

ACTON TRUSSELL, BEDNALL & TEDDESLEY HAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 19th February 2025
at 8.00 pm in All Saints Church, Bednall.

Present A Thompson (Chair), T Parrott, B Wyatt, S Calvert, D Marsden, T Williams
D Cllr A Adams D Cllr W Sutton
Three members of the public in attendance Clerk D W Wright

Public Session Two residents requested permission to use the new Car Park in Bednall for a fund raising Classic Car show by the Friends of Bednall later this year. The Parish Council were agreeable.

25.14 Apologies: Cllr B Dellicompagni, C Cllr D Williams

25.15 Declarations of Interest: None.

25.16 Co-option of Councillor. Two vacancies remain but no nominations have been received.

25.17 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 15th January 2025 had been circulated previously. The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

25.18 Matters Arising

Pickering & Butters had been requested to carry out the conveyance of the Car Park in Bednall. The Parish Council were not satisfied with the security arrangements of the Car Park and had requested that this be addressed before the Car Park could be taken over. The Chairman will meet with contractors and the County Council specialist.

25.19 County Councillors Report. No Report

25.20 District Councillors Report Cllr A Adams

He is chasing up the flooding in Bednall. TPOs are being considered for trees at The Stables. An unchanged District Plan has been submitted to the Inspectorate with a decision in 2025. Devolution towards a unitary council has been proposed by the Government. There are eight District Councils in Staffordshire and a small unitary council in Stoke on Trent. There are about 1.2 million residents currently but the Government suggestion is for a minimum of 1.5 million which might mean incorporating some areas from other Councils. The Government has asked coordinated plans from the District Councils with proposals of what should happen.

25.21 Parish Plan

a) Community Centre & Recreation Field.

The laurel hedge at the Community Centre has been cut. Bad weather has stopped the use of the field for football at the moment but the existing teams are keen to continue next year.

Consideration will be given to improving the drainage for football. A field has been fenced off on Mill Lane and there is concern that it might be occupied without prior planning approval. The District Council out of hours telephone number is 01384 679027 if any unwanted activity needs to be reported particularly over a bank holiday. A newsletter has been issued by the Community Centre.

The two Memorial benches have been installed and secured. Three other benches are to be installed once the weather improves. The parish council is very appreciative of the work of Malcolm Nicolas.

A successful Quiz night was held at the Community Centre with nine teams taking part. This raised £150 but also brings the community together,

b) Website Email addresses related to the new parish council “.gov.uk” domain have been agreed.

c) Environment and Climate Change.

Social Media has been used to ask for volunteers for the BKV in 2025. However neither village will be entering this year. The Parish Council will continue to fund planting and other measures to improve the appearance of the villages.

25.22 Highways

There have been delays in obtaining poles for supporting the Speed Indicator Devices. The repair to the stone work on the bridge in Mill Lane cannot be completed until the temperature rises sufficiently for the use of the lime mortar required for cementing the stone.

25.23 Finance

- a) The accounts for the year up to 19th February 2025 were presented. The Investment account is currently £40,884.77. The Current account balance is now £8,258.91

Payment had been made between meetings for

<i>Ditton Services -grass cutting Feb 2025 Standing Order</i>	<i>£ 907.00</i>
<i>PD Timber Garden -Ground clearance</i>	<i>£ 300.00</i>
<i>Morelock Signs -Post for SID</i>	<i>£ 185.04</i>
<i>HugoFox – website</i>	<i>£ 23.99</i>

The following cheques were agreed for payment.

Clerk's salary – (less tax) Feb	£ 374.40
Inland Revenue (PAYE)	<u>£ 93.60</u>
Total	<u>£ 468.00</u>

Effective Cashbook balance £ 7,790.91

- b) Bramble removal and tree stump grinding. The Parish Council will seek a further quotation for tree stump grinding on Top Road.
- c) The Parish Council agreed to pay for the refurbishment of the electrical supply to the defibrillator and interior light in Bednall.

25.24 Planning

The following planning applications are awaiting a decision.

24/01097/AGR Bednall Bank Cottage Cannock Road Bednall

Steel framed agricultural barn to the north of Bednall Bank Cottage on agricultural land

25/00045/FUL Appletrees Leese Lane Acton Trussell

First floor front extension, replacement dormer windows and new front porch. Replacement roof to existing rear extension. Extension of existing driveway.

A public meeting has been arranged to discuss opposition to the housing plan at Acton Hill adjacent to Wildwood. Possible crowd funding of professional fees for support to the opposition and for a neighbourhood plan will be considered. A professional housing needs study is required to support a neighbourhood plan and the opposition to the District Plan. A neighbourhood plan will not stop development but will allow some control of the quality and type of housing. The overall cost of professional support for the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan would be ~ £10,000

25.25 Correspondence

Glasdon – Street Furniture

Hags – Play equipment

SSDC -Parish Seminar 5th March -Gayton Village Hall-9.15am

Housing Association -Open day at Coopers Meadow Tues 25th Feb 10.30 am

25.26 Risks

Potholes, footpath surfaces and drains.

25.27 Next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th March 2025 at 8.00pm in the Parish Community Centre, Acton Hill Road.

The meeting was closed at. 10.10 pm