**PRESENT:** L Hurdley (Chairman), R Hemming, Mrs. G Owen, Mrs. C Harvey, R Briscoe, R Williams, Ms A Adams, the clerk, Cllr E Potter and members of the public.

**APOLOGIES for absence accepted from:** P Williams, D Sandbach, S Benniman and C Pryce

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None**.**

**441.** **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN - Cllr. L. Hurdley.**

**ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN - Cllr. D. Sandbach.**

**442. DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF CHAIRMAN’S OFFICE was signed at the meeting.**

**443. PARISH REPRESENTATIVES**

# The Westbury United Charity- Sean Royle and Barbara Jones; Miss C Pryce-Westbury school field (Powell); P Williams- Yockleton playing area; R Williams- Westbury playing field; Les Hurdley-Westbury Village Hall; R Hemmings - Yockleton Village Hall; Miss Pryce streetlights and R Williams will check the children’s play area on weekly basis.

**444.** St Marys School Site - Westbury Parish Council Representative – A Adams and D Sandbach.

# 445. THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on the 7th March, 2018. Resolved to accept and sign minutes as a true record.

**446. Matters Arising** None.

**447. Parish Matters**

447.1. A presentation was made to the Parish Council by Liam Cowden, Principal Planning Policy Officer on the proposed Hub designation of Westbury. A local plan review is being undertaken and Westbury has been identified as a hub (no 21 on the list) using a points based system. This system is currently being reassessed following concerns from the Parish Council that services identified were in fact not in place and further services have now been lost. In the previous local plan review Westbury chose not to be a hub and remain as countryside resulting in little development in the settlement. Mr Cowden felt that this could be what has resulted in the loss of services in Westbury. Council Officers need to go through three more matters of details with the parish council to identify what the village of Westbury would look like and asked that Westbury PC appoint councillors to represent Westbury and attend a meeting. The three areas are settlement guideline, number of houses, development boundary and specific sites for development. A further meeting is desired to explore options in regards to past issues and current developments. Infrastructure, surface water flooding (drainage system) and sewerage are concerns of this Parish Council if development proceeds. Current environmental flood maps to not show the correct areas that flood. A call for sites has been put out and these are now being looked at in detail. If Westbury does not meet the points based criteria to become a Hub, then the decision to include the village can be officer led (decisions cannot be made only on local recommendations). Mr Cowden does not want Westbury to remain as open countryside and would like to see Westbury developed in a positive manner.

Over 100 people attended a meeting in December 2017 and voted for open countryside. There are properties in Broxton’s Wood which are empty. Councillors are concerned that Shropshire Council are not listening to the residents of this area. If Westbury were to become a hub what kind of houses would be built? Family and smaller developments? How can Shropshire council ensure developers build the correct type of housing? Are you aware of any developers interested in Westbury? Mr Cowden was not in a position to answer these questions fully. There were concerns that this is not an open and transparent process. The Clerk summed up that Westbury may not be technically assessed as a hub, but an officer led decision could be made and any objections would be taken into account by the Government Inspector. This process will be revisited in five years. The Chairman thanked Liam for attending.

447.2. Police Report. Already circulated and on file. Noted.

447.3. Unitary Councillors Report. Local Member addressed the council. He has referred a Yockleton resident to a local councillor who has concerns regarding dog mess (dog waste bin) and condition of the play area, the clerk advised that an inspection is in booked for June. He attended a meeting in Worthen about speeding along the whole length of the B4386, which is being used as an A road, he is working with Roger Evans and Heather Kidd. Youth funding continues to be an issue. They had managed to secure £12,000 plus £3,000 to cover five areas. LJC meeting on the 23rd May, 2018 – if DS cannot attend another member should attend. Ed Potter is looking for additional funding as a youth club in Westbury is a priority due to the depravation in this area. He has held meetings with local police teams, housing associations and council officers about anti-social behaviour. Incidents can be reported to the police confidentially. Pot holes – there are a huge number of pot holes in the roads in Shropshire and the previous contractor was not effective and did not carry out works in the last six months, a new contractor has taken over and is now catching up on works. Bulk of council tax is spent on adult and children’s social care. The flooding at the crossing point in Westbury has been reported. Place Plan Review - both he and the clerk have notified Shropshire Council of all comments and concerns and advised of mistakes in the evaluation of the village and further services which are now not in situ. He does not feel he would be able to support an officer led decision given that the vast majority of residents are not in favour of development.

447.4. Annual Donations. Yockleton and Westbury Church £500 each, Westbury and Yockleton Village Halls £500 each and Shropshire Playing Fields Association £30. Resolved.

447.5. Highways. Woodcote Roundabout works 11th June - 7th July. Overnight closure. Clerk advised that the Leigh road would be closed for 3 weeks June/July.

447.6. Clerk responded to EMG consultation. Noted.

447.7. Crime Commissioner Consultation into current policing within West Mercia. Noted.

447.8. GDPR – Adoption of Policy Document. Resolved to accept.

447.9. Notice Board for Fords Heath will be installed by council member.

447.10. There are concerns that Shropshire Council have not carried out works to the school field/Powell field. Local member will chase.

447.11. Benches will be put in place by local volunteer. Council member will liaise.

**448. Planning Matters**

448.1. 18/01107/FUL: The Mill, Cruckton, Shrewsbury- Granted

448.2. 18/01248/SCR: Land At Yockleton Growers, Yockleton- Noted.

448.3. 18/01468/FUL: Heath View Farm, Fords Heath. Resolved to support.

448.4. 18/01624/OHL: Hawcocks Farm, Westbury. Resolved to support.

**449. Financial Matters**

449.1. Parish accounts. Resolved to accept and authorise cheques for payment.

449.2. Internal Audit report read out and noted.

449.3. Annual Governance Statement. Resolved to complete and authorised chair and RFO to sign.

449.4. Accounting Statements. Resolved to complete and authorised chair and RFO to sign.

449.5. Parish Council is except from the requirement to have a limited assurance review. Resolved to certify and authorise RFO and Chairman to sign Certificate of Exemption.

449.6. Section 137 expenditure limit is £7.86 per elector. Noted.

**450. Reports** of Meetings and correspondence.

450.1. Shropshire Seniors Magazine. Noted.

**451. Questions** from members of the public. None.

**452. Confidential Matters.**

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| **ACTIONS** |  |  |
| 447.1 | Representatives to meet Planning Policy Officers | Clerk, Cllr Hurdley and Cllr Adam |
| 447.3 | LJC Meeting-23rd May 2018 | Councillor |
| 447.8 | GDPR | Clerk |
| 447.10 | Westbury School Site/Powell Field | Local Member |
| 447.11 | Benches | Councillor/Volunteer |
| 448 | Planning Matters | Clerk |
| 449 | Accounts and Audit | Clerk |

**The next meeting of this parish council will be held on 4th July 2018 at Westbury Village Hall and will commence at 7.30 pm.**

**There being no further business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.10**

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

**4th July 2018**