12th December: to consider a response
22/164	MBC Design & Sustainability Consultation closing 12th December: to consider a response
22/165	Clerk's Report for Noting
22/166	Exceptional Delegated Authority: to consider whether EDA should continue until the next meeting
Meeting Adjourned	
• Teston Land Conservation Trust matters: Network Rail, Environment Agency • Teston Village Stores CIC matters: freezer (KCF grant), finances; staff matters	
	Confidential Items
22/167	To resolve that the press and public to be excluded from the item 22/168 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
22/168	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.

Date of next Parish Council meeting – 7.30pm on 31st January 2023 at Teston Village Hall

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