

Teston Parish Council

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 30 January 2024 starting at 7.30 p.m. at Teston Village Hall.

Neil Harris
Clerk

25 January 2024

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.

23/138	Declarations of Interest
23/139	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	
23/140	To agree the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2023
23/141	Ratification of Decisions: To ratify decisions taken by the Clerk since the last meeting
23/142	Ordering of the Agenda: To consider requests for items to be taken earlier in the meeting
Administration and Finance	
23/143	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
23/144	Parish Services Scheme Grant 2024/25 – Notification of grant of £1544
23/145	Budget 2023-23 / Precept: to agree, subject to confirmation of PSS Grant and review in January
23/146	Grants to Village Organisations for 2023-24: possible grant towards replacement flat roof at Teston Village Hall, but linked to 23/165 below.
23/147	Internal Audit Interim Report – Report attached for consideration
23/148	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
23/149	SLCC Membership
23/150	Tapestry Advertising Rates
23/151	Risk Assessment Review
23/152	Dates for Future Meetings – Review dates of March and July meetings (Members are asked to bring their Diaries)

	Planning
23/153	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
23/154	Maidstone Local Plan Review: to receive update from Chairman
	Environment
23/155	Teston Bridge Country Park: To receive update upon Environment Agency work and to note current position regarding FOI request
23/156	Tree, Hedge Work, and routine maintenance: a) TPO on Village Green Silver Birch: 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
23/157	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 year from 1 st November 2023 c) renewal of contract for water supply c) any other issues
23/158	Tree Survey
23/159	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 d) possible refurbishment work
23/160	Annual Grounds Maintenance Contract - To consider quote received
	Highways
23/161	Highway Improvement Plan and Highway Spreadsheet of Routine Items: to receive any update, review regular items and agree further action
23/162	Livesey Street BOAT: to receive update on current position
	Other
23/163	New Year's Day Event: to receive report
23/164	Possible Film Club at Teston Village Hall: to receive update from Chairman and agree further action
23/165	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
23/166	Annual Parish Meeting – Date and Speaker
23/167	Clerk's Report for Noting – any other items
23/168	Exceptional Delegated Authority: to consider whether EDA should continue until the next meeting
23/169	To Consider Parish Council Membership, Candidates for Co-option to the Parish Council and Co-option
Meeting Adjourned	

Teston Land Conservation Trust matters • Grazing Rights & fencing Teston Village Stores CIC matters • Accounts • Finances Friends of Teston Church • Status	
	Confidential Items
23/170	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
23/171	Planning and Enforcement issues
23/172	Employment Matters

Date of next meeting: to be confirmed at Teston Village Hall