

Sturminster Marshall Parish Council – Summer 2025

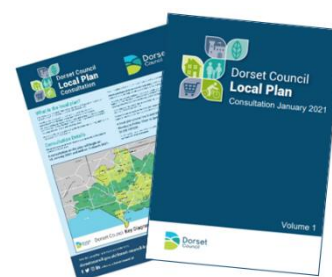
Newsletter



Welcome to our Summer Parish Council newsletter!


Current Parish Council News:

- **Play area** – Our annual play area inspection has been completed. We're pleased to report the equipment is in good condition and safe, with only a few minor repairs needed.
- **Litter Pick**– we have scheduled a community litter pick for **Saturday 4th October** – please save the date!
- **Benches** – The benches at Station Road and Trafalgar Green have been fully refurbished and are ready to be enjoyed again!
- **Dorset Local Plan** – A public consultation on the Dorset Local Plan will run from **18th August to 13th October**. We don't yet know if any development sites in Sturminster Marshall are included, but we'll share updates as soon as the consultation opens. More info will be available at: dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/dorset-is-changing
- **Hedges** – If your garden hedge borders a pavement or road, please ensure it is trimmed back to allow safe pedestrian access. We do contact residents directly in areas where this is a concern.
- **Dogs on the Green** – A reminder that no dogs are permitted on Churchill Close Green — especially within the play area. Unfortunately, dog mess has been found in the play area, which poses a health risk to children.
- **Please Slow Down** – A new "Please Slow Down" sign has been approved for installation on Newton Road to help address speeding concerns.
- **Jubilee Cross** – The Parish Council recently met with Dorset Highways Officers and Lytchett Matravers Parish Council to discuss safety concerns at the junction of the A350 and Wimborne Road (known as Jubilee Cross). Following the meeting, it was agreed to apply for a reduction in the speed limit to 40mph along this stretch of road to improve safety for all road users. Please note, this change is subject to approval by Dorset Council. We will keep you updated as the application progresses.
- **Grants** – At our July meeting, the Parish Council awarded grants to local organisations and approved the annual Community Bus subsidy. Thank you to all those supporting our Parish!
- **20mph zone** - We're exploring the introduction of a 20mph speed limit across most of the village. We'd love to hear your views — a community survey will be launched soon!




Upcoming Road Closures

High Street (between High Close and Moor Lane)

 28th July – 1st August

White Mill Bridge (24-hour closure)

 8th – 19th September

The next Parish Council meeting is on Thursday 4th September at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall