

ACTON TRUSSELL, BEDNALL & TEDDESLEY HAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 20th March 2024
at 8.00pm in Acton Trussell Community Centre.

Present A Thompson(Chair), B Delicompagni, B Underhill, B Wyatt,
D Cllr A Adams in attendance Clerk D W Wright
Five members of the public

Public Session

A resident of Acton Hill Lane raised the potholes which are getting worse due to through traffic. Mill Lane had been closed for work on potholes but not clear whether this has been satisfactorily completed. . The Parish Council continues to work with Highways and many potholes have been repaired with hot process which is more longlasting. Speed limits needed on Acton Hill Road. Heavy lorries are cutting away the verges.

The Parish Council is pushing '20 is plenty' but Staffordshire County Council is not willing to fund it. The Parish Council is working on installing 3 Speed Indicator Devices and hope to get 50% match funding from SSDC

Nick Bates Technical Manager of Harper Construction and Leslie Birch of Housing Plus Group explained the progress on the planned affordable housing and car park in Bednall. Work will commence early April and completion will probably be at the end of March 2025. The carpark will have a geodesic system for the surface with gravel filled hexagon and seeded section as well. There is no gate into the housing from the carpark and there will be no carpark lighting. The planting scheme and construction schedule will be approved by the County Council. The carpark needs to have lockable access gates and means to restrict the height of vehicles. The entrance will be tarmac and an irrevocable right of access over Diocesan land has been confirmed.

Apologies: S Calvert, B Dellicompagni, D Marsden, T Williams , T Parrott, DCllr S Harper-Wallis

24.26 Declarations of interest: None

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

24.28 Minutes

The minutes of 21st February 2024 had been previously circulated. Cllr Wyatt had raised some points on the January minutes and felt that the minutes could be made clearer in some parts. Amendments suggested by Cllr Wyatt will be made to the January minutes. The circulation of unapproved minutes was discussed and it was agreed that a draft would be circulated to all councillors present at a meeting to allow comments before the agreed draft minutes were made publicly available.

24.29 Matters Arising

Bednall have submitted an entry to the Best Kept Village Competition but volunteers are needed for Acton Trussell. HugoFox will be asked to extend the security certificate for the Parish Council website.

24.30 County Councillors Report. No Report

24.31 District Councillors Report Cllr A Adams

SSDC has £325000 funding from the government for Community funding This could help some of the planned developments in the Community Centre.

24.32 Parish Plan

a) Car Park Maintenance agreement.

The Chair and Clerk have now signed the Car Park Maintenance agreement following the confirmation of an irrevocable easement for access. This seems to have now finally completed the 106 conditions required before work could commence.

b) Community Centre & Recreation Field.

There was a committee meeting three weeks ago. It considered a report on works suggested following a brain storming session. These works have been discussed with SSDC and they are working to see what could be beneficial and what could be funded. Priorities are to be determined. Installation of the gas cooker is going forward as well as inspection of the gas and electric systems. Cllr Wyatt will attend a meeting on funding streams.

c) Highways.

The Parish Council is trying to get funding for the SIDs poles and their installation from SSDC as part of a SSDC scheme. Whilst this seems possible, arrangements are still fluid and uncertain.

24.33 Finance

- a) The accounts for the year up to 20th March 2024 were presented. The Investment account is currently £40,432.292. The Current account balance is now £6,468.66.

Payment had been made between meetings for

<i>Ditton Services -grass cutting Mar 2024 Standing Order</i>	£	780.00
<i>HugoFox website subscription paid 24th Feb</i>	£	23.99
The following cheques were agreed for payment.		
Clerk's salary – (less tax) Mar 2024	£	279.00
Clerk-part contribution for Broadband	£	300.00
Inland Revenue (PAYE)	£	69.75
Total	£	<u>648.75</u>

Effective Cashbook balance £ 5,819.91

- b) The Parish Council discussed the Clerks salary and agreed an increase to an hourly rate of £18 per hour ~ £ 5616 per annum. The Parish Council will in future review the Clerk's salary when determining the precept each year in January

24.34 Planning The following planning applications are awaiting a decision.

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

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

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

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

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.

The following planning applications have been approved.

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

23/01024/FUL Land of Common Lane Bednall
New access to agricultural field.

23/01029/FULHH Bednall Hall Farm Common Lane Bednall
Excavation of earth to lay a patio area at the rear of the property

24.35 Correspondence

Glasdon – Equipment for Local Council
SLCC. The Parish Council will apply for a free framed official portrait of the King.

24.36 Risks Potholes, footpath surfaces and drains.

24.37 Reports from Councillors: None.

24.38 Next meeting

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

The meeting was closed at 10.20 pm.