

Sturminster Marshall Parish Council – June 2025

Newsletter



Welcome to our monthly Parish Council newsletter! It has been a busy month for us!

Current Parish Council News:

- **Open Meeting** – thank you to all who came to the Open Meeting. It was a great turnout! We hope you enjoyed the interesting talks from our speakers.
- **Benches** – Two more benches are due to be refurbished shortly – at Trafalgar Green and on Station Road.
- **EV Charge Point** – work has begun on the new EV charge points in the Memorial Hall car park. We hope to see these up and running in the next couple of months.



- **Unknown Tommy Statues** – work is taking place to create a display for our two new unknown tommy statues – opposite the war memorial. Thank you to the volunteers that are working hard to make this area a fitting display. We will be running a competition to design a base for the statues – please watch this space for further information!
- **Grants** – did you know that the Parish Council provides grants for local community groups? If you are interested in applying, then please contact the Parish Clerk on parishclerk@sturminstermarshall-pc.gov.uk
- **Litter** – at the Open Meeting, many of you raised concerns about litter around the village. We're currently looking into installing a new litter bin on the junction of High Street/ Railway Drive and have scheduled a community litter pick for Friday 4th October – please save the date! If you'd like to help in the meantime, the Parish Council has litter pickers available to borrow. Just contact the Clerk for more details.
- **Grow at Home Scheme** – As part of our Climate Change Action Plan, we're exploring a 'Grow at Home' scheme to help reduce food miles. We hope to provide fruit and vegetable seeds or plants to residents who wish to grow their own. If you're interested, please contact the Clerk – and look out for details of a drop-in session coming soon.
- **20mph zone** – now that the Speedwatch Group have been operating for a year we are in a position to consider a 20mph zone again. The Parish Council are in discussions with Dorset Council about the most appropriate area to locate this.
- **Parish Council Accounts** – we are pleased to let you know that the Parish Council has received a positive internal audit report for 2024/25. An Exercise of Public Rights will take place from 11th June- 23rd July. More information is available on the Parish Council website
- **Road Closures - High Street between High Close and Moor Lane** – 28th July-1st August
White Mill Bridge – 24-hour closure 8th-19th September
- **Minor Collisions** - Did you know you can report all collisions or near-misses online to Dorset Council, even if there is no injury or little damage and no police involvement? [Report your damage only collision or near miss to us](#)



The next Parish Council meeting is on Thursday 17th July at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall