

Sturminster Marshall Parish Council – October 2025 **Newsletter**



Welcome to our October Parish Council newsletter! This is our monthly round-up of local updates and important information.

Local Plan & Local Transport Plan

Deadline to respond: 13th October 2025.

Dorset Council are currently consulting on both the **Local Plan** and the **Local Transport Plan**. Thank you to everyone who came to the drop-in session on 18th September – we were delighted to see almost 100 people attend.

The Parish Council has responded to the Local Plan – a link to the response can be found [here](#) and found on our website www.sturminstermarshall-pc.gov.uk

The scale of potential development could have a significant impact on our local infrastructure, roads, services, and environment. It is therefore vital that local residents' views are heard during this consultation process.

👉 Links to the consultation documents are available at [Dorset Council Local Plan Options Consultation 2025 - Dorset Council](#)

Welcome to Our New Councillor

We are delighted to welcome Cllr Tim Weaver to the Parish Council following his co-option. The Council is now back to full membership, and we look forward to his contribution to parish matters.

Playground Repairs

Some essential repairs have recently been carried out at the village playground. Further works, including improvements to safety surfacing are planned in the coming months.

External Audit

We are pleased to report that Sturminster Marshall Parish Council has successfully completed its external audit for the year. The auditors confirmed that the Council's accounts and financial management meet all required standards.

20mph Zones

The Parish Council has been considering an application for 20mph speed zones in parts of the village. A public survey will take place in November so that residents can share their views. This has been deferred slightly to avoid clashing with the Local Plan consultation.

Upcoming Road Closures

Please note the following planned closures in our area:

- Dullar Lane – closed 3rd–4th November and again 10th–21st November for essential works.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Thursday 6th November at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall