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 25th November 2025 starting at 7.30p.m. at Teston Village Hall.

Melissa Babington  18th November 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.

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:** 30th September 2025
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:** to consider the report of the Clerk, review Bank Reconciliation, cheques for signature & Budget 2026-7 (and initial view of Precept)
7.	**Planning:** to consider the Clerk's report setting out the position on new and current applications
8.	**Teston Bridge Country Park:** update upon Environment Agency work and any other relevant matter
9.	**Play Area:** update from Cllr Ayling, sitting area & other enhancements (and note play area notices)
10.	**Tree, Hedge Work, and routine maintenance:** to discuss grass, tree & hedge maintenance 2026
11.	**Village Green:** To review remedial work on trees
12.	**Allotments Report:** To discuss and agree allotments water refurbishment & update from Cllr Douglass
13.	**Christmas Period Lights:** switch-on date
14.	**New Year's Day event** – budget, arrangements
15.	**War Memorial wreaths:** date of removal
16.	**Exceptional Delegated Authority:** to decide whether EDA should continue until the next meeting

Meeting Adjourned	
	Teston Land Conservation Trust matters • RTWAS maintenance proposals • Fencing matters • Ripton Wood usage **Teston Village Stores CIC matters** • Staffing situation • Christmas arrangements – opening hours, sales items **Friends of Teston Church** • Accounts submitted • Tapestry article
Meeting Reconvenes	
	Confidential Items
17.	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.
18.	**Enforcement updates:** to receive & discuss

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 27th January 2026 at 7.30pm at the Teston Village Hall

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