

Teston Parish Council

20th September 2023

Teston Parish Councillors are summoned and members of the public and the press are invited to attend an extraordinary meeting of Teston Parish Council that will take place on Tuesday 26th September 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 Mrs Wheat and Cllr Ms Burgon have an interest as members of Teston Village Hall Management Committee; and Cllr Ms Burgon has an interest as a member 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.

23/080	Declarations of Interest
23/081	To receive and agree Apologies for Absence
23/082	Following the sad death of Cllr Miss Page, to note the steps to be taken with respect to the declaration of a casual vacancy on the Parish Council
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	
23/083	To agree Minutes of previous meetings: 25 th July 2023
23/084	Ratification of Decisions: to ratify decisions taken by the Clerk since the July meeting
23/085	Ordering of the Agenda: requests for items to be taken earlier in the meeting
Administration and Finance	
23/086	Statement of accounts: i) To consider receipts, approve bills for payment including ratification of payments made since the last meeting, and claims for refund of expenses ii) To note general position regarding the Parish Services Scheme
23/087	Annual Return for the Year ending 31st March 2023: to receive update
23/088	Grants to Village Organisations for 2023-24: to consider level of grant to Barming with Teston PCC, following benchmarking, for assistance with churchyard maintenance
23/089	Friends of Teston Church: to receive update from Chairman, including any need for a routine break-out session when this meeting is adjourned
23/090	Rural England Prosperity Fund - Village Hall Solar Panels and Associated Works: to receive update from Chairman and to approve any future actions & expenditure against MBC grant
Planning	
23/091	a) New Decisions (to be reported via the Clerk's Report) b) Pending Decisions/New Applications 23/503834/LBC Walled Garden Barham Court Tonbridge Road Teston Maidstone Kent ME18 5BZ Listed Building Consent for repairs to damaged section of boundary walling including the installation of a section of steel railings
23/092	Maidstone Local Plan Review: to receive update from Chairman

23/093	Kent Minerals Plan – Possible Extension of Hermitage Quarry: to receive update from Chairman
	Environment
23/094	Teston Bridge Country Park: a) To receive update upon Environment Agency work and to note current position regarding FOI request b) Any other Country Park matters and to note forthcoming Liaison Meeting on 3rd October
23/095	Tree, Hedge Work and routine maintenance: a) TPO on Village Green Silver Birch: to receive update b) Update upon permission for other works to other trees on the Village Green c) Update from Clerk upon work authorised under delegated authority
23/096	Allotments Report: to receive update from Cllr Douglass and Clerk upon a) any action to be taken in respect of any current breaches b) proposal for increase in rent for the allotment year commencing 1 st November 2023 c) renewal of contract for water supply – to give delegated authority to the Clerk and Chairman to enter into a new contract on appropriate terms c) any other issues
23/097	War Memorial: to receive update upon War Memorial Cleaning
23/098	Train Horns: to receive any update from Network Rail
23/099	Play Area: a) to receive report upon any issues including from the annual inspection and to agree action b) to note position regarding the set up of a shareable online play inspection record sheet c) to note inspection rota,
	Highways
23/100	Highway Improvement Plan and Highway Spreadsheet of Routine Items: to receive any update, review regular items and agree further action
23/101	Livesey Street BOAT: to receive update on current position
	Other
23/102	Possible Film Club at Teston Village Hall: to receive update from Chairman and agree further action
23/103	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: to receive update and agree action
23/104	D Day 80 – 24th June 2024: to consider arrangements
23/105	Clerk’s Report for Noting
23/106	Exceptional Delegated Authority: to consider whether EDA should continue until the next meeting
Meeting Adjourned	
Teston Land Conservation Trust matters • Chairman • Grazing of Boathouse Meadow • Permissive access & path – Ripton Wood Teston Village Stores CIC matters • Roof leak • Finances	
	Confidential Items
23/107	To resolve that the press and public to be excluded from item 23/108 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
23/108	Planning and Enforcement issues

Date of next meeting: 7.30pm on 28th November 2023 at Teston Village Hall