

Teston Parish Council

Teston Parish Councillors are summoned and members of the public and the press are invited to attend the Meeting of the Teston Parish Council that will take place on Tuesday 26 November 2024 starting at 7.30p.m. at Teston Village Hall.

Melissa Babington

19 November 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 using the contact details on the final page of the Agenda.

1.	Declarations of Interest
2.	To receive and agree Apologies for Absence
3.	Welcome MBC Leader, Cllr Stuart Jeffery, to the meeting
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.	To agree Minutes of previous meetings: 24 th September 2024
5.	Ratification of Decisions: to ratify decisions taken by the Clerk via EDA since the last meeting
6.	Ordering of the Agenda: requests for items to be taken earlier in the meeting
7.	Finance Report: to consider the report of the Clerk and review Bank Reconciliation
8.	Budget & Precept 2025-26: to review and agree provisional Precept, subject to confirmation in January
9.	Planning: to consider the Clerk's report setting out the position on new and current applications
10.	Maidstone 2024 Local Plan & G&T DPD Consultation: status update
11.	MBC Discretionary Rate Relief: status update
12.	Teston Bridge Country Park: update upon Environment Agency work and any other relevant matter
13.	Road Safety Matters: Readers Court and The Street, status update
14.	Tree, Hedge Work, and routine maintenance including Tree Survey: to consider the maintenance schedule and the Tree Survey and decide upon necessary work
15.	Allotments Report: update from Cllr Douglass and Clerk
16.	Play Area – update from Cllr Ayling, possible timing and consideration of funding options
17.	New Year's Day Event: to confirm budget and arrangements
18.	Exceptional Delegated Authority: to decide whether EDA should continue until the next meeting

Meeting Adjourned	
	Teston Land Conservation Trust matters • Status – operational, financial Teston Village Stores CIC matters • Accounts 2023-24 • Current finances Friends of Teston Church • Hatchments • Other possible Teston projects
	Confidential Items
19.	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.
20.	Planning and Enforcement issues

Date of next meeting: 7.30pm on 28th January 2025 at Teston Village Hall