

ACTON TRUSSELL, BEDNALL & TEDDESLEY HAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 18th January 2023 at 8.00pm. in Acton Trussell Community Centre.

Present T Williams (Chair), T Parrot, A Thompson, B Wyatt, S Calvert, A Rowlands
D Cllr L Bates, D Cllr A Adams n attendance Clerk D W Wright
One member of the public

Public session None

Apologies, B Dellicompagni D Marsden Cllr D Williams

23.01 Declarations of interest: None

23.02 Minutes

The minutes of 16th November 2022 had been previously circulated. The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman

23.03 Matters Arising

The Parish Council has written to strongly oppose the inclusion of a potential site for housing development, adjacent to Wildwood at Acton Hill and within the parish of Acton Trussell. The Standing Orders had been examined in detail by Cllr Thomson and a small change made to the paragraph numbering. They were re-approved.

23.04 County Councillors Report. D Williams

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23.05 District Councillors Report, L Bates

SSDC has prepared a draft local plan for 2018-39 and Public consultation started on 11th November for 6 weeks up to 23rd December. However due to a new ambiguity on the requirement to consider neighbouring authorities needs SSDC will continue to work on the plan. It is likely that the submission to the Inspector will be later than the original date in March.. It was suggested to invite the relevant Council Officer to the next parish council meeting or a public meeting. Cllr Bates had hosted a Climate Change meeting for young people at the Kingswood Trust with more than 20 schools attending. Children were updated on what SSDC was doing about climate change and took part in a debate, before going on a tour of the facilities. Youth committees are part of SSDC policy on Climate Change. A speaker will invited from SSDC for the March meeting to give presentation on Climate Change. The next Parish Summit is on 10th February at 9.00am

23.06 Parish Plan

a) Community Centre & Recreation Field.

The Chairman has been unable to finish at the end of the year as no replacement had come forward to take over. An application for support from the District Council to help fund more social get togethers as part of a "Warm Hub" approach during the coming winter in addition to the regular Thursday Tea Room was successful and a grant of £1000 had been awarded. The Tea room will now be open on each Monday lunch time for free soup and a bread roll. The Insurance has been renewed but a recent gas safety inspection highlighted the poor state of the cooker which needs renewing. The possible installation of a public WiFi system is being considered. Sue Calvert has taken over as Booking Secretary but a computerised system is a possibility to enable users to book online. The bookings are going very well and the large Hall is heavily booked.

Councillor Wyatt asked about the background to the regular loan payments mandated by the Charity Commission to repay moneys used towards the construction costs of current Community centre. The Acton Trussell General Charity (formerly the Trustees of the Sale of the Old Village Hall) has accumulated about £30,000 but its future use is controlled by the Trustees and required to be only used for purchase of assets in perpetuity. The Trustees were approached previously about using the funds for the purchase of the car park land in Bednall but the Trustees could not agree to release the money because of some of the Charity Commission's requirements. Cllr Wyatt will seek some *pro bono* legal advice on these restrictions.

b) Communication. Website running well.

c) Environment.- Climate Change The Best Kept Village Competition entries start in March. Acton Trussell will probably be entering. Some tree planting could be organised in the Recreation Field and elsewhere.

- d) Highways and Transport. The drains at A34 and one at the A449 end of Mill Lane are still blocked. The Clerk will write to Cllr Williams requesting a list of work already done in the parish and a list of work still to be done with a proposed schedule so that it can be presented to our parishioners.
The application for a license to install post for Speed Indication Devices has been approved.

23.07 Finance

- a) The accounts for the year up to 18th January 2023 were presented. The Investment account is currently £31,091.64. The Current account balance is now £13,364.16.

Payment had been made between meetings for

<i>Ditton Services -grass cutting Dec 2022 Standing Order</i>	£	780.00
<i>Ditton Services -grass cutting Jan 2023 Standing Order</i>	£	780.00
<i>Bayliss & Cooke - Community Centre Insurance</i>	£	3541.00

The following cheques were agreed for payment.

Clerk's salary – (less tax) Dec- Jan	£	518.00
Clerk-Home as Office	£	240.00
Inland Revenue (PAYE)	£	189.50
Soc Local Council Clerks subscription	£	112.00
V A Peach Bednall BKV	£	198.22
Total	£	<u>1257.72</u>

Effective Cashbook balance £ 12,106.44

- b) Precept

The Clerk had circulated a draft budget and precept schedule for 2023/24 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 future inflation. It was then agreed to make an increase (+£2000) on the previous precept.(~ 7%). A revised budget will be published.

Resolved that Acton Trussell, Bednall with Teddesley Hay Parish Council set a precept demand of £30,000 for 2023/24.

23.08 Planning

The following planning applications are awaiting a decision.

22/01074/FUL Coppice Farm Cannock Road, Bednall
Erection of a permanent rural workers dwelling

22/00921/FUL Acton Close Lower Penkridge Road Acton Trussell
Two storey side extension, remodel to existing layout including changing windows and a new porch.

22//01024/FUL Tudor House Mill Lane Acton Trussell
Proposed double garage

22/00921/FUL Millers Lodge Top Road Acton Trussell
Demolition of existing bungalow and residential development of 4 no x 4 bed detached houses.
This application has been called in by the District Councillor.

23.09 Correspondence

SSDC -- Draft Local Plan- Delay to consider changed Government guidance
Grants for Warm Hub – Payment information

23.10 Risks Potholes, footpath surfaces and drains.

23.11 Reports from Councillors

The encroachment onto the verge at 2 St Janes Crescent is still in the hands of the County Council highways and Legal departments. Replacement tree planting at the Stables off Common Lane has not been completed and needs action by the Enforcement Officer

23.12 Next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th February 2023 at 8.00 pm in Acton Trussell Community Centre.

The meeting was closed at 9.50 pm.