

ACTON TRUSSELL, BEDNALL & TEDDESLEY HAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 21st January 2026
at 8.00 pm in the Parish Community Centre

Present A Thompson (Chair), T Williams, T Parrott, B Dellicompagni, S Calvert D Marsden
C Cllr Craig Humphreyson, D Cllr A Adams
Three members of the public in attendance Clerk D W Wright

Public Session Questions were raised about the installation of the Speed indicator Devices and the opposition to the Soth Staffordshire Local Plan. Cutting of trees in Hempits Grove is still waiting a quotation for the work.

26.01 Apologies Cllr B Wyatt, C Evans

26.02 Declarations of interest:
The Council approved a dispensation for the Councillors for consideration of the precept

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

26.04 Matters Arising

- a) Neighbourhood Plan. A working draft had been circulated. Now setting up a photographic competition to get some newer and better photographs for inclusion in the Plan.
- b) Local Plan Presentations have been made to the inspectors with additional responses on behalf of the Parish Council and Neighbourhood
- c) Bednall Car Park. Awaiting a transfer document from the vendor's solicitor for purchase of land so that it can be signed. This has been delayed by a change of the solicitor due to a resignation.
- d) Speed Indicator Devices. Solar Panels installed and commissioned. The parish council is grateful to a local resident who provided the services of an electrician.

26.05 County Councillor report – Craig Humphreyson
He met with SSC Highways at Gailey to discuss the damage to Mill Lane Bridge. They cannot do a repair until the weather is better. Consider road markings to narrow the bridge.

26.06 District Councillors Report Cllr A Adams.
The proposed erection of a stable block in Mill Lane is being called in. He outlined the presentation he will make to the Planning Committee. There is insufficient land for the keeping of the proposed horses.

26.07 Parish Plan

- a) Community Centre & Recreation Field.
A lot improvement work going on.. The Overhead Projector and Screen and New Speakers are now use in the Main Hall. Valentine Day event will be on 23th February not 14th.. The football teams have been unable to play because of the weather and the field is too wet. Matches will now be on both Saturday and Sunday once the weather improves to allow the season to be completed. Need to ensure that there is availability for members of the parish.
A possible scheme for providing some involvement of the Parish Council in the proposed CIO for the Community Centre. It was suggested that the formation of advisory committee in the CIO with an appointed Parish Council trustee might resolve most of previously expressed concerns. The work of Ben and David Marsden in resolving problems was much appreciated.
- b) Website & Communication Running well. Both villages are now equipped to supply Fibre to the Premises although not all have taken it up. A sample survey on the Website could be used to look at the experience of the FTTP in the villages.
- c) Highways.
There is still running water in Bednall from a spring. One Speed Indicator Device is now working on Lower Penkridge Road

26.08 Finance

The accounts for the year up to 21st January 2026 were presented. The Investment account is currently £30,152.95. The Current account balance is now £6,306.56.

Payment had been made between meetings for			
<i>Ditton Services -grass cutting</i>	<i>Dec 2025</i>	<i>Standing Order</i>	£ 907.00
<i>Ditton Services -grass cutting</i>	<i>Jan 2026</i>	<i>Standing Order</i>	£ 907.00
<i>HugoFox website charges</i>			£ 89.96
<i>Bank charges</i>			£ 12.75
<i>Hilton Main SID post installation</i>			£ 2970.51
<i>SID Solar panels etc</i>			£ 268.06
<i>SID installation</i>			£ 840.00
<i>SLCC subscription</i>			£ 116.00
<i>Practical Audio -Projector etc</i>			£ 11162.76

The following cheques were agreed for payment.

Clerk's salary – (less tax) Dec- Jan	£ 748.80
Inland Revenue (PAYE)	£ 197.20
Total	£ 2,629.04

Effective Cashbook balance £ 5,340.56

26.09 Precept

The Clerk had circulated a draft budget and precept schedule for 2026/27 based on a 10% increase in the precept. The Council reviewed the budget and agreed that it generally covered the expected expenditure including 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 the current financial year. It was agreed to make an increase (+£4000) on the previous precept. (~ 10 %). The approved budget shows a planned expenditure of £53,400 in 2026/27

Resolved that Acton Trussell, Bednall with Teddesley Hay Parish Council set a precept demand of £43,000 for 2026/27.

26.10 Planning

The following applications are being considered.

25/00894/FULHH Acton Close, Lower Penkridge Road Acton Trussell
Single storey front, side and rear extensions and other external alterations

25/00782/FUL Land on South Westside of Cannock Road Bednall
New access to A34

25/00651/FUL Land at 392863 319269 Mill Lane Acton Trussell
Erection of stable block

25/00708/FUL Ivy Cottage Teddesley Park Penkridge
Retention of outbuildings for equestrian use.

26.11 Correspondence

Brochures for Playground equipment

26.12 Risks Potholes, footpath surfaces and drains.

Hedges still need cutting back. Bungalow in Mill Lane and Cookes Bank by Wattles Lane.

26.13 Reports from Councillors

Cllr D Marsden attended the Parish Summit. It was mainly about the Reorganisation of Local Government but also included the transfer of community assets.
Fingerpost at Top Road/Acton Hill Road need an arm repairing.

26.14 Next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th February 2026 at 8.00pm in the Parish Community Centre.

The meeting was closed at 10.23 pm