

ACTON TRUSSELL, BEDNALL & TEDDESLEY HAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 19th August 2026
at 8.00 pm in the Parish Community Centre

Present A Thompson (Chair), S Calvert, D Marsden, T Williams, B Dellicompagni, B Wyatt,
T Parrot

Two members of the public D Cllr A Adams

in attendance Clerk D W Wright

Apologies CCllr C Humphreyson, C Evans

26.90 Public Session. No matters raised.

26.91 Declarations of interest:
None.

26.92 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 15th July had been circulated previously. The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

26.93 Matters Arising

Bednall Car Park.

It does look as if the gas pipe across the entrance meets the Cadent specification but Highways are still thinking of further work to increase the depth of the pipework beyond the legal requirements. Pickering & Butters have written summarising the legal situation and advising strongly that the Parish Council should not take over ownership of the carpark until all these matters are resolved, Although the Parish Council has not taken over the carpark it was agreed to carry out grass cutting and maintenance as the carpark is now a possible fire risk from the high grass and is looking abandoned. A contractor has been asked to carry an initial tidy up on an hourly basis,

Neighbourhood Plan. A meeting was held on 14th July to discuss Highways and the Neighbourhood Plan. Public meetings will be held every 4 – 6 weeks with the working group meeting before them to prepare for the meeting. A further meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 25th August. The SSDC Planning department have provided their planned housing allocation for the Parish which is 200 houses, 15 per year up to 2041. The Area of the Parish has been accepted as the basis for the Neighbourhood Plan.

District Plan

SSDC have put out documents for consultation showing some minor amendment but they are still awaiting approval from the Inspectorate. They are already starting to consider a new plan and have put out a preliminary request for possible sites. This will take account of the Governments policy for much more housebuilding. We have identified several areas in the Parish such as greenspaces that we want to preserve and protect.

26.94 County Councillors Report. No Report

26.95 District Councillors Report Cllr A Adams

The government decision on the reorganization of local councils in Staffordshire has been announced and links South Staffordshire, Stafford Borough and Cannock Chase. The draft local plan has not yet been approved. Elections for the new Council will be held next May. From October Councillors will not be able to call in planning applications. The fly tipping at the top of Mill Lane was cleared promptly.

26.96 Parish Plan

a) Community Centre & Recreation Field.

At a meeting of the Trustees, the Parish Council's Memorandum of Understanding was rejected and they expect to proceed with a submission of the CIO to the Charity Commission without incorporating any of the text. The Parish Council's concern is to have in place plans to protect the eventual fate of the recreation field and Community Centre in the event of insolvency of the proposed new trust.

Planned redecoration and refurbishment of the entrance has been delayed because the Parish Council has been successful in obtaining a £10,000 grant for the Community Centre refurbishment and work should not commence before the grant is actually received.

- b) Website & Communication. Leaflet distribution for the meetings on the Neighbourhood Plan and development of site 036c.
- c) Environment and Climate Change.
- d) Highways.
Pothole repairs have been made on Bednall Road but some have been missed. The website gives a update list of Highways matters. The Parish Council is chasing Highways regularly and does get a good response from their staff.

26.97 Finance

- a) The accounts for the year up to 19th August were presented. The Investment account is currently £30,241.87. The Current account cashbook balance was £20,377.56
- b) Payment had been made between meetings for

<i>Ditton Services -grass July 2026 Standing Order</i>	£ 907.00
<i>AEDonate defib pads</i>	£ 179.99
<i>UVE Planning</i>	£1737.00
<i>Bank charges and website charges</i>	£ 49.23
- c) The following cheques were agreed for payment.

Clerks salary –(less tax) Aug 2026	£ 386.40
National Insurance	£ 9.90
Inland Revenue (PAYE)	£ 96.60
	Total £ 492.90

Effective Cashbook balance £ 19,884.66

26.98 Planning

The following applications are under consideration

26/00651/FULHH Stone Cottage Teddesley Park Penkridge
Part removal of glass conservatory and erection of two storey extension

26/00591/FULHH Moat Meadow Lower Penkridge Road Acton Trussell
Single storey rear/ side kitchen extension

26.99 Correspondence

Responses to Freedom of Information requests.
Reports on Defibrillator status
Play Area equipment from several suppliers.

26.100 Risks Potholes, Hedges, footpath surfaces and drains.

26.101 Next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th September 2026 at 8.00pm in the Parish Community Centre.

The meeting was closed at 10.00 pm