

Teston Parish Council

16th November 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 November 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; and (d) Teston Village Stores CIC as they are Directors of the CIC. 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.

23/109	Declarations of Interest
23/110	To receive and agree 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	
23/111	To agree Minutes of previous meetings: 26 th September and 3 rd October 2023
23/112	Ratification of Decisions: to ratify decisions taken by the Clerk since the July meeting
23/113	Ordering of the Agenda: requests for items to be taken earlier in the meeting
	Administration and Finance
23/114	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, and to note the general position regarding the Parish Services Scheme
23/115	Budget 2023-23 / Precept: to agree, subject to confirmation of PSS Grant and review in January
23/116	Grants to Village Organisations for 2023-24: to consider possible grant to Teston Village Stores CIC
23/117	Review of Clerk's Salary (in line with the National Pay Award): to confirm backpay and new salary
23/118	Rural England Prosperity Fund - Village Hall Solar Panels and Associated Works: report upon latest position, to note payments made and to agree any further actions
	Planning
23/119	a) New Decisions (to be reported via the Clerk's Report) b) To Consider Responses to Any Newly Validated Applications as appearing on Maidstone Borough Council's website
23/120	Maidstone Local Plan Review: to receive update from Chairman
	Environment
23/121	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 receive report from Liaison Meeting on 3 rd October

23/122	Tree, Hedge Work and routine maintenance: a) TPO on Village Green Silver Birch: to note grant of permission and to receive update on timing of work b) To note submission of application for other works to other trees on the Village Green c) Update from Clerk upon any work authorised under delegated authority
23/123	Allotments Report: to receive update from Cllr Douglass and Clerk upon a) any action to be taken in respect of any current breaches b) rent payments for the period 1 st November 2023 c) renewal of contract for water supply c) any other issues
23/124	Tree Survey: to consider obtaining an update tree survey
23/125	Play Area: a) To receive report upon any issues, including from the annual inspection, and to agree action b) To note position regarding the play inspection record sheet c) To note inspection rota
	Highways
23/126	Highway Improvement Plan and Highway Spreadsheet of Routine Items: to receive any update, review regular items and agree further action
23/127	Livesey Street BOAT: to receive update on current position
	Other
23/128	New Year's Day Event: to confirm arrangements and budget
23/129	Possible Film Club at Teston Village Hall: to receive update from Chairman and agree further action
23/130	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
23/131	D Day 80 – 24th June 2024: to consider arrangements
23/132	Clerk's Report for Noting
23/133	Exceptional Delegated Authority: to consider whether EDA should continue until the next meeting
23/134	To Consider Parish Council Membership & Candidates for Co-option to the Parish Council
Meeting Adjourned	
	Teston Land Conservation Trust matters - Grazing Rights Teston Village Stores CIC matters - Accounts - Finances Friends of Teston Church - Status
	Confidential Items
23/135	To resolve that the press and public to be excluded from items 23/136 and 23/137 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
23/136	Planning and Enforcement issues
23/137	Employment Matters: to receive report and consider options

Date of next meeting: 7.30pm on 30th January 2024 at Teston Village Hall