

b) An email had been received from the Chief Executive, East Dorset District Council asking for a Town Council representative to be elected to the Hub Executive Committee. The Clerk had received the names of Cllr. A.R. Nicholls and Cllr. Ms. J. Russell who were interested in being the representative. Both members spoke regarding their suitability for the post. A paper ballot was requested after which it was RESOLVED that Cllr. Ms. J. Russell is duly elected to act as the Town Council representative on the Executive Committee of the Hub. The Clerk will inform the District Council.

- 268/08 The Report of the Plans Consultative Committee meeting held 7th January 2009 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.
- 269/08 The Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held 13th January 2009 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.
- 270/08 Report from the Mayor.
The Mayor gave a report on functions she had attended which included: Verwood Age Concern Christmas Lunch; a meeting with Alan Bennett, a local writer who was gathering information about all towns in Dorset for a book - One Year in the Life of Dorset; a dinner commemorating 40 years in business of the local Funeral Director; a Christmas Concert by the Verwood Concert Brass at the Hub; a civic carol service in Ringwood; the launch of the new cardiovascular equipment at the Verwood Leisure Centre.
- 271/08 Report of Representatives on Other Bodies.
a) **PACT Meeting.** A short report was given on the last meeting where matters discussed included the fly-tipping at the Verwood Cemetery to which the Police agreed to include the Cemetery in their patrols.
b) **Verwood Memorial Hall.** A report was given on: the finishing of the refurbishment to the front of the Hall; that fundraising had raised £1,649.71 since the end of October; details of the Golden Jubilee to be held on Saturday 9th May 2009.
- 272/08 Internet Councillor.
No report this month.
- 273/08 Press & P.R.
No report this month.
- 274/08 Verwood Community Association.
A report was given on: Finances; that the new cardiovascular equipment in the gym had been well received; membership of the Leisure Centre; redecorating of the Leisure Centre; the delay of the demolition of Ilkley Moor on Potterne Park due to the discovery of

bats; the replacement of the play equipment in the Potterne Park Play Area which would take place in April 2010.

275/08 Verwood Hub Community Association.

No report this month.

276/08 Reports of the County & District Councillors.

County Councillor S.Flower. A written report was circulated to members which included: that the County Council were preparing to offer local businesses help during the downturn and that the Cabinet would be considering the issue on 21st January; details of the Budget for 2009/10; the extension of the 30 mph speed limit in Verwood Road, Three Legged Cross. Cllr. Flower also reported that he had been asked to look into an article that appeared in a local newspaper which stated that repairs to unadopted roads are carried out by the Council.

District Councillor P. Richardson. A written report was circulated to members which included: Information on the Pride of East Dorset Awards for which the closing date for nominations is Friday 30th January 2009; information on focus groups being held in January which will review the action taken from matters raised in the Equalities and Diversity exercises held at East Dorset District Council; the Budget Review Process 2009/10 and the Forecast 2010/11; information of the new look of the Moors Valley Country Park web site – www.moors-valley.co.uk/index.asp

277/08 D.A.P.T.C. 'Newsletter'

No issues were raised.

278/08 Accounts.

It was proposed and seconded and RESOLVED that the accounts totalling £10,509.15 for January were approved for payment.

279/08 Items of report and matters for future agendas.

a) It was reported that the Verwood Recreation Ground Play Area would be closed for refurbishment on 2nd March 2009 for approximately two weeks. Signs with details of the closure would go up closer to the date.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.56 p.m.

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Mayor