DEuntas of interest
There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES FC2019/43
The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 19th November 2019, were presented for approval. Councillor R Wright moved approval and Councillor N Blankley seconded, all agreed. The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting and the Chairman signed the minutes. The minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on the 10th December 2019, were presented for approval. Councillor G Watson moved approval and Councillor N Blankley seconded, all agreed. The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting and the Chairman signed the minutes.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT FC2019/44
Councillor N Hudson thanked all of those who organised the Christmas event, particularly Geraldine Watson and Ray Holland, he said it was a stunning event enjoyed by all, very well done to all involved.

The Neighbourhood Plan version 4A is currently being worked on and has been reviewed by TDC planners to ensure BPC is on the right track with producing the plan. There are just a few minor alterations to be made and it is hoped to go to consultation with residents within the next couple of months. Regular updates of the Neighbourhood Plan will be added to the BPC website in due course and details will also be in the BPC magazine. A calendar of events is currently being worked on by the Clerk and Clerks assistant, if anyone has contact details of organisations please forward on to them and please pass on details of any events for the coming year.
Councillor Hudson announced the Civic Awards this year will be on Friday 25th September and if anyone would like to make a nomination to please contact the Clerk.

SHELTERS – FC2019/45
The shelters group BSAG would like to work on two more shelters this year, shelters 7 and 8. The group raise funds with fund raising events and grant funding. There is currently a shortfall to carry out work on both shelters, Councillor N Hudson proposed to members that we donate £5,000 from this year’s underspend of budget.

Resolved: All members unanimously agreed to donate £5,000 to BSAG.

Councillor N Hudson continued by reporting that shelter 1 near the Minnis Bar and Restaurant has suffered damage by the recent storm and TDC had inspected the shelter and deemed it to be unsafe and Heras fencing had been placed around it. This one is not currently a shelter that is within the planned works to be re-built this year but as it is poses a risk to the public, Councillor N Hudson proposed to members that it be demolished and a concrete plinth be in place with benches until it can be re-built. Planning have already been contacted to check if the shelter is listed.

Resolved: Councillor N Hudson proposed, and Councillor R Wright seconded, all members unanimously agreed to demolish shelter 1 once Planning have confirmed if the shelter is listed.

VE DAY – FC2019/46
Councillor G Watson spoke about the up and coming VE Day celebrations this May, which will include a 1940’s Day at the Dip in Minnis Bay. All the paperwork for this needs to be in by the end of next week, which is currently being arranged. Several site meetings have taken place with contractors and Shepherd Neame, just a few issues to sort out with arranging drinking water on site and portaloos. This event is very involved, and more volunteers are needed.

Councillor G Watson spoke about the Friday of this weekend which a children’s street party has yet to be organised. Councillor Watson had asked for volunteers, but no-one had come forward yet. Councillor N Blankley said he was more than happy to help alongside Councillor L Wright and Councillor P Fellows.

Councillor G Watson asked members of the possibility of Sir Roger Gale opening the event, members advised contacting him as soon as possible to arrange this.

BUDGET 2020/21 FC2019/47– To receive and seek approval of the budget
The Clerk circulated copies of the draft budget for 2020/21, the Clerk explained the amount for the precept this year is £109,210, giving a band D of £27.27 which is just £5,000 more than the previous year. Members raised questions about the underspend, it was explained this underspend will be allocated to the asset transfers that will be transferred to BPC this year and that we have been waiting for four years so it has been necessary to continue to allocate funds towards these assets. Members discussed the need for a handyman and someone to help with events over the next few weeks.
Resolved: Councillor N Hudson put forward approval of the draft budget, Councillor L Wright proposed, and Councillor R Wright seconded, all members unanimously agreed.

CLERK CORRESPONDENCE – FC2019/48
The Clerk reported receiving a donation from Quex to the parish and the Clerk had sent a thank you letter.
A thank you letter had been received from the 2nd Birchington Guides and 1st Thanet North Rangers for the refreshments provided after the Remembrance Parade.
Kent Wildlife Trust sent a letter to BPC in reference to creating a Wilder Kent, this was circulated to members.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – FC2019/49
Residents expressed their concerns on the Community Hub and the disappointment at the possible closure. It was felt the consultation was not publicised enough by KCC and if it had, greater numbers would have responded, and more could have been done.
Resolved: The Clerk will contact Cllr Emma Dawson for an update on the consultation.

COMMUNITY WARDEN/P.C.S.O. REPORT FC2019/50
Any rough sleepers in the area are engaged with and liaison made with the Thanet Council ‘RISE’ to see what assistance can be provided.
Abandoned vehicle reports are checked out and reported to the police for a check when required.
Potholes reported where needed for repair including Duncan Drive and Epple Bay Road.
Blocked drains have been reported during the heavy rain periods to ensure they are unblocked including Station Road.
Street clean was reported for Station Road and the area has been cleaned.
A small van was cold calling around Kent Gardens and the surrounding roads. The area was checked as soon as the warden became aware of the matter.

Your local KCC Community Warden contact is: Peter Willows 07969583919
Your local Kent Police contact is: PCSO Deborah Forsyth call 101

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS FC2019/51
Councillor R Fellows reported issues with bins not being emptied over the Christmas period, this has now been resolved. Also, the Albion Road car park recycling had been inundated over the festive period, which Cllr Fellows had made arrangements to be cleared.
Cllr P Fellows is trying to have more bollards fitted on the grass verges along Park Lane due to cars parking on them and ruining the verges.
Thanet District Council budget should see new road sweepers and toilets being refurbished.
The works along Grenham Bay are to replace the upper coping block of the sea wall that is moving seaward creating a large joint at the back of the coping and would eventually fall into the sea. The promenade will be closed with pedestrians and cyclists being diverted onto the upper prom/road between Grenham Bay and Minnis Bay. Works are expected to take 6-8 weeks to complete.
Councillor L Wright reported tree planting at Dane Park, first of a series of 500,000 grant for the planting. Dane Valley and the Sunken Gardens need to plant 1,000 trees within a set time to secure further funding for more trees. Any trees planted now will need to be sustainable trees and not native trees as previously planted. Cllr L Wright spoke about Manston airport and reasons for the delay, mainly due to Brexit/election and legal reasons.

**REPORTS FROM KCC COUNCILLORS FC2019/52**

Councillor Emma Dawson sent her apologies and issued the following report:

With regards to speeding traffic along park lane Birchington near the junction.  
I will be using KCC members grant to refresh all the lining in Park Lane between the start of the 30mph speed limit near Quex up to near the junction with Woodland Avenue. There will also be work to replace the existing warning sign on the west side of the road with a new one on a yellow backing board and replacing the existing sign on a yellow board on the east side of the road with a new one.

All road markings need to be brighter and signs needed to stand out and be seen by oncoming traffic. I know how dangerous pulling out of the junction can feel so I hope that this measure will alert motorists to slow down.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS FC2019/53**

The latest committee reports were circulated to members prior to the meeting and members had no issues to raise.

**CHEQUES/TRANSACTIONS/FUNDING REQUESTS FC2019/54**  
- to be signed by 2 members

The payment lists, and bank reconciliations were signed by 2 members.

**Resolved: All members agreed**

Councillor N Hudson reminded everyone about the next NEM meeting to be held on the 12th February at the Village Centre, starting at 18:30pm.

Councillor Hudson spoke to members about the emails from KALC inviting them to respond to consultations, he asked members to please feel free to respond individually.

Close of meeting at 20:10 pm

**Date of next meeting Tuesday 17th March 2020.**