# Sturminster Marshall Parish Council Action Plan 2025-26

Sturminster Marshall Parish Council will publish an action plan annually in April. The Plan will be drawn from the budget which is set in December and which includes project expenditure for the forthcoming year. Sturminster Marshall Parish Council will continually review the action plan, and will add any matters as required through the year. The Action Plan will be formally reviewed by Council on a quarterly basis, to include an update on the matters identified; addition of any further appropriate actions identified during the quarter; and signing off of any completed actions. Sturminster Marshall Parish Council’s objectives for 2025-26 are:

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| Action | Timescale | Budget | Update |
| Short term Actions |  |  |  |
| Undertake survey of trees and undertake recommended works. | By Summer 2025 | £2,500 |  |
| To support the community bus service | Ongoing | £1,500 | Review annually |
| Management of Village Greens/Common Land | Ongoing – Greenscape Countryside Ltd. | Churchill Close Green Cut: £2375 p/a  Verges: £460p/a |  |
| Management of Churchill Close Green | Churchill Close Green licence with Football Club |  |
| Extra cut of Verges | October 2025 |  |
| Replacement of Village Maypole | By May 2026 | £660 | The Maypole has been cut down at the top and needs a full replacement |
| Replacement Defibrillator at Memorial Hall | By May 2026 | £2500 | The defibrillator at the Memorial Hall was installed in 2017 and should be replaced every 10 years. |
| Register Memorial Hall with Land Registry | By Autumn 2025 | Solicitors Fees: £1800 |  |
| Medium/Long Term Actions |  |  |  |
| Neighbourhood Plan | - | £6,000 | Neighbourhood Plan adopted. Review to be looked at after the Dorset Local Plan consultation emerges. |
| Climate Change Action Plan | Explore renewable energy options with Memorial Hall  Install Electric Car Charge Point  Autumn 2025 | Grant funding | EV Charge Point due to be installed Spring 2025 |
| 20 mph zones | Community Speedwatch up and running | Monitor | Parish Council to decide whether to pursue 20mph application. |
| Review speeding and junction safety at Jubilee Cross | Summer 2025 | - | Meeting to be arranged with Lytchett Matravers Parish Council to discuss |
| To pursue Parish Council Bronze Award | September 2025 | £200 | Evidence being gathered for application. Awaiting outcome of Audit. |
| Artwork on Bailie Gate Roundabout | To explore putting a sculpture on Bailie Gate roundabout | Spring 2025 |  |
| On going Actions |  |  |  |
| To maintain two defibrillators | On going | £260 per year | Cllr Steel and Cllr Seare completing monthly checks. |
| Maintain Parish Council website and Village History website | On going | £500 | Clerk to ensure website is kept up to date  Clerk to ensure that new Accessibility Regulations are met. |
| Undertake increasing responsibility for highways works. | Ongoing. | £5000 | Gullying and white lines to be investigated. |
| Tackle issues with dog fouling within the Parish | On going | £0 | Councillors to keep a watching brief on issues and dog warden to be alerted to any problems |
| Maintain village benches | Ongoing | £1500 | Refurbishment of benches ongoing |
| Maintain high involvement in planning issues | On going | £0 | Parish Council to stay involved in planning consultations. |
| Produce appropriate training programme for Clerk and Councillors. | On going | £500 | New training opportunities being investigated. |
| Under take an annual litter pick | By April 2025 | £0 |  |
| To maintain a robust and accountable financial records | By April 2025 | £900 for internal and external audit | Quarterly reports discussed by Parish Council throughout the year. |
| Undertake annual inspections of playground | By June 2025 | £130 annual inspection | Annual inspection booked for June |