

ACTON TRUSSELL, BEDNALL & TEDDESLEY HAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 15th January 2025
at 8.00 pm in the Parish Community Centre.

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

Public Session None.

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

25.01 Declarations of interest:

The Council approved a dispensation for the Councillors for consideration of the precept.

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

25.03 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 20th November had been circulated previously. The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

25.04 Matters Arising

The reorganization of the Charity Trusts associated with the Community Centre was still ongoing. The Parish Council confirmed that it was the entity to purchase the Car Park Land. Funds from the Charity would not be available at the moment.

25.05 County Councillors Report. No Report

25.06 District Councillors Report Cllr A Adams

He is chasing up the flooding in Bednall. Planning have been alerted to possible development at The Stables. An unchanged District Plan has been submitted to the Inspectorate with a decision in 2025.

25.07 Parish Plan

a) Community Centre & Recreation Field.

Bookings for the Community Centre are very good. A quotation has been received for cutting of the laurel hedge at the Community Centre. The emergency lights are very bright and the new security lights are impressive. Inspection of the Play equipment needs to be by a professional.

b) Website A “.gov.uk “ domain has been obtained and linked to the website. Related email addresses are being agreed.

c) Environment and Climate Change.

Bednall was our only competitor in the Best Kept Village but the planters in Acton Trussell are being maintained. Social Media will be used to ask for volunteers for the BKV in 2025. The Parish Council needs to consider whether it should continue to fight the Wilwood land inclusion subject to whether it might make matters worse on consideration of new housing in three years time. A £ 3000 limit was agreed to support opposition. We will continue with a Neighbourhood Plan.

25.08 Highways

There have been delays in obtaining poles for supporting the Speed Indicator Devices. The increase in traffic due to closure of Radford Bank has led to hammering of the road. Extensive repair will be needed once the works in the A34 complete.

25.09 Finance

- a) The accounts for the year up to 15th January 2025 were presented. The Investment account is currently £40,814.30. The Current account balance is now £12,777.98.

Payment had been made between meetings for

<i>Ditton Services -grass cutting</i>	<i>Dec 2024</i>	<i>Standing Order</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>907.00</i>
<i>Ditton Services -grass cutting</i>	<i>Jan 2025</i>	<i>Standing Order</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>907.00</i>

The following cheques were agreed for payment.

Clerk's salary – (less tax) Dec- Jan	£ 602.00
Inland Revenue (PAYE)	£ 331.20
Soc Local Council Clerks subscription	£ 150.00
A Collins -Legal Advice	£ 1,380.00
V A Peach Bednall BKV	£ 165.84
Total	<u>£ 2,629.04</u>

Effective Cashbook balance £ 10,148.94

b) Precept

The Clerk had circulated a draft budget and precept schedule for 2025/26 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 expenditure on Professional fees for the opposition to the District Plan and the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan. The current reserves will be depleted by expenditure on the purchase of the Car Park land at Bednall in this financial year. It was then agreed to make an increase (+£7500) on the previous precept. (~ 24 %). A revised budget will show a planned expenditure of £48,000 in 2025/6

Resolved that Acton Trussell, Bednall with Teddesley Hay Parish Council set a precept demand of £39,000 for 2025/26.

- c) Bramble removal and tree stump grinding. The Parish Council resolve to accept a quotation ~ £450 for clearing land on Lower Penkridge Road and will seek a further quotation for tree stumps on Top Road.
- d) It was agreed to join CPRE. (Council for the Protection of Rural England)

25.10 Planning

The following planning application is 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

The following planning application has been approved.

24/00905/FUL Deers Leap Lower Penkridge Road Acton Trussell

Two storey extension, remodel rear extension and front porch

The affordable housing being constructed in Bednall is largely complete and the Car Park is being laid out. Arrangements are now being made for the Conveyance of the land.

25.11 Correspondence

Glasdon – Street Furniture

Letter regarding Solicitors for the Land Purchase.

Letter from CPRE

25.12 Risks

Potholes, footpath surfaces and drains. Brambles on Lower Penkridge Road and the Recreation Field. Broken drain cover at the bottom of Miss Pickerings Field

25.13 Next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th February 2025 at 8.00pm in the Bednall Church.

The meeting was closed at 9.55 pm