

Teston Parish Council

22nd March 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 28th March 2023 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.

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22/199	Declarations of Interest
22/200	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	
22/201	To agree the Minutes of previous meetings: 31st January 2023
22/202	Ratification of Decisions taken by Clerk since the last meeting (see Clerk's Report)
22/203	Ordering of Agenda: requests for items to be taken earlier in the meeting
Administration and Finance	
22/204	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
22/205	Arrangements for Audit: to receive update from the Clerk and to confirm meeting date for June for approval of the Annual Return; and to confirm arrangements for the financial review
22/206	Risk Review: to adopt revised Risk Assessment
22/207	Church Matters: to receive update from the Chairman and agree any further action
22/208	Rural England Prosperity Fund: to consider project to install solar panels/batteries/carry out related works to improve energy efficiency at Teston Village Hall and to agree the way forward, including review of cost estimates and draft grant application
Planning	
22/209	a) New Decisions (to be reported via the Clerk's Report) b) Pending Decisions/New Applications
22/210	MBC and TMBC Local Plan Updates: Chairman to report
22/211	Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Development Planning Document – Scoping, Issues and Options Consultation Document (Regulation 18a): update from Chairman
Environment	
22/212	Teston Bridge Country Park: to receive any update and note date for the liaison meeting

22/213	Tree, Hedge Work and routine maintenance: 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) To receive update from Clerk upon work authorised under delegated authority
22/214	Allotments Report: to receive update from Cllr Douglass and Clerk upon any issues
22/215	Play Area: to receive report upon any issues and to note inspection rota
	Highways
22/216	Highway Improvement Plan and Highway Spreadsheet of Routine Items: to i) Update upon discussions with Kent Highways, including upon a Keep Clear box on The Street at Court Lodge Farm entrance, and to agree next steps ii) Review regular items and agree further action
	Other
22/217	Screen and Projector for Teston Village Hall: to receive update from the Chairman
22/218	Possible Film Club at Teston Village Hall: update from Chairman
22/219	To consider collaboration with Teston Village Hall Management Committee on repairing the roof leak above the shop and replacing the side gate with a “chicane”, including any funding
22/220	Coronation Beacon Event 8th May 2023, and Commemorative Mugs: to consider arrangements/options and to agree a budget
22/221	Annual Parish Meeting 9th May 2023: to receive update on arrangements
22/222	Southeast Water Strategic Direction Statement: to consider a response https://southeastwater.uk.engagementhq.com/sds
22/223	Clerk’s Report for Noting
22/24	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: finances, drinks machine, roof leak	
	Confidential Items
22/225	To resolve that the press and public to be excluded from the item 22/226 and 22/227 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
22/226	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.
22/227	Complaint under the Code of Conduct to the Monitoring Officer: to note that MBC will be taking no further action

Date of next meetings:

Annual Parish Meeting – 7.30pm on 9th May 2023 at Teston Village Hall

Parish Council meeting – 7.30pm on 30th May 2023 at Teston Village Hall

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