| Present: Chair of General Purposes Cllr. Geraldine Watson |
| Cllr Neville Hudson Chairman of BPC |
| Cllr Marcel Pooke (MP) Vice Chair of BPC |
| Cllr Robert Wright |
| Cllr Phil Fellows |
| Cllr Max Houghton |
| Clerk to the Council Caroline Vincent |

**Apologies:** There were no apologies

**Declarations of Interest:**

**GPC19/26** – There were no declarations of interest.

**Minutes**

GPC19/27 The Minutes of the GP Meeting, held on 10th December 2019 were presented for approval. The Minutes were agreed as a true and complete record. The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**Matters arising from the Minutes**

GPC19/28 – there were no matters arising.

**Actions Outstanding: N/A**

**GPC19/29 Chairman’s Report – Chair to update members**

Cllr Watson reported that someone had come forward to chair the Christmas group.

Cllr Watson updated members about the VE Day weekend, starting with the Friday event. Cllr N Blankley has taken on the activities for the Friday where there will hopefully be a children’s street party, some volunteers have offered to help with this. On the Saturday there will be a 1940’s Day. Cllr Watson worked with Cllr G Kup to put a proposal together for Thanet Earth who as a result have agreed to sponsor us £4,500.

At the event will be a marquee with tables/chairs, a bar run by Shepherd Neame, a Pimm’s bar, an inflatable widescreen and projector, professional sound and audio company to work this with VE Day news reels and supplying PA equipment with a sound engineer. Portaloos, currently being arranged. TDC have allowed us to use all green spaces in Minnis Bay. Sir Roger Gale will be coming along at 2.30pm to judge the best in show
class at the dog show. There will be a Best Jams and Chutneys Show, the CEO of Thanet Earth has been asked to judge this. There will also be pony rides, roundabouts, singalongs, dance workshops and stalls.

Cllr Watson mentioned that BIB had spoken to her about funding to create community gardens, and wondered if the back of the library was a possibility? This is KCC land, so members suggested not this area. Coleman Stairs was also suggested but it was felt the land there was not the best for planting as has a lot of dog walkers. Members had a discussion on the Coleman Stairs bridge and being unable to see when going over the bridge if anyone is there due to the bridge having such high sides, this is believed to be KCC owned and to be directed to them.

Members also suggested a new allotment as a community garden, this could be part of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Millwood Homes own part of the land next to the current allotments, could this be used to expand our current allotments? This will all be part of the plans presented on the 14th by the developers.

Cllr Hudson said Friday the 8th is a Civic Day and we will be using Dog Acre, the silver band will be playing, last post as outlined in the national programme of VE Day celebrations. Blend will be singing after and a Punch and Judy show will be at 12, with balloons and clowning as part of the children’s party, ladies from the RBL are keen to volunteer with this.

VE Day survivors within the village were discussed and members felt there should be some recognition to them and suggested ideas, this will be investigated further by the RBL.

GPC19/30 Clerk Correspondence
No correspondence

Meeting closed at 19.pm
Date of next meeting Tuesday 10th March at 6.55pm