**PRESENT:** CllrL Hurdley (Chairman), Cllr Harvey, Cllr Briscoe, Cllr Williams, Cllr Hemming, Cllr Adams, Cllr Owen, Cllr C Pryce and Cllr Benniman. The clerk and Cllr E Potter.

**APOLOGIES for absence accepted from:** P Williams.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None**

1. **THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on the 6th November 2019. Resolved to accept and sign minutes as a true record.
2. **PARISH MATTERS.**

536.1 **Police Report.** Already circulated and on file.

536.2 **The Local Member** addressed the meeting.

* Flooding meeting held 08.01.2020. Riparian Ownership letters to be sent out. Road drains have been jetted, but there are blockages which will be resolved. The bridges are the responsibility of SC and will be dredged (at the same time as the stream). Flood prevention Grant applications available in February.
* Highways Matters. Meeting at Marton Village Hall at 11 am on 17th January with Councillors and P Dunne.
* Homelessness in Shropshire –16 in whole of county down from 21. All offered accommodation. Cold Weather Officers try and encourage rough sleepers to go to the Ark.

536.3 Resignation of Cllr D Sandbach. Noted. Clerk instructed to send a thank you letter.

536.4 **Playing Field**

1. Westbury Childrens Play Area. Noted. Clerk instructed to obtain more quotes.
2. Westbury Boundary Site Fence needs to be re-clipped. Cllr Briscoe to progress.
3. Worthen Junior Football. Noted.
4. Yockleton Bridge, repairs have been instructed and will be undertaken when weather permits.
5. Thank you from residents of Yockleton for the new path in the playing area.

536.5 Road Closure – Lower Wallop. Noted.

536.6 Road Closure - Yew Tree Cottage. Noted.

536.7 Winsley Bends, all drains lifted up and flooded. Hazard bollards are not effective. Noted.

536.8 Pot holes and flooding from Nox (turn right over bridge and turn right again down to Edge).

536.9 Email Shropshire Council Insurance details to councillors for claims.

536.10 Flooding at Hinwood Cemetery. Reported to Shropshire Council.

536.11 Smart Water Kit distribution. Clerk instructed to put in the newsletters, roll out May.

536.12 Legal Transfer of Powell Field. Westbury Parish Council Standing Orders 13a resolved to authorise and Standing Order 13b resolved to instruct Cllrs L Hurdley and R Williams to sign, clerk to witness.

1. **PLANNING MATTERS.**

537.1 Noted.

 537.2 19/05152/FUL Wallop Hill Farm. Support.

 537.3 19/05293/FUL Sylvan Cottage. Support.

1. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

 538.1 Bills & Accounts**.** Resolved to accept and authorise for payment.

 538.2 2020/21 Precept requested. Noted.

 538.3 New cheque signatory. R Hemmings.

 **539. QUESTIONS from members of the public.**

The Council was asked what the monies held on account are being used for. They are still held on account to be used for the children of the village of Westbury.

**540. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED. None.**

 **541. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS. None.**

**There being no further business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.15.**

**L Hurdley............................................ 2020.**