NORTON BUCKLAND & STONE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING WEDNESDAY 21st JANUARY 2026

Present: Cllr T. Alder Cllr.S Steel Cllr F. Boucher
Mrs.J. Childs

1   **Apologies for absence**
Cllr.J McEvely and Cllr.I.Mynott both sent their apologies

2   **Declaration of interest in items on the agenda**
None.

3   **Register of member's interest' updates**
The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13th November 2025 were approved as a correct record

4   **Matters Arising from Minutes**
Cllr.Steel advised that a Jubilee Oak tree with a plaque in memory of the last Chairman Mr Tony Trim has been planted on the Sports Ground
A poster advising that people should clean up after their dogs is to be posted on The Notice Board

5   **Parish Maintenance Update**
Empty Salt Bins at Norton have been reported to KCC
KCC closed part of Lewson Street to traffic on 12th Jan for approximately three hours. No prior warning was given to the Paish Council by KCC
Openreach have advised that there will be a temporary road closure at Lower Road Buckland on 26th March 2026
A KCC inspector has contacted Forge House in Worlds End regarding their hedgerow overgrowing into the road which is blocking driver's visibility. He requested that they cut the hedgerow back
An urgent road closure will take place at Lower Norton Lane 11th December 2025
Litter in Norton Lane has been reported to SBC. Ref :- FS-Case-776562477
Thanks go to Mr & Mrs Steel for kindly litter picking Norton Lane regularly
Only one volunteer from the village offered to help clear the litter in December. A request has been made for more help to litter pick on the Norton Community Whats App Group
Litter picking was carried out by volunteers on Saturday 3rd January. Fourteen Norton residents collected nine bags of rubbish. The next litter pick will take place on Saturday 7th February
SBC advised that Nouds Lane will be closed on 16th March for repairs
SBC advised that Noron Lane will be closed on 11th March

6   **Planning**
Mid Kent Planning /.Swale Weekly Planning Applications / Swale Planning Decisions
Swale Borough Council, Planning Policy Newsletter / SBC Draft Regulation 18 of Local Plan
Consultation 12th January – 23rd February

7   **Councillor Reports**
The Clerk received a complaint regarding a resident residing in Norton Lane using a hosepipe to wash his car despite there being a hose-pipe ban. The complainant was advised to contact the
Water Board or SBC. The Parish Council are unable to act.
A meeting with Helen Whately MP is booked for Friday 16 January at 10am. The discussion is to be held at Lenham Community Centre 12 Groom Way, Lenham, Maidstone ME17 2QT
The invitation is to all parish councils in Helen's constituency. Information is from her office.
Cllr. Sophia Steel kindly offered to attend the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council but unfortunately was unable to attend

8	**Correspondence**
	E mails forwarded to Chairman
	Cllr Mynott requested that the PC contact SBC for a schedule of litter picking. However,
	The Chairman has emailed Cllr. Mynott to advise him that this is not a PC issue and therefore he should
	contact SBC himself for any future information
	Crime & Community Survey 2025
	Email from Mr Andrew Gray who advised that he was Chairman of PC 40 years ago and requesting
	contact with the current PC Chairman. The Chairmans' email address was forwarded to Mr. Gray

	E mails forwarded to all Councillors
	Swale Community and Voluntary Services / Resident Survey 2025 Report / Christmas
	Posters displayed on the Notice Board
	KCC Trading Standards / Latest Alerts / Winter News Letter / Invitation to attend Kent Reserves
	and Cadets Event 24th February at County Hall Maidstone
	My Community Voice & Kent Police / Our News /Road Safety Week / Fraud Alerts / Buying an
	e-scooter or an e-bike / Annual Policing Survey / Our News / Support woman in your community and
	home with safety advice / Fraud Cyber Crimes and Alerts / Police Funding Consultation / Community
	Surgery / Kent Film Office Wishing the Parish Council a Merry Christmas / Community Governance

	Review Consultation / Violence against Woman 26th January / Kent Police Budget Consultation
	SBC / Planning training 15th January / Community Governance Review / Planning Consultation Policy
	Roundups / Swale Joint Transportation Agenda / Eastern Area Meeting 9th December
	Eastern Area Meeting 9th December now cancelled due to many apologies / Off Street Parking Variation
	No 9 Order 2026 Proposal /KMRF Swale pilot project update
	KALC 78th AGM is being held at Rochester on 21st November / News / Bulletin Week End
	19 December / Nominations for KALC Awards / Trai
	A Burglary took place at "Garden House" Worlds End on the evening of Wednesday
	26th November. Two bikes and other goods were stolen. Access was via the back door of the garage
	Kent Highways / Fact Sheets / Provender Lane will be closed between Rushett Lane and London Road on
	10th December to carry out carriageway repairs for one day
	Neighbourhood Watch is sending Christmas thanks and best wishes to the PC for 2026
	Dead rabbits have been left in a bag on ground next to the Sports Field at Norton
	KCC advises that Lower Norton Lane will be closed for repairs on 9th February
	Request for the "Jigsaw Poster" to be displayed on The Notice Board
	Applications open for grants from Benstead Charity
	Kent Police. Free resilience training for Swale residents

9	**Finance**
	Hire of Norton Village Hall 21st January 2026		£20. 00
	The precept was agreed at £9033.74 (Nine thousandandthirtythree pounds74pence)
	The bank balance on 13th November was £7451.53p (Seventhousandfourhundredandfiftyonepounds53p)

10	**Any other Business**
	An email Christmas Card was received from Cllr. Tim Gibson Leader of Swale Borough Council
	wishing PC Councillors a Joyful Christmas and Happy New Year
	Merry Christmas wishes were posted to all parishioners from The Chairman & Councillors of the PC
	displayed on the PC website and The Notice Board

11	**Items for next Meeting**
	Speaker and date for Annual Meeting in May to be agreed

12	**Date of next Meeting**
	Annual PC Meeting 6.30pm / Annual Meeting 7.30pm
	Thursday 28th May 2026