

iii) auto enrolment of pensions: MW reported that where employees did not wish to be enrolled into a pension scheme the administrative requirements were less burdensome than first thought. The council has to write to any employee and offer them the opportunity to be enrolled; if the employee declines then a certificate of compliance can be submitted on-line to HMRC. MW will make the arrangements as necessary.

046/16 – The Antelope path: MW and DM had meet Liz Abraham, Head of Property at Hall and Woodhouse at 9.30 am on Thursday 4th February. H&W have aspirations to develop the field to the rear of the Antelope and would be interested in engaging with the Neighbourhood Plan group once it is up and running. A path to the shop could form part of any development. In terms of building a path now, the prospects have diminished as DCC Highways have said the crossing point onto the road would be too dangerous unless access was available through the garden of the neighbouring property. SM will speak to the owner, Mr Langhelt. MW will also ask Highways if a shorter path might allow a safer and acceptable road crossing – some path better than none?

047/16 – Speed Indicator Device: MW has contacted Sturminster Newton Town Council which is going to undertake various traffic surveys before deciding whether to invest in a SID. They will keep us informed as matters develop.

048/16 - Fingerposts: MW reported that the new post for Kingston will cost £780. PB will pay half from her councillors discretionary allowance. DM has repaired the post at the school. He will also make a new arm for the post between the school and Woolland once MW has acquired the necessary letter.

049/16 – Churchfoot Lane: 10 trees have been ordered for planting by JB Gardens at a total cost of £314. MW has also asked for the cemetery hedge to be cut asap.

050/16 – Community defibrillator: It was reported that the shop would be prepared to have the equipment on the outside of the building; the hall too would be happy. MW will make further investigation into outside cases.

051/16 – Recreation field: AR ran through the draft minutes of the last committee meeting – these were noted. The next meeting is due on 7th February (subsequently postponed as no venue is available – another date is being arranged)

052/16 – Village hall – report: The showing of Paddington in half-term was a great success. The Jurassic World is the next film being shown.

053/16 – DCC/NDDC Cllr Batstone: PB reported that the river under the bridge to Mappowder has been de-silted. Most of her time has been taken up with budget and organisational change matters.

054/16 - Public open session: The usefulness of the SID device was supported.

055/16 – Correspondence to note: i) mobile library – a new timetable starts in early May. MW has asked for posters etc. Cuts have not been made to the Hazelbury Bryan service.

056/16 – Date of next meeting: Tuesday 5th April 2016 at 8.00 pm in the village hall

057/16 – Close of meeting: With no further business to discuss SM closed the meeting at 9.20pm.