

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 28 January 2025 starting at 7.30p.m. at Teston Village Hall.

Melissa Babington



22nd January 2025

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
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	
Meeting Reconvenes	
3.	To agree Minutes of previous meetings: 26 th November 2024
4.	Ratification of Decisions: to ratify decisions taken by the Clerk via EDA since the last meeting
5.	Ordering of the Agenda: requests for items to be taken earlier in the meeting
6.	Finance Report: to consider the report of the Clerk, review Bank Reconciliation, cheques for signature
7.	Budget & Precept for 2025-26 – review and agree and complete form for MBC
8.	Bank Mandates , including completion of NatWest forms and required resolutions
9.	Planning: to consider the Clerk's report setting out the position on new and current applications
10.	Telephone Kiosk – de-commissioning and potential purchase from BT, ongoing siting
11.	Teston Bridge Country Park: update upon Environment Agency work and any other relevant matter
12.	Road Safety Matters: Readers Court and The Street, status update
13.	Tree, Hedge Work, and routine maintenance including Tree Survey: to consider the maintenance schedule and the Tree Survey and decide upon necessary work
14.	Allotments Report: update from Cllr Douglass and Clerk
15.	Play Area – consideration of funding options, including application to PWLB
16.	Risk Assessment - review
17.	Local Authority possible reorganisation – briefing from Chairman
18.	Teston Housing Needs – MBC Affordable Homes initiative – briefing from Chairman

19.	Tapestry – Advertisement Renewal Rates and liaison with advertisers
20.	Confirm dates for 2025-26 meetings , including Annual Meeting, Annual Parish Meeting and AGAR deadline (with prior involvement of Internal Auditor)
21.	Exceptional Delegated Authority: to decide whether EDA should continue until the next meeting
Meeting Adjourned	
Teston Land Conservation Trust matters • Annual Return • Status – operational, financial Teston Village Stores CIC matters • Accounts 2023-24 • Delegated authority to submit accounts • Current finances Friends of Teston Church • Hatchments - update • Other possible Teston projects	
Meeting Reconvenes	
22.	Consideration of grant to Teston Village Stores CIC – amount, timing
	Confidential Items
23.	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.
24.	Planning and Enforcement issues

Date of next meeting: 7.30pm on 25 March 2025 at Teston Village Hall