

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.
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| 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 |
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| 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
Proposed outbuilding as working from home & entertaining space.

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
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.

23.44 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.