

ACTON TRUSSELL, BEDNALL & TEDDESLEY HAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 16th September 2026
at 8.00 pm in the Parish Community Centre

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

Apologies CCllr C Humphreyson A Thompson, B Wyatt, D Marsden

26.102 Public Session. No matters raised.

26.103 Declarations of interest:
None.

26.104 Minutes
The minutes of the meeting of 19th August had been circulated previously. The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

26.105 Matters Arising
Bednall Car Park.
No progress on resolving the Highway issue about the gas pipe depth. The car park has been maintained and the overgrown grass cut

Neighbourhood Plan. A meeting was held on Tuesday 25th August to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan. More information should be available at the next meeting.

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.

26.106 County Councillors Report. No Report

26.107 District Councillors Report Cllr A Adams
The government has paused/ cancelled the reorganization of local councils. The draft local plan has not yet been approved. Elections for the existing Council will now be held next May. The grant for the well-being activity at the Community Centre has been approved.

26.108 Parish Plan

- a) Community Centre & Recreation Field.
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 but the grant has now been frozen because of the Government has halted the merger of SSDC and no grants are being released. No date for the release of funds is available but work should not commence before the grant is actually received or the grant will be lost. The Community Centre will consider whether they wish to proceed or delay work at their next committee meeting.
- b) Website & Communication. Leaflet distribution for the meetings on the Neighbourhood Plan and development of site 036c. Facebook page is now running.
- c) Environment and Climate Change.
The Parish Council agreed to provide £150 to pay for new " No Litter" signs and £120 for winter bedding plants.
- d) Highways.
Pothole repairs have been made on Bednall Road but some have been missed. The Parish Council requested in 1995 that the footpath from Top Road to Lower Penkridge Road be added to the definite map of footpaths in Staffordshire. This application has now reached the top of the worklist and we have confirmed that we still wish to proceed with addition of the footpath to the definite map. Ownership of the footpath is undetermined although the Parish

Council has done some clearance in the past and its current condition is poor and possibly dangerous. The Parish Council will look for possible assistance from local companies and volunteers to restore the path to a safe state.

26.109 Finance

- a) The Accounts for 2025-26 had been audited and approved by the external auditor. There were no matters to bring to the attention of the Council.
- b) The accounts for the year up to 16th September were presented. The Investment account is currently £30,254.90. The Current account cashbook balance was £21,597.72. A contribution to the purchase of the AV equipment has been received from the Community Centre.
- c) The Clerk reported that his salary which is linked to a National Salary Scale had increased from £ 5796 to £ 5988 per year from April 2026. He also reported that the monthly charge for grounds maintenance from Ditton Services had actually increased from £907 to £ 970.48 from 1st April 2026

- d) Payment had been made between meetings for

<i>Ditton Services -grass September 2026 Standing Order</i>	£ 907.00
<i>Bank charges and website charges</i>	£ 49.23

- e) The following cheques were agreed for payment.

Clerks salary –(less tax) inc backpay September 2026	£ 463.10
National Insurance	£ 24.65
Inland Revenue (PAYE)	£ 115.80
AEDonate Defib pads for Community Centre	£ 71.94
Ditton SO adjustment	£ 380.88
Total	£ 1056.37

492.90

Effective Cashbook balance £ 20,541.35

26.110 Planning

The following application is under consideration

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

The following application has been approved.

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

26.111 Correspondence

Responses to Freedom of Information requests.
Confirmation of Data Registration completion.
Reports on Defibrillator status
Request for authorised signature on Footpath application
Play Area equipment from several suppliers.

26.112 Risks Potholes, Hedges, footpath surfaces and drains.

26.113 Next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st October 2026 at 8.00pm in the Parish Community Centre.

The meeting was closed at 9.08 pm