

Teston Parish Council

Teston Parish Councillors are summoned and members of the public and the press are invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the Teston Parish Council that will take place on Tuesday 16 July 2024 starting at 7.30p.m. at Teston Village Hall.

Neil Harris
Clerk

11 July 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 Ayling 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.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

3. 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

4. Minutes of the meetings held on 14 May and 25 June 2024 (attached)

5. Matters Arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 14 May and 25 June 2024

6. Ratification of Decisions

To ratify decisions taken by the Clerk since the last meeting

7. Ordering of the Agenda

To consider requests for items to be taken earlier in the meeting

8. Finance Report

To consider the report of the Clerk (to follow)

9. Road Safety at The Street / A26 junction

Update report by the Chairman and decisions related to yellow-lines and white Keep Clear box

10. Planning

To consider the report of the Clerk setting out the position on new and current applications (attached)

11. Knole Farm Planning Applications

To receive an update from the Chairman

12. Maidstone Local Plan Review

To receive an update from the Chairman

13. Teston Bridge Country Park:

To receive update upon Environment Agency work and any other relevant matter

14. Tree, Hedge Work, and routine maintenance including Tree Survey. To consider the Tree Survey (attached)

15. Allotments. Update from Cllr Douglass

16. Play Area - Update Report from Cllr Ayling

17. Bank Mandates

18. Tapestry – Financial and Operational Status

19. Local PCSO – The local PCSO had been invited to attend but was not able to attend this meeting but will be at the Councils meeting on 24 September.

20. Exceptional Delegated Authority

To consider whether EDA should continue until the next meeting

21. Meeting to adjourn to consider the following matters if required

Teston Land Conservation Trust matters

Boathouse Meadow
Poplar at Ripton Farm
Ripton Wood

Teston Village Stores CIC matters

Finances
Stock-take

Friends of Teston Church

Hatchments - status

Confidential Items

To consider the exclusion of the press and public 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. Planning and Enforcement issues

23. Employment Matters

Next meeting: 24 September 2024

Members are asked to bring their completed Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest Form sent out by the Clerk on 8 July 2024