

TESTON PARISH COUNCIL

18th July 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 24th July 2018 starting at 7.30 p.m. at Teston Village Hall.

Michelle Tatton, Clerk

In the interests of transparency, all Parish Councillors declare that that they have 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; (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.**

18/060		Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and/or Other Significant Interests
18/061		To receive and agree apologies for absence
MEETING ADJOURNED		
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 RECONVENED		
18/062		To agree the Minutes of previous meetings: 29 th May 2018
18/063		Ordering of Agenda: any requests for items to be taken earlier in the meeting
		<u>Administration and Finance</u>
18/064		Statement of accounts: to consider receipts, approve bills for payment, claims for refund of expenses, and to note the general financial position including Parish Services Scheme
18/065	*	Review of Standing Orders, Policies and Procedures: to receive update upon review
18/066	*	Parish Charter: to receive any update from Chairman
18/067		Date of Annual Parish Council 2019: To consider options and agree date
18/068		Consideration of Grants to Village Organisations: a) TVHMC – up to £1500 for assistance with grounds maintenance at Teston Village Hall c) St Peter and St Paul – to receive invoices relating to the 2017/18 grant and to confirm whether a grant will be made in 2018/19
18/069	*	Future of Tapestry: to note latest position
18/070	*	Annual Return for the Year ending 31st March 2018: To note submission of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return to the External Auditor (outcome of audit is currently awaited)
18/071		Review of Risk Assessment: To agree a review and updating of the Risk Assessment in the light of insurers confirming that the Parish Council's contractor for the allotments / general caretaker-type duties is covered by the policy
18/072		General Data Protection Regulations: to receive update from Chairman and Clerk and agree next steps

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<u>Planning</u>	
18/073	<p>a) New/pending decisions</p> <p>i) TM/17/01595/OAEA and 17/503416/ADJ Land East Of Hermitage Lane And South Of London Road Maidstone Kent 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 – Decision awaited</p> <p>ii) 17/506268/SUB Gunwalloe 59 Tonbridge Road Teston Kent ME18 5BT 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) Maidstone Borough Council has requested further information from the applicant.</p> <p>iii) 18/502062/FULL The Village Green Church Street Teston Kent Installation of a beacon to mark the centenary of the World War I armistice (Parish Council's own application) – Approved 25.06.18</p> <p>iv) 17/505995/FULL Court Lodge Farm The Street Teston Maidstone Kent ME18 5AQ Erection of a detached five bedroom dwelling with associated parking – Referred to Maidstone Borough Council's Planning Committee – Refused 14.06.18</p> <p>v) 18/502285/NMAMD The Gables Church Street Teston ME18 5AG Non Material Amendment Being Amendment of Condition 4 to Substitute Hedera Helix with Native or Near Native Plants Appropriate to the Street Scene Subject to 17/502779/FULL - Decision awaited</p> <p>vi) 18/502380/FULL Wateringbury Level Crossing, Bow Road, Wateringbury Relevant Demolition in a Conservation Area for the proposed upgrade of Network Rail's Wateringbury Level Crossing from a Manned Gated Hand Worked (MGHW) Level Crossing to a Manually Controlled Barrier(s) (MCB) type – Approved 05.07.18 with an informative for Network Rail to meet with local Councillors, Parish Councils and residents to discuss safety / noise / light and related issues</p> <p>vii) 18/502379/LBC East Farleigh Level Crossing, Farleigh Lane, Maidstone Listed Building application for proposed upgrade of Network Rail's East Farleigh Level Crossing from a Manned Gated Hand Worked (MGHW) Level Crossing to a Manually Controlled Barrier(s) (MCB) type (Resubmission) - Approved 05.07.18 with an informative for Network Rail to meet with local Councillors, Parish Councils and residents to discuss safety / noise / light and related issues</p> <p>b) To consider any newly submitted applications/ratify submissions made</p>
18/074	* Maidstone Local Plan Issues, including Air Quality: to receive any update
18/075	Tonbridge & Malling Local Plan, and to consider a meeting of local Parish Council Chairmen: to receive any update, and to consider a meeting which would include discussion regarding Teston Road
18/076	* Assets of Community Value: to receive any update regarding application relating to Teston Village Hall
18/077	* Walls and Fences: to receive any update
18/078	* Abbeyfield Development: to receive update regarding the proposed site meeting
18/079	Maidstone Borough Council Community Infrastructure Levy Workshop – 20th June: to receive report from Cllr Douglass
<u>Highways and PROW</u>	
18/080	Highways Spreadsheet: 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
18/081	<p>Signs, seats and litter bins:</p> <p>i) to note progress with work</p> <p>ii) to note urgent safety repairs carried out to the seat on the verge at The Street and to ratify Clerk's action</p>

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18/082	*	Traffic Island on Tonbridge Road in the Vicinity of Ash Tree Corner: update upon progress towards a feasibility study
18/083		Safety in and around Village Crossroads and Extending the Footpath 20-25 metres Northwards in Malling Road: to note response from Highways regarding footway extension, and to discuss safety at the Village crossroads (deferred from the last meeting), including possibility of a dropped kerb near the Shop
18/084		To Consider Purchase of Solar Powered, Moveable Speed Monitoring Equipment: Cllr Coulling to report
18/085	*	Damaged Visibility Mirror at Teston Village Hall: to receive any update
18/086	*	Speed Watch: to receive update on the future of the scheme
18/087		Medway Bridges: to receive any update from Chairman
		<u>Environment</u>
18/088		Allotments: a) Regular Inspection Report from Cllr Douglass: to note any issues b) Fencing and Hedges: to receive update upon progress of work on the southern boundary c) Allotment Tenancy Renewals: to receive update upon tenancies and available plots d) Water: to receive any update from South East Water regarding billing issues e) Rent Increase: to consider increasing rent from £16.50 to £18 per annum - Cllr Douglass to report
18/089	*	Ambulance Sirens: to receive update from Chairman
18/090		Teston's Trees and Hedges: to note work on the northern side of Tonbridge Road east of The Street
18/091	*	Malling Road Trees and Conservation Area Considerations: to receive any update
18/092	*	Teston Bridge Country Park: to note responses from KCC regarding the grace period notice and ANPR cameras and to consider further action
18/093		Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the End of WW1 – Beacon Lighting Event on 11.11.2018, Memorial Plaque, War Memorial Cleaning and related matters: to receive update on progress and to consider next steps including possible financial support, including items such as follows: i) £250 for mock up boards ii) £150 towards beverages for the exhibition in the Church iii) £500 for food and drink for the evening event on the Village Green on 11.11.18 iv) An amount to be agreed in relation to the book being prepared by Mr Astridge
18/094		Litter and Fly-tipping: to note any current issues for reporting to Maidstone Borough Council
18/095	*	Village Green/Village Hall Boundary: to note progress to date
18/096	*	Early Cutting of Daffodils: to receive any update
18/097	*	Marking Teston's Northern Boundary: to consider issues relating to the Scots Pine trees
18/098	*	Play Area Equipment Matter, including: i) Annual ROSPA Inspection: to note the report and consider any items for repair ii) Inspection Rota: June – Cllr Levett, July – Cllr Douglass, August – Cllr Miss Page
		<u>Other</u>
18/099	*	Sorting and Storage of Historic Parish Council Papers: to receive update from Cllr Douglass regarding discussions by the Village Hall Committee about storage of paperwork
18/100		Clerk's Conference 13th September: to agree attendance if the programme for the day is of interest
		<u>Consultations – to consider responses</u>
18/101		a) Local Plan Survey – closing 5 th August

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	b) Dog Control Measures Survey – closing 19 th August c) Rights of Way Improvement Plan – closing 12 th September d) Borough Insight Survey – closing 23 rd September e) Review of National Parks and AONB (no date) f) Violence Reduction Challenge
18/102	<u>ANY LATEST REPORT UPDATES FOR NOTING ONLY</u>
MEETING ADJOURNED TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING REPORTS	
	i) Teston Village Stores CIC Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air conditioner • Staffing matters • Accounts status ii) Teston Land Conservation Trust Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ragwort • Ripton Farm
MEETING RECONVENED	
B)	Public session: 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)
C)	Cheque signature: for payments approved during the meeting
18/103	Confidential Items To consider a motion for the press and public to be excluded from the items 18/104 – 18/106 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
MEETING ADJOURNED AND RECONVENED IN PRIVATE	
18/104	* Enforcement issues: 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.
18/105	* Land Registration and Trees in Need of Protection: to receive update
18/106	* Preserving gap between Teston and Barming: to agree any next steps

*Date of next regular meeting of the Council – 7.30p.m. on 25th September 2018 at Teston Village Hall
(Available at meeting: Agenda, Clerk's Report, Correspondence List, Financial Statement, and Highways Sheet)*

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