

Sturminster Marshall Parish Council – January 2026 Newsletter



Happy New Year!

It's already looking like a busy 2026, and we look forward to keeping you updated on the Parish Council activities.

EV Charge Point

The new electric vehicle charge point in the Memorial Hall car park is now operational and available to use.

Play Park Swing

Thank you to the member of the public who reported the broken bird's nest swing. A replacement has been ordered and will be installed soon – we know it's much missed!



20mph Speed Limit

Following consultation, the majority of residents support a 20mph limit in the village. We are moving ahead with the application.

Litter Pick 2026

Our Spring litter pick will take place on **Saturday, 28th March, at 2:00 PM**. Meet us at the Memorial Hall to collect your equipment.



Budget and Precept

The precept is the part of your council tax that goes directly to the Parish Council to fund local services and community projects.

For 2026/27, the Parish Council precept will increase by 8.55%, which equates to an additional £6.59 per year for an average Band D property.

This funding supports local services such as:

- Grass cutting and maintenance of open spaces
- Play area upkeep and equipment
- Defibrillators for emergency use
- Speeding mitigation measures
- Grants to support local organisations

National Planning Policy Framework Consultation

Residents can comment on the government's proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/national-planning-policy-framework-proposed-reforms-and-other-changes-to-the-planning-system>

Parish Council Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you'd like to help shape the future of our village, please get in touch with the Parish Council at [parishclerk@sturminstermarshall-
pc.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@sturminstermarshall-
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 **Next Parish Council Meeting**

 **Thursday 5th February 2026 at 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall**