

# TESTON PARISH COUNCIL

21st March 2018

Teston Parish Councillors are summoned and members of the public and the press are invited to attend the next meeting of Teston Parish Council that will take place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 starting at 7.30 p.m. at Teston Village Hall.

Michelle Tatton, Clerk

In the interests of transparency, all Parish Councillors declare that they have an interest in (a) in 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) in Teston Land Conservation Trust Matters as they are Trustees; (d) Teston Village Stores CIC as they are Directors of the CIC; and d) Cllr Douglass, Cllr Owens, Cllr Miss Page and Cllr Mrs Wheat have an interest as members of Teston Village Hall Management Committee.

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**\* Denotes that the item is for reporting only or that, if discussion and any decision depends on availability of a written or verbal report or further information and neither is to-hand for the meeting, the item will be deferred to the next meeting.**

17/241		<b>Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and/or Other Significant Interests</b>
17/242		<b>To receive and agree apologies for absence</b>
17/243		<b>To agree the Minutes of previous meetings: 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018</b>
<b>MEETING ADJOURNED</b>		
<b>Public session:</b> 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		
<b>MEETING RECONVENED</b>		
17/244		<b>Ordering of Agenda:</b> any requests for items to be taken earlier in the meeting
		<b><u>Administration and Finance</u></b>
17/245		<b>Statement of accounts:</b> to consider receipts, approve bills for payment, claims for refund of expenses, and to note the general financial position including Parish Services Scheme (PSS)
17/246		<b>Audit:</b> to note that arrangements for the Internal Audit by Mr Buckett, and Financial Review by Cllr Mrs Wheat and Cllr Owens
17/247	*	<b>Review of Standing Orders, Policies and Procedures:</b> to receive update upon review
17/248	*	<b>Parish Charter:</b> to receive update from Chairman
17/249		<b>General Data Protection Regulations:</b> to receive update from Chairman and Clerk
		<b><u>Planning</u></b>
17/250		<p><b>a) New/pending decisions</b></p> <p><b>i) TM/17/01595/OAEA and 17/503416/ADJ Land East Of Hermitage Lane And South Of London Road Maidstone Kent</b>                      Adjoining Authority: Outline application for the erection of up to 840 dwellings (including affordable homes) with public open space, landscaping, sustainable drainage systems, land for a Primary School, doctors surgery and for junction improvements at Hermitage Lane/A20 junction, and a link road between Poppy Fields roundabout and Hermitage Lane. Vehicular accesses into the site from Poppy Fields Roundabout and Hermitage Lane. All matters reserved with the exception of means of access – <b>Decision awaited</b></p> <p><b>ii) 17/505995/FULL Court Lodge Farm The Street Teston Maidstone Kent ME18 5AQ</b></p>

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		<p>Erection of a detached five bedroom dwelling with associated parking – Referred to Maidstone Borough Council's Planning Committee - <b>Decision awaited</b></p> <p><b>iii) APP/U2235/C/17/3175984 Land North of Knole Farm Malling Road Teston</b> Without planning permission the creation of an access and the siting of a steel storage container within the open countryside on agricultural land less than 0.5 hectares in an area which is contrary to both National Guidance and the Local Development Plan policies – Appeal commenced 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – <b>Appeal dismissed</b></p> <p><b>iv) 17/506268/SUB Gunwalloe 59 Tonbridge Road Teston Kent ME18 5BT</b> Submission of Details to Discharge Condition 2 of Appeal Decision (Privacy Screen Fence) Subject to 17/500888/FULL (Appeal Ref: APP/U2235/D/17/3183100) – Comments already submitted. To ratify the Clerk's action. <b>Decision awaited</b></p> <p><b>v) 17/506335/FULL 7 Tonbridge Road Teston Maidstone Kent ME18 5BU</b> Erection of a first floor side extension with pitched roof, a part single, part two storey rear extension and a detached garage – Comments already submitted. To ratify Clerk's action. <b>Decision awaited</b></p> <p><b>vi) 17/506556/FULL Bridge House Bow Bridge Wateringbury Maidstone Kent</b> Proposed upgrade of Network Rail's Wateringbury Level Crossing from a Manned Gated Hand Worked (MGHW) Level Crossing to an automated Manually Controlled Barrier(s) (MCB) type Level Crossing – <b>Application withdrawn</b></p> <p><b>vii) 18/500774 Teston Bridge Picnic Site Teston Lane Teston ME18 5BX</b> Erection of a 4 metre high column with Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) Camera (Retrospective) – <b>Comments already submitted – to ratify Clerk's action. Decision awaited</b></p> <p><b>b) To consider any newly submitted applications/ratify submissions made, including the following:</b></p> <p><b>i) 18/500485/FULL Barham Court Tonbridge Road Teston ME18 5BZ</b> Erection of a boundary fence (Retrospective)</p> <p><b>ii) 18/500775/ADV Teston Bridge Picnic Site Teston Lane Teston ME18 5BX</b> Advertisement Consent for x 10 Non Illuminated Pole mounted signs directing users of the Country Park to pay and display for parking (Retrospective)</p>
17/251	*	<b>Maidstone Local Plan Issues:</b> to receive any update
17/252	*	<b>Tonbridge &amp; Malling Local Plan:</b> to receive any update
17/253	*	<b>Assets of Community Value:</b> to receive update regarding application relating to Teston Village Hall
17/254	*	<b>Walls and Fences:</b> to receive any update
17/255		<b>Abbeyfield Development:</b> to receive update regarding the proposed site meeting
		<b><u>Highways and PROW</u></b>
17/256		<b>Highways Spreadsheet:</b> to consider and agree any specific action required to progress outstanding items, and to note any new items for reporting including street cleaning and litter issues
17/257		<b>Signs, seats and litter bins:</b> to receive update on progress to install parking signs at Courtlands, The Street and Church Street (east and west), and new seats at the southern bus stop and near the Allotments
17/258		<b>Traffic Island on Tonbridge Road in the Vicinity of Ash Tree Corner:</b> to receive update upon progress towards a feasibility study
17/259		<b>Damaged Visibility Mirror at Teston Village Hall:</b> to note correspondence from a resident and to consider any action
17/260	*	<b>Teston Road:</b> to receive any update
17/261		<b>Speed Watch:</b> to receive update on the future of the scheme

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17/262		<b>Medway Bridges:</b> to receive any update from Chairman
		<b><u>Environment</u></b>
17/263		<b>Allotments:</b> a) <b>Regular Inspection Report from Cllr Douglass:</b> to note any issues, including possible water leak and provision of further grab bags of hard core to fill the depression near the gate; b) <b>Fencing and Hedges:</b> to receive update upon progress of work on the southern boundary c) <b>Allotment Tenancy Renewals:</b> to receive update upon tenancies and available plots
17/264	*	<b>Ambulance Sirens:</b> to receive update from Chairman
17/265		<b>Teston's Trees and hedges, including:</b> a) <b>Village Green Trees:</b> to receive update regarding replacement tree and spraying around the trees b) <b>Hedge at Courtlands:</b> to note scheduling of agreed work c) <b>Infill Hedging Alongside the A26 Adjacent to the TLCT Woodland and Allotments:</b> to ratify the Clerk's action in authorising the contractor to plan the works, owing to limited availability of necessary planting stock d) <b>KMOTT Trees in the Village Competition 2018:</b> to consider whether to take part
17/266	*	<b>Malling Road Trees and Conservation Area Considerations:</b> to receive any update
17/267	*	<b>Teston Bridge Country Park:</b> update regarding reinstatement of the grace period notice and installation of a pointer to the ticket machine
17/268		<b>Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the End of WW1 – Beacon Lighting on 11.11.2018, Memorial Plaque and War Memorial Cleaning:</b> to receive update on progress and to consider next steps
17/269		<b>Litter and Fly-tipping:</b> to consider whether to arrange a volunteer litter pick and/or whether to continue reporting issues to Maidstone Borough Council and/or to engage a contractor for some occasional litter picking
17/270		<b>Britain in Bloom:</b> to consider whether this is an initiative the Parish Council could support
17/271	*	<b>Village Green/Village Hall Boundary:</b> to formally record the boundary now the hedge has been removed
17/272	*	<b>Play Area Equipment Check and Rota :</b> to receive reports upon recent inspections and quotations for repair and to note the rota as follows: April – Cllr Ms Burgon; May - Cllr Mrs Wheat; June – Cllr Levett
		<b><u>Other</u></b>
17/273		<b>Social Media, Data Back-Up and Document Retention:</b> to receive report from Clerk
17/274		<b>Civic Service 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at Canterbury Cathedral:</b> Cllr Levett to report on attendance
17/275		<b>Sorting and Storage of Historic Parish Council Papers:</b> to receive update from Cllr Douglass regarding discussions by the Village Hall Committee about storage of paperwork
17/276		<b>Annual Parish Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018:</b> to note guest speaker arrangements, and to confirm arrangements and a budget for refreshments
		<b><u>Consultations – to consider responses</u></b>
17/277		i) <b>Draft revised National Planning Policy Framework:</b> closing 10 <sup>th</sup> May ii) <b>Local government ethical standards Stakeholder Consultation:</b> closing 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 iii) <b>Taxis and Hackney Carriages in Maidstone:</b> closing 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
17/278		<b><u>ANY LATEST REPORT UPDATES FOR NOTING ONLY</u></b>
<b>MEETING ADJOURNED TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING REPORTS</b>		

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	<p><b>i) Teston Village Stores CIC Matters</b> Annual Accounts</p> <p><b>ii) Teston Land Conservation Trust Matters</b> Plaque replacement Vineyard approaches</p>
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<b>B)</b>	<b>Public session:</b> if time permits, the Chairman invites further comments and questions from members of the public (which do not constitute a formal part of the meeting)
<b>C)</b>	<b>Cheque signature:</b> for payments approved during the meeting
<b>17/279</b>	<b>Confidential Items</b> To consider a motion for the press and public to be excluded from the items 17/280 - 17/282 below on the basis that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted
<b>MEETING ADJOURNED AND RECONVENED IN PRIVATE</b>	
<b>17/280</b>	* <b>Enforcement issues:</b> to consider any further information received from Maidstone Borough Council and to agree upon any further action to be taken to progress outstanding enforcement issues. The material supplied is considered in confidence as required by Maidstone Borough Council.
<b>17/281</b>	* <b>Land Registration and Trees in Need of Protection:</b> to receive update
<b>17/282</b>	* <b>Preserving gap between Teston and Barming:</b> to agree next steps

*Date of next regular meeting of the Council – 7.30p.m. on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at Teston Village Hall  
(Available at meeting: Agenda, Clerk's Report, Correspondence List, Financial Statement, and Highways Sheet)*

**Annual Parish Meeting – 7.30p.m. on 17<sup>th</sup> April at Teston Village Hall**

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