

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 24 September 2024 starting at 7.30p.m. at Teston Village Hall.

Melissa Babington

18th September 2024

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 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. **Appointment of new Clerk**
4. **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
5. **Minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 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. **Dates of Future Meetings** - provisional dates
26 November 2024
28 January 2025
25 March 2025
29 April 2025 – Annual Parish Meeting
27 May 2025 – Annual Council Meeting
9. **Finance Report** - to consider the report of the Clerk
10. **Banking arrangements** –details for NatWest
11. **Internal Auditor** – confirmation of engagement
12. **Clerk's training** – consideration of any requests to attend training courses
13. **Teston Village Stores** – to consider a grant
14. **Road Safety at The Street / A26 junction** - update report by the Chairman and decisions related to yellow-lines and white Keep Clear box

15. **Planning** - to consider the report of the Clerk setting out the position on new and current applications (attached)
16. **Knole Farm Planning Applications** - update from the Chairman
17. **Maidstone Local Plan Review** - update from the Chairman
18. **Teston Bridge Country Park** - update upon Environment Agency work and any other relevant matter
19. **Tree, Hedge Work, and routine maintenance including Tree Survey** - to consider the maintenance schedule and the Tree Survey
20. **Allotments** - update from Cllr Douglass, including rent review. Administrative arrangements for renewal etc
21. **Village Green charity** – Charity Commission update
22. **Play Area** - update from Cllr Ayling
23. **Tapestry** – appointment of Joint Editors
24. **Film Club** – update from Cllr Douglass
25. **Beacon Event** – to consider a next date
26. **Exceptional Delegated Authority** - to consider whether EDA should continue until the next meeting
27. **Meeting to adjourn to consider any urgent matters for the following:**
 - Teston Land Conservation Trust
 - Teston Village Stores CIC
 - Friends of Teston Church
28. **Meeting reconvenes - 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
29. **Planning and Enforcement issues**

Date of next meeting: 26 November 2024 at Teston Village Hall

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Parish Clerk