

Teston Parish Council

25th January 2023

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 31st January 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; d) Cllr Douglass, Cllr Miss Page and Cllr Mrs Wheat have an interest as members of Teston Village Hall Management Committee; and Cllr Ms Burgon and Cllr Dawn Page have an interest as members of Barming with Teston PCC..

Your attention is drawn to the Parish Council's Standing Orders on the Photographing, Recording, Filming or Broadcasting of Teston Parish Council Meetings. The policy will be displayed at each Parish Council meeting. A copy of the policy is also available upon request from the Clerk using the contact details on the final page of the Agenda.

22/170	Declarations of Interest , including any interest as members of the Parochial Church Council.
22/171	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	
22/172	To agree the Minutes of previous meetings: 29 th November 2022
22/173	Ratification of Decisions taken by Clerk since the last meeting (see Clerk's Report)
22/174	Ordering of Agenda: requests for items to be taken earlier in the meeting
	Administration and Finance
22/175	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
22/176	Budget 2023-24/Precept: to receive updated Budget and approve Precept
22/177	Annual Grounds Maintenance Contract: to approve
22/178	Tapestry Advertising Rates: to consider increase in advertising rates
22/179	Internal Auditor – Terms of Engagement: to agree
22/180	Church Matters: to receive update and agree action including upon proposal to establish a Friends of Teston Church
	Planning
22/181	a) New Decisions (to be reported via the Clerk's Report) b) Pending Decisions/New Applications
22/182	MBC and TMBC Local Plan Updates: Chairman to report
	Environment
22/183	Teston Bridge Country Park: to receive update from the Chairman including upon the deferred application relating to surfacing of the overflow car park

22/184	Tree and Hedge Work: a) TPO on Village Green Silver Birch: to agree next steps b) Update regarding work to the Lime Tree at Courtlands and Catalpa on the Village Green c) Planting of Pandora Cherries and approval of planting costs
22/185	Allotments Report: to receive update from Cllr Douglass upon any issues, and report from the Clerk regarding outstanding rent
22/186	Play Area: to receive report upon any issues and to note inspection rota
	Highways
22/187	Highway Improvement Plan and Highway Spreadsheet of Routine Items: to i) receive any feedback from Tapestry article regarding traffic speeds, and report from Chairman upon HIP meeting with Kent Highways, including upon possible Keep Clear box on The Street at Court Lodge Farm entrance, and request for Police to carry out surveys ii) review regular items and agree further action, including any action in respect of salt bins
	Other
22/188	Screen and Projector for Teston Village Hall: to receive update and agree any further action
22/189	Maidstone Community Governance Review (Parish Boundaries): to consider detail (if available)
22/190	New Year's Day Event: to receive report
22/191	Coronation Beacon Event 8th May 2023, and Commemorative Mugs: to consider arrangements/options and to agree a budget
22/192	Annual Parish Meeting 9th May 2023: to consider arrangements
22/193	Emergency Plan: to re-adopt the existing Plan
22/194	Clerk's Report for Noting
22/195	Exceptional Delegated Authority: to consider whether EDA should continue until the next meeting
Meeting Adjourned	
Teston Land Conservation Trust matters: Network Rail, Environment Agency • Accounts • Fishing fees Teston Village Stores CIC matters: freezer (KCF grant), finances; staff matters • Accounts • Roof leak • Menzies • Sponsors	
	Confidential Items
22/196	To resolve that the press and public to be excluded from the item 22/197 and 22/198 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
22/197	Enforcement issues: to consider any further information received from Maidstone Borough Council/Kent County 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 the planning authorities.
22/198	Complaint under the Code of Conduct to the Monitoring Officer: to note

Date of next Parish Council meeting – 7.30pm on 28th March 2023 at Teston Village Hall

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