

ACTON TRUSSELL, BEDNALL & TEDDESLEY HAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 18th January 2023 at 8.00pm. in Acton Trussell Community Centre.

Present T Williams (Chair), T Parrot, A Thompson, B Wyatt, S Calvert, A Rowlands
D Cllr L Bates, D Cllr A Adams n attendance Clerk D W Wright
One member of the public

Public session None

Apologies, B Dellicompagni D Marsden Cllr D Williams

23.01 Declarations of interest: None

23.02 Minutes

The minutes of 16th November 2022 had been previously circulated. The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman

23.03 Matters Arising

The Parish Council has written to strongly oppose the inclusion of a potential site for housing development, adjacent to Wildwood at Acton Hill and within the parish of Acton Trussell. he Standing Orders had been examined in detail by Cllr Thomson and a small change made to the paragraph numbering. They were re-approved.

23.04 County Councillors Report. D Williams

.None

23.05 District Councillors Report, L Bates

SSDC has prepared a draft local plan for 2018-39 and Public consultation started on 11th November for 6 weeks up to 23rd December. However due to a new ambiguity on the requirement to consider neighbouring authorities needs SSDC will continue to work on the plan. It is likely that the submission to the Inspector will be later than the original date in March.. It was suggested to invite the relevant Council Officer to the next parish council meeting or a public meeting. Cllr Bates had hosted a Climate Change meeting for young people at the Kingswood Trust with more than 20 schools attending. Children were updated on what SSDC was doing about climate change and took part in a debate, before going on a tour of the facilities. Youth committees are part of SSDC policy on Climate Change. A speaker will invited from SSDC for the March meeting to give presentation on Climate Change. The next Parish Summit is on 10th February at 9.00am

23.06 Parish Plan

a) Community Centre & Recreation Field.

The Chairman has been unable to finish at the end of the year as no replacement had come forward to take over. An application for support from the District Council to help fund more social get togethers as part of a "Warm Hub" approach during the coming winter in addition to the regular Thursday Tea Room was successful and a grant of £1000 had been awarded. The Tea room will now be open on each Monday lunch time for free soup and a bread roll. The Insurance has been renewed but a recent gas safety inspection highlighted the poor state of the cooker which needs renewing. The possible installation of a public WiFi system is being considered. Sue Calvert has taken over as Booking Secretary but a computerised system is a possibility to enable users to book online. The bookings are going very well and the large Hall is heavily booked.

Councillor Wyatt asked about the background to the regular loan payments mandated by the Charity Commission to repay moneys used towards the construction costs of current Community centre. The Acton Trussell General Charity (formerly the Trustees of the Sale of the Old Village Hall) has accumulated about £30,000 but its future use is controlled by the Trustees and required to be only used for purchase of assets in perpetuity. The Trustees were approached previously about using the funds for the purchase of the car park land in Bednall but the Trustees could not agree to release the money because of some of the Charity Commission's requirements. Cllr Wyatt will seek some *pro bono* legal advice on these restrictions.

b) Communication. Website running well.

c) Environment.- Climate Change The Best Kept Village Competition entries start in March. Acton Trussell will probably be entering. Some tree planting could be organised in the Recreation Field and elsewhere.

- d) Highways and Transport. The drains at A34 and one at the A449 end of Mill Lane are still blocked. The Clerk will write to Cllr Williams requesting a list of work already done in the parish and a list of work still to be done with a proposed schedule so that it can be presented to our parishioners.
The application for a license to install post for Speed Indication Devices has been approved.

23.07 Finance

- a) The accounts for the year up to 18th January 2023 were presented. The Investment account is currently £31,091.64. The Current account balance is now £13,364.16.

Payment had been made between meetings for

<i>Ditton Services -grass cutting</i>	<i>Dec 2022</i>	<i>Standing Order</i>	£	780.00
<i>Ditton Services -grass cutting</i>	<i>Jan 2023</i>	<i>Standing Order</i>	£	780.00
<i>Bayliss & Cooke - Community Centre Insurance</i>			£	3541.00

The following cheques were agreed for payment.

Clerk's salary – (less tax) Dec- Jan	£	518.00
Clerk-Home as Office	£	240.00
Inland Revenue (PAYE)	£	189.50
Soc Local Council Clerks subscription	£	112.00
V A Peach Bednall BKV	£	198.22
Total	£	<u>1257.72</u>

Effective Cashbook balance £ 12,106.44

- b) Precept

The Clerk had circulated a draft budget and precept schedule for 2023/24 based on no increase in the precept. The Council reviewed the budget and agreed that it generally covered the expected expenditure but that it did not properly take into account expected future inflation. It was then agreed to make an increase (+£2000) on the previous precept.(~ 7%). A revised budget will be published.

Resolved that Acton Trussell, Bednall with Teddesley Hay Parish Council set a precept demand of £30,000 for 2023/24.

23.08 Planning

The following planning applications are awaiting a decision.

22/01074/FUL Coppice Farm Cannock Road, Bednall
Erection of a permanent rural workers dwelling

22/00921/FUL Acton Close Lower Penkridge Road Acton Trussell
Two storey side extension, remodel to existing layout including changing windows and a new porch.

22/01024/FUL Tudor House Mill Lane Acton Trussell
Proposed double garage

22/00921/FUL Millers Lodge Top Road Acton Trussell
Demolition of existing bungalow and residential development of 4 no x 4 bed detached houses.
This application has been called in by the District Councillor.

23.09 Correspondence

SSDC -- Draft Local Plan- Delay to consider changed Government guidance
Grants for Warm Hub – Payment information

23.10 Risks Potholes, footpath surfaces and drains.

23.11 Reports from Councillors

The encroachment onto the verge at 2 St Janes Crescent is still in the hands of the County Council highways and Legal departments. Replacement tree planting at the Stables off Common Lane has not been completed and needs action by the Enforcement Officer

23.12 Next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th February 2023 at 8.00 pm in Acton Trussell Community Centre.

The meeting was closed at 9.50 pm.

ACTON TRUSSELL, BEDNALL & TEDDESLEY HAY PARISH COUNCIL

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D Cllr L Bates, D Cllr A Adams in attendance Clerk D W Wright

Public session None

Apologies, B Wyatt, D Marsden Cllr D Williams

23.13 Declarations of interest: Cllr Dellicompagni declared an interest in Planning Application 22//1057 and he took no part in the planning discussions.

23.14 Minutes
The minutes of 18th November 2023 had been previously circulated. The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman

23.15 Matters Arising
20 is plenty. The Parish Council agreed to invite a representative to the April meeting to provide an update. The Housing Association development and car park in Bednall had been delayed due to loss of the contractor and a new one was to be appointed. The drystone wall around the telephone box had been rebuilt. It had not been possible to provide a simple summary sheet of how residents could access services as discussed at the Parish Summit.

23.16 County Councillors Report. D Williams
.None However he had been in email contact with parishioners about signage.

23.17 District Councillors Report, L Bates
DEFRA have confirmed that deposit -return scheme will start in 2025. Central government have gone into consultation with SSDC on 'Leveling Up'. This has affected the work on the Local Plan. The transition to a new Planning System in will mean that from 2024 the Local Plan will need to be reviewed if more than 5 years old.
Funds are available from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and SSDC has been given a lot of money from Central Government to be used in the parish There are some funds to improve Country Parks on land owned by the parish councils. The provision of EV charging points at the Copmmunity Centre could be funded by the Government although this might need rearrangement of the parking to provide access even when the Centre is not open.
. A speaker has been invited from SSDC for the March meeting to give presentation on Climate Change and other matters.

23.18 Parish Plan
a) Community Centre & Recreation Field.
The Tea room is now be open on each Monday lunch time for free soup and a bread roll. The need is more social than about heating costs. This will run until Easter and s costs are less than estimated there should be some funds remaining. It is proposed that the BAATH Social Group use the residue and some of the Social Group funds to organize a celebration of the Coronation on the Saturday for all residents with food and marquees at the Community Centre
Sue Calvert has taken over as Booking Secretary and the bookings are going very well booked.
b) Communication. Website running well. Will now include the MyStaffs application to help people report potholes.
c) Enviroment.- Climate Change The Best Kept Village Competition entries start in March and everybody is keen to continue.
d) Highways and Transport. Gullies and drains still need emptying. The Chairman will investigate hiring a gully cleaning lorry which the Parish Council could fund. The Road sweeper has been seen in the village. The application for a license to install post for Speed Indication Devices has been approved. Updated quotations for Speed Indicators devices will be obtained.

23.19 Finance

a) The accounts for the year up to 15th February 2023 were presented. The Investment account is currently £31,120.78. The Current account balance is now £11,746.44.

Payment had been made between meetings for
Ditton Services -grass cutting Feb 2023 Standing Order £ 780.00

The following cheques were agreed for payment.

Clerk's salary – (less tax) Feb	£	259.00
Inland Revenue (PAYE)	£	64.75
AED Donate replacement defibrillator pads etc	£	259.13
K G Landscaping – Repair of Bednall Wall	£	480.00
Total	£	<u>1062.88</u>

Effective Cashbook balance £ 10,683.56

23.20 Planning

The following planning applications are awaiting a decision.

23/00045/FUL Ivy Cottage Teddesley Park
Proposed outbuilding as working from home & entertaining space.

23/00023/FUL Lower Bednall Farm Common Lane Bednall
Replacement of three storage buildings (Class B3)

22/00921/FUL Millers Lodge Top Road Acton Trussell
Demolition of existing bungalow and residential development of 4 no x 4 bed detached houses.
This application has been called in by the District Councillor.

22/01154/FUL Pear Tree Cottage Meadow Lane Acton Trussell
Erection of a single storey bungalow

22/00177/FUL Park Gate Teddesley Road, Acton Trussell
Single storey extension facing private garden

22/01057/FUL Roseford Farm Roseford Lane Acton Trussell
Conversion of and extension to former agricultural building to form a dwelling.

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23.21 Correspondence

SSDC -- Information on Elections and Voter
Mrs Hammerton - Letter about state of drains in Common Lane

23.22 Risks Potholes, footpath surfaces and drains.

23.23 Reports from Councillors

The encroachment onto the verge at 2 St James Crescent is still in the hands of the County Council highways and Legal departments. Replacement tree planting at the Stables off Common Lane has not been completed and needs action by the Enforcement Officer
Debris from the refurbishment of 6 Miss Pickering's Field is an eyesore and needs tidying up, particularly with a Best Kept Village entry.

23.24 Next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th March 2023 at 8.00 pm in Acton Trussell Community Centre.

The meeting was closed at 9.35 pm.

ACTON TRUSSELL, BEDNALL & TEDDESLEY HAY PARISH COUNCIL

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Present T Williams (Chair), T Parrot, A Thompson, S Calvert, A Rowlands
D Cllr L Bates, D Cllr A Adams in attendance Clerk D W Wright
One member of the public

Public session *Ryan Taylor from South Staffordshire District Council gave a presentation on the activities of the Council on Climate Change. They have been raising awareness using Social Media. They have held six Children's Climate Change workshops and followed up with the schools. 'Beat the Cold' is an initiative to help with heating. And spent £4000 on 21 projects in the Localities. Working with the Wildlife Trust they are looking at bio-diversity. They have hosted Business Networks to link up with businesses to promote Climate Change. Since 2017 SSDC has reduced its carbon footprint by 37%. They have worked with The Forest of Mercia to encourage tree planting.*

The council discussed the provision of Electric vehicle charging points at the Community Centre. Majority of residents have off-street parking. A reinforced electrical supply would be needed to provide fast charging capability. Solar panels on the Community Centre roof will be considered.

Apologies, Cllr Dellicompagni Cllr D Williams

23.24 Declarations of interest: None

23.25 Minutes

The minutes of 15th February 2023 had been previously circulated. The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman

23.26 Matters Arising

23.18. Very little money is left in the funds from the Warm Hub initiative. The Council expressed its thanks to the tea room organisers.

The money arising from the Rural Prosperity Fund is not yet in the hands of SSDC.

23.27 County Councillors Report. D Williams

.None.

23.28 District Councillors Report, L Bates

The District Council has implemented a new website for the Council and this is greatly improved. It has enhanced accessibility tools so that the user can customize their experience. The translation facilities cover 86 languages to help people with paying bills and includes predictive text. The Council is however still maintaining telephone contact and printed copies of documents.

On planning Cllr Bates has taken up the alleged unlawful use of 5 Wattles Lane contrary to the planning conditions. The Parish Council should approach the legal department of SSDC about the continuing encroachment of land at 2 St James Crescent. The Environmental Agency has requested a flood plan for the proposed development at Roseford Farm. Buildings at Lower Farm Bednall are being used for storage and an ecology report has been requested and there will be a site visit. There seems to be an unregistered livery business at Ivy Cottage, Teddesley Park and considerable disturbance to neighbours and a large amount of waste.

23.29 Parish Plan

a) Community Centre & Recreation Field.

A presentation of an engraved tankard was made to Mr Leslie McDowell in recognition of his contribution to the parish and especially the Community Centre over many years. An online booking system for the Hall is being investigated which will allow users to check the availability of any proposed booking. The recent AGM was well attended with one new Committee member and two more potential members. A copy of the Accounts was passed to the Parish Council. This showed a small profit for the Community Centre during the year. Consideration is being given to rearranging the provision for the away changing room because the current teams do not actually use it. The main hall will be redecorated and the Stage curtains re-proofed.

The recreation field is not big enough for teams with older children and so now looking for new Under13 teams.

b) Communication. Website running well. Domani name renewed.

c) Environment.- Climate Change The Best Kept Village Competition entries start in March and everybody is keen to continue.

d) Highways and Transport. Updated quotations for Speed Indicators devices will be presented at the next meeting.

23.30 Finance

- a) The accounts for the year up to 15th March 2023 were presented. The Investment account is currently £31,135.45. The Current account balance is now £10,683.56.

Payment had been made between meetings for

Ditton Services -grass cutting March 2023 Standing Order £ 780.00

The following cheques were agreed for payment.

British Legion - Wreath	£	20.00
M Taylor Elec supply for defib at The Croft	£	90.00
Clerk's salary – (less tax) March	£	259.00
Clerk's salary (backpay less tax	£	240.00
Clerk's broadband - part cost Apr 2022 -March 2023	£	300.00
Inland Revenue (PAYE)	£	124.75
V A Peach BKV expenses	£	30.00
S Calvert – Presentation Tankard	£	35.00
A Thompson -Website Domain renewal	£	17.99
Transfer Warm Hub Grant to Social Committee	£	1000.00
Total	£	<u>2,116.74</u>

Effective Cashbook balance £ 8,566.82

23.31 Planning

The following planning applications have been permitted.

23/00045/FUL Ivy Cottage Teddesley Park

Proposed outbuilding as working from home & entertaining space.

The following planning applications are awaiting a decision.

23/00103/AGR Moat House Farm Teddesley Road

Large span portal frame agricultural building

23/00065/TTREE The Grange Top Road Acton Trussell

Outbuilding for working from home and entertaining space

23/00023/FUL Lower Bednall Farm Common Lane Bednall

Replacement of three storage buildings (Class B3)

22/00938 Ivy Cottage Teddesley Park

Retrospective approval for 13 no outbuildings for agricultural and livery usage.

22/00921/FUL Millers Lodge Top Road Acton Trussell

Demolition of existing bungalow and residential development of 4 no x 4 bed detached houses.

22/01154/FUL Pear Tree Cottage Meadow Lane Acton Trussell

Erection of a single storey bungalow

22/00177/FUL Park Gate Teddesley Road, Acton Trussell

Single storey extension facing private garden

22/01057/FUL Roseford Farm Roseford Lane Acton Trussell

Conversion of and extension to former agricultural building to form a dwelling.

23.32 Correspondence

SSDC -- Election nomination forms

Glasdon- Street furniture

Mazars LLP Annual audit forms for 2022-23

23.33 Risks Potholes, footpath surfaces and drains.

23.34 Reports from Councillors: Hedge still needs cutting at The Grange.

23.35 Next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th April 2023 at 8.00 pm in Acton Trussell Community Centre.

The meeting was closed at 9.50 pm.

ACTON TRUSSELL, BEDNALL & TEDDESLEY HAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 19th April 2023 at 8.00pm. in Acton Trussell Community Centre.

Present A Thompson (Chair), B Dellicompagni, B Wyatt
D Cllr L Bates, D Cllr A Adams Four members of the public

in attendance Clerk D W Wright

Public session

M Nicholas asked what the Parish Council was doing to celebrate the reign of Queen Elizabeth and suggested that the provision of two cast iron benches with cast in details would be a fitting tribute. He wished to arrange crowd funding up to £3500 to purchase these benches and asked for the Parish Council's approval for this venture. The Parish Council agreed and would cover any shortfall, insurance and tax. He identified the need to replace the noticeboard in Acton Trussell and relocate from the wall of the bus shelter.

"20 is Plenty" A presentation was given by Mike Barr and Phil Jones, explaining the progress of the idea in Staffordshire. Many Parish Councils have affirmed their support for suggested schemes and Penkridge has gone a long way to preparing a suitable scheme for their area. Surveys of residents has shown a high level of support. However Staffordshire County Council has not been prepared to provide funds for schemes. Kinver is the most advanced area. No Parish Council in South Staffordshire Area has yet passed a resolution supporting "20 is Plenty". The Parish Council will consider passing a resolution at its next meeting.

Apologies, Cllr T Williams, T Parrot S Calvert, A Rowlands, D Marsden, CCllr D Williams

23.36 Declarations of interest: Cllr Dellicompagni declared a personal interest in Planning Application 22/1057/FUL

23.37 Minutes

The minutes of 15th March 2023 had been previously circulated. The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman

23.38 Matters Arising None.

23.39 County Councillors Report. D Williams .None.

23.40 District Councillors Report, L Bates

The District Council has implemented a new website for the Council and this is greatly improved. It has enhanced accessibility tools so that the user can customize their experience. The translation facilities cover 86 languages to help people with paying bills and includes predictive text. The Council is however still maintaining telephone contact and printed copies of documents.

On planning Cllr Bates has taken up the alleged unlawful use of 5 Wattles Lane contrary to the planning conditions. The Parish Council should approach the legal department of SSDC about the continuing encroachment of land at 2 St James Crescent. The Environmental Agency has requested a flood plan for the proposed development at Roseford Farm. Buildings at Lower Farm Bednall are being used for storage and an ecology report has been requested and there will be a site visit. There seems to be an unregistered livery business at Ivy Cottage, Teddesley Park and a considerable disturbance to neighbours and a large amount of waste.

23.41 Parish Plan

a) Community Centre & Recreation Field.

Les McDowell thanked the Parish Council for the presentation of the tankard which was entirely unexpected. He reported that the Mens Society was considering its dissolution and any remaining funds would be spent on amenities in the village and plaques on the defibrillators they funded.

New U-13 football teams have applied to use the field including a girls team. This would change the plans for the away changing room mentioned at the last meeting.

Fitting of plastic soffits on the front of the Community Centre and the provision of storage boxes for the marquees are required.

b) Communication. Website running well. Domain name renewed.

c) Enviroment.- Climate Change The Best Kept Village Competition entries started in March.

d) Highways and Transport. Speed Indicators device quotations to be presented in May

23.42 Finance

a) The Parish Council agreed the appointment of Kim Squires of Toplis Associates as the Council's Internal Auditor.

b) The Report of the Internal Auditor was presented. There are no items of immediate concern.

- c) Approval of Revenue & Payments Statement. The Statement for 2022/23 was approved.
- d) Approval of Governance Statement.
The Council considered and approved the Governance statement.
- e) Approval of The Annual Return of Accounts
The Council considered and approved the Annual Accounting Statements for 2022/23
- f) The accounts for the year up to 19th April were presented. The Investment account is currently £31,135.45. The Current account cashbook balance was £7,786.82
- g) Payment had been made between meetings for
Ditton Services -grass cutting March 2023 Standing Order £ 780.00
- h) The following cheques were agreed for payment.

Staffs Parish Councils Association subscription	£	313.10
Toplis Associates – Internal audit	£	195.54
Clerks salary –(less tax) April 2023	£	279.00
Inland Revenue (PAYE)	£	69.75
	Total	£ 857.39

Effective Cashbook balance £ 6,929.43

23.43 Planning

The following planning applications have been permitted.
23/00045/FUL Ivy Cottage Teddesley Park
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The following planning applications are awaiting a decision.

23/00065/TTREE The Grange Top Road Acton Trussell
Outbuilding for working from home and entertaining space

23/00023/FUL Lower Bednall Farm Common Lane Bednall
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22/01154/FUL Pear Tree Cottage Meadow Lane Acton Trussell
Erection of a single storey bungalow

22/00177/FUL Park Gate Teddesley Road, Acton Trussell
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22/01057/FUL Roseford Farm Roseford Lane Acton Trussell
Conversion of and extension to former agricultural building to form a dwelling.

23.44 Correspondence

Glasdon- *Street furniture*

Mazars LLP *Annual audit forms for 2022-23*

SSDC - *Notice of elected Councillors. Only seven Councillors were nominated and there are now a vacancy in Acton Trussell Ward and a vacancy in Bednall and Teddesley Hay Ward. The Parish Council will attempt to fill by co-option at the next Parish Council meeting*

23.45 Risks Potholes, footpath surfaces and drains.

23.46 Reports from Councillors: Hedge still needs cutting at The Grange.

23.47 Next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th May 2023 at 8.30 pm or immediately following the Annual Parish Assembly in Acton Trussell Community Centre.

The meeting was closed at 9.50 pm.

ACTON TRUSSELL, BEDNALL & TEDDESLEY HAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 17th April 2024
at 8.00pm in the Parish Community Centre.

Present S Calvert (Chair), B Dellicompagni, B Underhill, B Wyatt, D Marsden,
T Williams, T Parrott in attendance Clerk D W Wright
Two members of the public

Public Session

None

Apologies:, D Cllr A Adams Cllr A Thompson

Cllr Parrott declared a non-financial interest in the land identified in the proposed SSDC plan for development. Cllrs Wyatt and Calvert declared a non-financial interest in discussions of the Trusts and the Community Centre as trustees and members of the Management Committee.

24.38 Declarations of interest: None

24.39 Co-option of Councillor. One vacancy remains but no nominations have been received.

24.40 Minutes

The minutes had been revised and circulated previously and were approved and signed by the Chairman.

24.41 Matters Arising

The Maintenance agreement for the Bednall Car Park has now been fully signed. Bednall have submitted an entry to the Best Kept Village Competition but Acton Trussell is not entering due to a lack of volunteers.

24.42 County Councillors Report. No Report

24.43 District Councillors Report Cllr A Adams None.

It was noted that Cllr Adams had been extremely helpful on planning matters and potholes.

24.44 Parish Plan

a) Community Centre & Recreation Field.

The Community Centre Management is now looking at grants and policies of the County and District Council. An investigation had been made into the ownership of the Recreation Field and the Community Centre. A meeting was suggested between the Management Committee and the Parish Councillors. Merging of the Acton General Charity (the Old Village Hall) and the Community Centre Trust is being explored. A meeting has been attended with the SSDC on funding streams.

Suggested proposals for consideration include:

A shower block,

A conservatory,

Remodelling the Hall

and a Multi-use sports area (MUGA)

b) Highways.

A lot of work has been done on Mill Lane and Bednall Road. Teddesley Road will be worked on in May. It is in the programme and urgent to be done as a "permanent repair". The Parish Council is trying to get funding for the SIDs poles and their installation from SSDC as part of a SSDC scheme. It is expected that we will get three poles installed and two part-funded SIDs

24.45 Finance

a) The Parish Council agreed the appointment of Kim Squires as the Council's Internal Auditor.

b) The Report of the Internal Auditor was presented. There are no items of immediate concern.

c) Approval of Revenue & Payments Statement. The Statement for 2023/24 was approved.

- d) Approval of Governance Statement.
The Council considered and approved the Governance statement.
- e) Approval of The Annual Return of Accounts
The Council considered and approved the Annual Accounting Statements for 2023/24
- f) The accounts for the year up to 17th April were presented. The Investment account is currently £40,466.99. The Current account cashbook balance was £5,015.92
- g) Payment had been made between meetings for

<i>Ditton Services -grass cutting</i>	<i>March 2024</i>	<i>Standing Order</i>	£	780.00
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- h) The following cheques were agreed for payment.
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| K Squires – Internal audit | £ | 155.90 |
| B Wyatt – land registry charges | £ | 30.00 |
| Clerks salary –(less tax) April 2024 | £ | 390.00 |
| Inland Revenue (PAYE) | £ | 78.00 |
| | <u>£</u> | <u>653.90</u> |
| Total | £ | 653.90 |
- Effective Cashbook balance £ 4,362.02

24.46 Planning The following planning applications are awaiting a decision.

4/00234/FULHH Strangford Lower Penkridge Road Acton Trussell
Two storey and single storey front extension

24/00215/FULHH Parkgate Lodge Teddesley Road Penkridge
Proposed change of use from detached garage to granny annexe

24/00161/FUL Bank Cottage Top Road Acton Trussell
Proposed development of a new residential dwelling to land off Top Road

24/00096/FUL All Saints Primary School Playing Fields, Land off Common Lane, Bednall.
Timber building for storage and shelter.

24/0032/FULHH. Willow Barn 3 Trussell Grange, Bednall Road Acton Trussell
Single storey extension to rear.

24/00067/FUL Former Communication Station Cannock Road Bednall
Extension and change of use from former telephone exchange to Air B&B

23/00936/FULHH Ivy House Lower Penkridge Road Acton Trussell
Oak framed garage with workshop carport and store above

The Parish Council objects to 24/00161 because of the dangerous access onto Top Road, access for heavy machinery and concerns about the stability of any excavations.

24.47 Correspondence

The Parish Council has been allocated a free framed official portrait of the King and it was suggested that this be hung in the Community Centre.

24.48 Risks Potholes, footpath surfaces and drains.

A quotation has been received to remove seven trees from Top Road which have the potential to affect the electricity cables. Cllr T Williams was authorised to initiate the work,

24.49 Next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd May 2024 at 8.30 pm or immediately following the Annual Parish Assembly in the Parish Community Centre.

The meeting was closed at 9.50 pm

ACTON TRUSSELL, BEDNALL & TEDDESLEY HAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 17th May 2023 at 8.45pm. This meeting followed immediately after the Annual Parish Assembly.

Present A Thompson (Chair), T Williams, D Marsden S Calvert, B Dellicompagni, T Parrot
DCllr A Adams in attendance Clerk D W Wright
Two members of the public

23.48 A Thompson was nominated and elected as Chairman of the Parish Council. He then signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office. S Calvert was nominated and elected as Vice-Chairman

23.49 Apologies: B Wyatt

23.50 Declarations of interest: Cllr Dellicompagni declared a personal interest in Planning Application 22/1057/FUL

23.51 Co-option of Councillors to fill vacancies. Although discussions had been held with a number of people, no one had so far come forward. Two vacancies remain. Further effort will be made to complete the full Council

23.52 Minutes

The minutes of 19th April 2023 had been previously circulated. The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman

23.53 Matters Arising None.

23.54 County Councillors Report. D Williams .None.

23.55 District Councillors

As reported at the Annual Parish Meeting, the Len Bates had not been re-elected as a District Councillor for this ward. He had served as District Councillor for 12 years and had contributed greatly to the Parish, bringing funds to many activities including the Childrens play equipment. The Parish Council will send a Thankyou card thanking him for his hard work.

23.56 District Councillors Report A Adams

He is awaiting allocation of Council committees and hopes to get onto the Planning Committee. He will try to continue the support to residents including Housing Association projects.

23.57 Parish Plan

a) Community Centre & Recreation Field.

The Management Committee is looking at installing Audio Visual equipment in the hall and a public WiFi system which will link with the new alarm system
Quotations had been obtained for Fitting of plastic soffits on the front of the Community Centre but it had been agreed that Malcolm Nicholas would source the materials at a very competitive price and arrange the installation. The scaffolding has been erected.

b) Communication. Website running well. Possible to put more things on Facebook for local events.

c) Enviroment.- Climate Change The Best Kept Village Competition is ongoing. 200 trees were planted at Spring Cottage in Bednall with trees provided by The Forest of Mercia. Wild flower seeds are being sourced for planting. Planting more trees at the top of the recreation field will be examined but do need to avoid restricting the cutting of the hedges.

d) Highways and Transport. Speed Indicators device quotations to be presented in June

23.58 Finance

a) The accounts for the year up to 17th May were presented. The Precept first instalment of £15,000 had been paid. The Investment account is currently £31,135.45. The Current account cashbook balance was £21,344.97

b) Payment had been made between meetings for
Ditton Services -grass cutting May 2023 Standing Order £ 780.00

- c) The following cheques were agreed for payment.

BHIB Ltd Insurance	£	715.82
M Nicholas – BKV and Fingerpost Maintenance	£	396.54
Clerks salary –(less tax) May 2023	£	279.00
Inland Revenue (PAYE)	£	69.75
Total	£	1461.11

Effective Cashbook balance £ 19,883.86

- d) As discussed last month, plans for two cast iron benches to commemorate the Queens reign are to be crowd funded with donations from residents and a Crowd funding page which will launch next week. The Parish Council agreed to support this venture and also to contribute to costs of re-ordering All Saints Church Bednall to provide more useable facilities.

Resolved: that Acton Trussell Bednall with Teddesley Hay Parish Council approves the payment of £500 to the Crowdfunding Appeal for benches and £500 to the re-ordering of Bednall Church as S137 payments under Local Government Act 1972, it being the opinion of the Council that the expenditure will be in the interests of all or part of the community.

23.59 Planning

The following planning applications have been permitted.

23/00045/FUL Ivy Cottage Teddesley Park

Proposed outbuilding as working from home & entertaining space.

The following planning applications have been refused.

22/01154/FUL Pear Tree Cottage Meadow Lane Acton Trussell

Erection of a single storey bungalow

The following planning applications are awaiting a decision.

23/00272/FULHH Top Barn 7 Trussell Grange Bednall Road

Rear portico refurbishment

23/00225/FULHH Oak Tree Cottage School Lane Bednall

Various extensions and alterations to dwelling

22/00938 Ivy Cottage Teddesley Park

Retrospective approval for 13 no outbuildings for agricultural and livery usage.

22/00921/FUL Millers Lodge Top Road Acton Trussell

Demolition of existing bungalow and residential development of 4 no x 4 bed detached houses.

22/01057/FUL Roseford Farm Roseford Lane Acton Trussell

Conversion of and extension to former agricultural building to form a dwelling.

23.60 Correspondence

Elan City - *Speed Indicators*

e-mail V Peach – *Water flows, potholes drainage inspection, walls and road sweeping.*

23.61 Risks Potholes, footpath surfaces and drains.

23.62 Reports from Councillors: Hedge around the village.

23.63 Next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st June 2023 at 8.00 pm in Acton Trussell Community Centre.

The meeting was closed at 9.55 pm.

ACTON TRUSSELL, BEDNALL & TEDDESLEY HAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 21st June 2023 at 8.00pm.

Present A Thompson (Chair), T Williams, D Marsden S Calvert, B Wyatt ,T Parrot
DCllr A Adams in attendance Clerk D W Wright
Five members of the public

Public Session

M Nicholas reported on the recent work on the Community Centre to fit plastic soffits to the front of the building to eliminate costly regular repainting.

The total cost had been £2283 of which £1700 had been the provision of scaffolding. He also reported that the windows on the front of the building were in a poor condition and might only last a further seven years. Cllr Parrott expressed the gratitude of the Parish Council for Malcolm Nichols's efforts.

D Primose explained that the defibrillator provided by the Friends of Bednall in the telephone box in Bednall had stopped working after 9 years and that the suppliers considered it unrepairable. He sought funding from the Parish Council for a replacement. This was considered by the Council but it has not previously funded any of the defibrillators in the parish. The general view was that defibrillators were only effective in about 20% of heart stoppages and that the provision of CPR training would be more effective.

23.64 Apologies: B Dellicompagni

23.65 Declarations of interest: None

23.66 Co-option of Councillors. Barry Underhill was nominated and co-opted to the Parish Council to fill the vacancy for the Bednall and Teddesley Hay Ward. The Parish Councillors regardless of their ward represent the whole of the Parish. One vacancy for a Parish Councillor remains.

23.67 Minutes

The minutes of 17th May 2023 had been previously circulated. The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman

23.68 Matters Arising None.

23.69 County Councillors Report. D Williams .None.

23.70 District Councillors Report A Adams

The recent Parish Summit covered the Local Plan and housing plans. The Warm room scheme is continuing but recognizing that the aim is to also to reach isolated and lonely people. Application can be made for funds. 30mph stickers will be obtained for placing on refuse bins on Lower Penkridge Road, Top Road and Common Lane. Planning complaints have been made to object to the developments at Gypsy Green and its effects on neighbours. It looks doubtful if anything can be done about it.

23.71 Parish Plan

a) Community Centre & Recreation Field.

A very successful Coronation Tea Party had been held which was funded by the BAATH Social Group. The Parish Barbeque will be held on 16th August and will include a singer, and hot pork baps.

b) Communication. Website running well.

c) Environment.- Climate Change The Best Kept Village Competition is ongoing. There is less support this year for the Hanging Baskets and Scarecrow competitions.

d) Highways and Transport. Speed Indicators device quotations to be presented at the next meeting. There is flooding again with a blocked gully on the A34 and on Mill Lane by the A449 and by Golder's Farm. Perhaps we could a matching grant to Highways to try to fix both potholes and drains. D Williams will be asked to advise what would be a reasonable contribution to get some effective work. A competitive price will be obtained for some of this work. An increase in the precept could be considered to increase the funds available.

23.72 Finance

- a) The accounts for the year up to 21st June were presented. The Investment account is currently £31,193.12. The Current account cashbook balance was £18,908.32

- b) Payment had been made between meetings for
Ditton Services -grass cutting June 2023 Standing Order £ 780.00

- c) The following cheques were agreed for payment.

V A Peach -BKV	£ 452.86
SSDC Election recharge	£ 140.00
M Nicholas – BKV	£ 738.26
M Nicholas- Materilas for Community Centre work	£ 2121.28
Bednall PCC -Reordering of Church S137 -BACS	£ 500.00
Crowd Fund - Benches S137 -BACS	£ 500.00
Clerks salary –(less tax) June 2023	£ 279.00
Inland Revenue (PAYE)	£ 69.75
Total	£ 4801.15

Effective Cashbook balance £ 14,107.17

23.73 Planning

The following planning applications have been refused.

22/01154/FUL Pear Tree Cottage Meadow Lane Acton Trussell
Erection of a single storey bungalow

23/00272/FULHH Top Barn 7 Trussell Grange Bednall Road
Rear portico refurbishment

The following planning applications are awaiting a decision.

23/00225/FULHH Oak Tree Cottage School Lane Bednall
Various extensions and alterations to dwelling

22/00938 Ivy Cottage Teddesley Park
Retrospective approval for 13 no outbuildings for agricultural and livery usage.

22/00643/FUL Belt View Farm Cannock Road Bednall
Single storey extension to side part rear elevation of existing garage area to create farmworkers dwelling.

The Planning conditions at the Stables in Common Lane have not been met and require action by the Enforcement Officer. The right turn out of Mc Donald is excessively dangerous and was highlighted by the Parish Council during the original planning application.

23.74 Correspondence

Email – re Bednall defibrillator
Email SSDC – Election recharge

23.75 Risks Potholes, footpath surfaces and drains.

23.76 Reports from Councillors: Hedges around the village.

23.77 Next meeting

**The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th July 2023
at 8.00 pm in Acton Trussell Community Centre.**

The meeting was closed at 9.50 pm.

ACTON TRUSSELL, BEDNALL & TEDDESLEY HAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 19th July 2023 at 8.00pm.

Present A Thompson (Chair), T Williams, S Calvert, B Wyatt, T Parrot, B Dellicompagni
DCllr A Adams in attendance Clerk D W Wright
Four members of the public

Public Session

Residents raised their concern about the location of a commemorative bench arising from the Crowd funding initiative in Miss Pickerings Field. The present bench looks directly into their windows and any new bench would cause a similar problem. After discussion, it was agreed that the benches would be turned at an angle to avoid this problem.

23.78 Apologies: D Marsden

23.79 Declarations of interest: None

23.80 Co-option of Councillors. One vacancy remains but no nominations have been received.

23.81 Minutes

The minutes of 21st June 2023 had been previously circulated. The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman

23.82 Matters Arising Date of the Funday and Barbeque is 26th August.

23.83 County Councillors Report. D Williams .None.

23.84 District Councillors Report A Adams

The Police Commissioner has some funds which might be used for SIDs. Severn Trent also has community funds. Changes to the recycling schemes are being made to help get the right things in each bin. 30mph Stickers will be provided for bins. Bleed out kits to provide first aid for stab victims are being provided by Penkridge Inner Wheel, It costs £120 to purchase each kit, which is based on measures developed for the military in the field for serious injuries. The litter bin at Cooks Bank/Top Road should be relocated next to the footpath.

23.85 Parish Plan

a) Community Centre & Recreation Field.

The Community Centre now has a broadband facility installed. The painting of the fencing at the front of the building is now in hand. Two external electricity supply points have been installed so that there will be no need for trailing cables which were a serious trip hazard. A replacement gas cooker for the kitchen is being explored. Still looking at a booking system for the Hall which should now be possible with the WiFi installation. BAATH social group looking at providing a sound system and overhead projector system for the main hall.

b) Communication. Website running well.

c) Environment.- Climate Change The Best Kept Village Competition is ongoing and both villages are looking good. Bednall and Acton Trussell each had half of the Childrens posters. The Parish Council will judge the posters and give prize voucher for the winning posters from Bednall and from Acton Trussell as well as packets of sweets for all the children.

d) Highways and Transport. Speed Indicators device quotations to be presented at the next meeting. The Police Commissioner will be asked if any grants might be available for their installation. There is flooding again with blocked gullies but the sucking out of gullies is not available from private contractors because of the problem of disposal of the material removed.

23.86 Finance

a) The accounts for the year up to 19th July were presented. The Investment account is currently £31,192.72. The Current account cashbook balance was £13,780.03.

b) Payment had been made between meetings for <i>Ditton Services -grass cutting July 2023 Standing Order</i>	£	780.00
c) The following cheques were agreed for payment.		
V A Peach Bednall BKV -reissue cheque	£	452.86
S Calvert – BKV prizes	£	115.60
Clerks salary –(less tax) July 2023	£	279.00
Inland Revenue (PAYE)	£	69.75
	<u>Total</u>	<u>£ 917.21</u>
Effective Cashbook balance £ 12,862.82		

23.87 Planning

The following planning applications are awaiting a decision.

23/00570/FUL Littleholt 6 Moor Close Acton Trussell
Side extension to form study/gym with internal alterations

23/00551/FUL Willow Barn 3 Trussell Grange Bednall Road
Single storey extension to rear.

23/00508 Top Barn 7 Trussell Grange Bednall Road
Removal of dilapidated portico and erection of rear sun lounge/conservatory.

23/00503/FUL 4 Ivy Court Acton trussell
Proposed balcony

23/00461/LUE Bednall Bank Cottage Cannock Road Bednall
Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing rear and side extension.

23/00225/FULHH Oak Tree Cottage School Lane Bednall
Various extensions and alterations to dwelling

23.88 Correspondence

None:

A letter will be written to residents of Hempits Grove pointing out that they should not park on the play area as it is Parish Council land.

23.89 Risks Potholes, footpath surfaces and drains.

23.90 Reports from Councillors: None. Next agenda : Look at something for older children in the villages

23.91 Next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th September 2023 at 8.00 pm in Acton Trussell Community Centre.

The meeting was closed at 9.42 pm.

ACTON TRUSSELL, BEDNALL & TEDDESLEY HAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 20th September 2023 at 8.00pm.

Present A Thompson (Chair), T Williams, S Calvert, D Marsden, T Parrot, B Dellicompagni B Underhill
DCllr A Adams C Cllr D Williams in attendance Clerk D W Wright

Public Session

None.

23.92 Apologies: B Wyatt

23.93 Declarations of interest: None

23.94 Co-option of Councillors. One vacancy remains but no nominations have been received.

23.95 Minutes

The minutes of 19th July 2023 had been previously circulated. The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman

23.96 Matters Arising

The Parish Council had been advised that a Blood kit was available to place in one of the defibrillators. Whether more should be obtained was discussed but no firm conclusion reached. The Chairman will follow this up. The Parish Council has also received a cheque for £120 from the Inner Wheel Club of Penkridge for a further blood kit.. A resident had had problems with telephone line due to trees on the corner of Acton Hill Road and Top Road. Councillors will view the trees and determine if they can be trimmed or be felled. B Underhill had attended the last two meetings but did not appear on the minutes of those meetings due to an error by the Clerk..

23.97 County Councillors Report. D Williams

The roads transformation scheme is going well. Now receiving a lot of children from conflict areas. Looking after them well and now looking for school places for them. An extra £5 million has been allocated for pothole repairs. Each Councillor is allocated £32k for their area. Most small ones are now being done and they are to be photographed when completed, so that adjacent pot holes do not get missed. Councillor Williams was asked if there was any chance of the sucker visiting Acton Hill and Acton Gate to suck out the drains. Cllr Williams reported that there was a stop on all work on footpaths due to the optical fibre companies plans to dig up footpaths. Those funds have been moved onto roads, particularly with surface dressing. Footpath from Top Road to Lower Penkridge Road may not be the responsibility of the County Council. Cllr Dellicompagni will follow up to try to determine ownership.

23.98 District Councillors Report A Adams

Len Bates has been made an Honorary Alderman for SSDC. An application has gone in for a grant towards a new cooker for the Community Centre. Within the district there had been changes to development planning and permitted development rights. Cllr Adams is now on the board of a joint venture with Cannock Chase. It gets funds from a levy on new development within 15km of the Chase. SSDC is being inundated with applications for solar farms, including 170 acres at Dunston Refusal is likely because of concern about taking up good agricultural land.

23.99 Parish Plan

a) Community Centre & Recreation Field.

The Community Centre now has a broadband facility installed and now trying to setup the WiFi. And select an automatic booking facility for Community Centre. Other centres are being visited. Still considering an Overhead Projector system for the Community Centre.

b) Communication. Community website running well. The Parish Council website has been hosted by HugoFox for free for a number of years but it will now be charged for. It was agreed to select the Silver category which provides Planning Information at a cost of £20 per month. This will be paid by direct debit.

c) Environment.- Bednall and Acton Trussell were highly commended in the Best Kept Village competition. The Parish Council write to the committees thanking them for their work and how the villages look.

- d) Highways and Transport. Speed Indicators device quotations to be presented at the next meeting. The Police Commissioner will be asked if any grants might be available for their installation.

23.100 Finance

- a) The accounts for the year up to 20th September were presented. The Investment account is currently £31,237.002. The Current account cashbook balance was £11,302.82.

- b) Payment had been made between meetings for
Ditton Services -grass cutting Aug & Sep Standing Order £ 1560.00

- c) The following cheques were agreed for payment.

Mazars LLP – Audit fee	£ 252.00
Information Commissioner -Data Registration	£ 40.00
Clerks salary –(less tax) Aug -Sept 2023	£ 558.00
Inland Revenue (PAYE)	£ 139.50
Total	£ 989.50

Effective Cashbook balance £ 10,313.32

- d) An interim meeting had been held with the internal auditor. Asset register and Risk Assessment were affirmed by the Parish Council.
- e) Cllr B Wyatt had sent a letter to the Councillors regarding legal costs to investigate the release of money by the Charity Commission relating to the Old Village Hall fund.. He asked for approval for legal fees expense up to £1500. This was agreed by the Parish Council

23.101 Planning

The following application has been refused.

23/00551/FUL Willow Barn 3 Trussell Grange Bednall Road

Single storey extension to rear. The following application has been permitted.

23/00461/LUE Bednall Bank Cottage Cannock Road Bednall

Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing rear and side extension

23/00570/FUL Littleholt 6 Moor Close Acton Trussell

Side extension to form study/gym with internal alterations

23/00508 Top Barn 7 Trussell Grange Bednall Road

Removal of dilapidated portico and erection of rear sun lounge/conservatory

The following planning applications are awaiting a decision.

23/00710/LUE Springslade Works Cannock Road Bednall

Use of Springslade Works facility for Class B2 and Class E(a) designations

23/00618/FUL Tudor House Mill Lane Acton Trussell

Installation of ground mounted Solar PV system of 3 Arrays for personal use only.

23.102 Correspondence

Although a request had been made to cut the verge on the A34 by the top of the lane in Bednall, the Parish Council felt that this was the responsibility of the Highways Department.

23.103 Risks Potholes, footpath surfaces and drains.

23.104 Reports from Councillors:

Cllr Parrott raised the hedge by the Grange on Top Road and suggested that if the owner would not cut it back, the Parish Council would arrange to have it cut and bill the owner. The Stables in Bednall on Common Lane have not replaced dead trees.

23.105 Next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th October 2023 at 8.00 pm in Acton Trussell Community Centre.

The meeting was closed at 9.29 pm.

ACTON TRUSSELL, BEDNALL & TEDDESLEY HAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 18th October 2023 at 8.00pm.

Present S Calvert (Chair), T Williams, B Wyatt, T Parrot, B Underhill
DCllr A Adams in attendance Clerk D W Wright
Two members of the public

Public Session

None.

23.106 Apologies: A Thompson, D Marsden, B Dellicompagni C Cllr D Williams

23.107 Declarations of interest: None

23.108 Co-option of Councillors. One vacancy remains but no nominations have been received.

23.109 Minutes

The minutes of 20th September 2023 had been previously circulated. The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman

23.110 Matters Arising

23.104. The trees had been felled rather than being dead.

New white lines had been painted around potholes but the potholes still need fixing. Flooding is a major problem in Mill Lane.

23.111 County Councillors Report. None

23.112 District Councillors Report A Adams

Colour of roof tiles in Moorhouse Close has been approved but with certain conditions. The proposed solar panels at Tudor House are awaiting a flood appraisal. An appeal against refusal of planning permission for a house by Peartree Cottage has been submitted. The application for a grant towards a new cooker for the Community Centre will be progressed. Fly-tipping fines have been increased from £ 400 up to £1200.

23.113 Parish Plan

a) Community Centre & Recreation Field.

Bookings for the Community Centre are now up to the level they were before Covid. However the hours being booked are reduced as costs of parties are reduced. The football clubs are being invoiced for the use of the changing rooms. The exterior doors of the Boiler Room and the Changing Rooms need replacement. The Community Centre now has a working WiFi facility. Work is ongoing on establishing an automatic booking facility for Community Centre. It is necessary to establish a value for the car park land in Bednall to satisfy Charity Commission guidance so as to show that it is a fair value which will be paid if funds are extracted from the Acton General Trust. The Parish Council will cover the associated legal fees.

b) Communication. Community website running well. The Community Centre booking application is now linked to the BATTH website. A direct debit has been setup to fund the Parish Council website hosted by HugoFox.

c) Environment.- Does the Community Centre have a plan for Climate Change and improving the environment?

d) Highways and Transport. Speed Indicators device quotations to be presented at the next meeting. The Police Commissioner has been asked if any grants might be available for their installation. The potholes on the A34 have been filled in.

23.114 Finance

a) The accounts for the year up to 18th October were presented. The Investment account is currently £31,294.96. The second instalment of the precept had been received. The Current account cashbook balance was £26,565.43.

b) Payment had been made between meetings for
Ditton Services -grass cutting October Standing Order £ 780.00

c) The following cheques were agreed for payment.

Clerks salary –(less tax) October 2023	£	279.00
Inland Revenue (PAYE)	£	69.75
Total	£	348.75

Effective Cashbook balance £ 26,216.88

23.115 Planning

The following planning applications are awaiting a decision.

23/00710/LUE Springslade Works Cannock Road Bednall
Use of Springslade Works facility for Class B2 and Class E(a) designations

23/00618/FUL Tudor House Mill Lane Acton Trussell
Installation of ground mounted Solar PV system of 3 Arrays for personal use only.

23.116 Correspondence
Follow-up email on '20 is Plenty'

23.117 Risks Potholes, footpath surfaces and drains.

23.118 Reports from Councillors:

The trees by junction of Acton Hill Road and Top Road are overhanging the electricity cables. It was considered that the complete trees be removed and something else be planted.
Both churches entered into a grounds competition and both Bednall and Acton Trussell achieved a gold award.

23.119 Next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th November 2023 at 8.00 pm in Acton Trussell Community Centre.

The meeting was closed at 9.33 pm.

ACTON TRUSSELL, BEDNALL & TEDDESLEY HAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 15th November 2023 at 8.00pm.

Present A Thompson(Chair),, ,T Williams, B Wyatt, T Parrot, B Underhill, D Marsden,
D Cllr S Harper-Wallis in attendance Clerk D W Wright
One member of the public

Public Session

None.

23.120 Apologies:, S Calvert B Dellicompagni C Cllr D Williams DCllr A Adams

23.121 Declarations of interest: None

23.122 Co-option of Councillors. One vacancy remains but no nominations have been received.

23.123 Minutes

The minutes of 18th October 2023 had been previously circulated. The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman

23.124 Matters Arising

New white lines had been painted around potholes but the potholes still need fixing. Flooding is a major problem on Acton Hill Lane at junction with A34.

23.125 County Councillors Report. None. The application for a grant towards replacing the Community Centre gas cooker had been rejected and it was suggested that an electric cooker be installed instead. This would require an expensive rewiring of the supply to the building.

23.126 District Councillors Report Sam Harper-Wallis

The Council needs to plan for the next few years. It is reviewing the results of the residents' survey. Demographic change will mean that 2/3 of residents in South Staffordshire will be over 65. The Council is working out how to take account of this change. There are 180 houses planned in North Penkridge and this plan will be considered when the full master plan is available as the scheme is part of more development both sides of the A449. Consultation is in progress about development of the land around Junction 12 of the M6 near Dunston for a logistics centre. Taxi licensing has been outsourced to Wolverhampton Council and this has reduced the costs.

It was suggested that a Councillors surgery could be held in Acton Trussell. The Community Centre would offer a room for three hours free on a suitable date. He noted that there was a large amount of money available from 106 agreements relating to the housing developments and the Parish Council should approach the Section 106 officer.

23.127 Parish Plan

a) Car Park funding

Cllr Wyatt has contacted 5 legal firms who claim charity expertise. Replies have been received. Two responses are negative on our chances of success in releasing funds from the charity. The costs are likely to more than the budgeted v£1500 but less than £ 2000 Cllr Wyatt will circulate a summary and recommendations tomorrow. Lawyers will be instructed and paid by the Parish Council. It is thought it will take 3 ~ 6 months. It was agreed to pay for written valuation for the land ~ £600. The Management agreement for the maintenance of the carpark land needs updating if the land is to be purchased by the Acton Trussell General Charity rather than the Parish Council.

b) Community Centre & Recreation Field.

Having a green replacement of the cooker with an electric unit would cost ~ £7000 but replace the Centre electricity system would cost £25000. A guaranteed supply would be required. Hire fees are being increased due to the increased energy costs. A new front door is required because the existing one is warped.

The Mens Society has three sustainable seats which need siting in Acton Trussell and two others are being crowd funded. These could be located at Miss Pickerings Field, triangle by telephone box, Lees Lane, and corner of Acton Hill Road and Top Road.

c) Communication. Community website running well. The Community Centre booking application is now linked to the BATTH website.

d) Environment.-

- e) Highways and Transport. No response from Police Commissioner.. Cllr Dellicompagni will get updated quotes for the SIDs and the installation costs. Cllr Wyatt has been pressing on potholes in Mill Lane and Acton Hill Road. This has been escalated to the Chief Executive and the legal department.. A major pothole in Common Lane Bednall has damaged several cars. The Partish Council is considering using Social Media to press for action and to elevate to the Chief Executive to try to get some movement.

23.128 Finance

- a) The accounts for the year up to 15th November were presented. The Investment account is currently £31,294.96. The Current account cashbook balance was £25,412.69
- b) Payment had been made between meetings for
Ditton Services -grass cutting November Standing Order £ 780.00
- c) The following cheques were agreed for payment.
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| Clerks salary –(less tax) November 2023 | £ 279.00 |
| Clerk's Home as Office (less tax) | £ 240.00 |
| Inland Revenue (PAYE) | £ 129.75 |
| Acton General Charity | £ 766.00 |
| A Thompson – Website renewal | £ 123.42 |
| Total | £ 1538.17 |

Effective Cashbook balance £ 23,874.52

Subsequently payment has been made to Bayliss & Cooke of the sum of £ 3812.60 in respect of the Insurance for the Community Centre.

23.129 Planning

The following planning applications are awaiting a decision.

23/00887/FUL Spring Paddock Common Lane Bednall
 Demolition of existing building and change of use of land for siting of a shepherd's hut for use as a holiday let.

23/00753/FUL The Seven Stars Cannock Road Bednall
 Retention of tipi for social functions along with associated compound, oil tank and space heater.

The Stables Field to north of Parkgate Lodge Teddesley Road Penkridge
 Proposed retention of traveller site on the site - Discharge of condition 5

23/00618/FUL Tudor House Mill Lane Acton Trussell
 Installation of ground mounted Solar PV system of 3 Arrays for personal use only.

23.130 Correspondence
Glasdon - Street furniture

23.131 Risks Potholes, footpath surfaces and drains.

23.132 Reports from Councillors:
 Land encroachment. Approach SSDC solicitor on the legal issues and send photos and land registry documents to Cllr Wyatt and Thompson.

It was agreed to hold the February meeting on Wednesday 21st February in Bednall Church. The last meeting held there was well attended by local residents.

23.133 Next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th January 2024 at 8.00 pm in Acton Trussell Community Centre.

This meeting will discuss the proposed budget and set a Precept for 2024-25

The meeting was closed at 10.05 pm.