

## Sturminster Marshall Parish Council Action Plan 2026-27

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 2026-27 are:

Action	Timescale	Budget	Update
<b>Short term Actions</b>			
Undertake survey of trees and undertake recommended works.	Biannual survey – next survey due February 2027	£6,097	
To support the community bus service	Ongoing	£1,500	Review annually
Transfer of Charborough Way Green	By April 2027	£2000	Legal costs
Management of Village Greens/Common Land	Ongoing – Greenscape Countryside Ltd.		
Management of Churchill Close Green	Dorset Council – signed SLA for three years to April 2029	Grass Cutting budget £14,000 for 2026/27	
Extra cut of Verges	October 2026		
Charborough Way Green	April 2027		Contractor to be found.
Replacement of Village Maypole	By Summer 2026	£900	New telegraph pole gifted from SSE. Contractor ready to install.
Replacement Defibrillator at Memorial Hall	Summer 2027	£3006 total new defibrillator budget. CHT estimate replacement defibrillator for the Hall at £2500.	The defibrillator at the Memorial Hall was installed in 2017 and should be replaced every 10 years.
New defibrillator at Jubilee Cross	Summer 2026	Grant funding to be sought for Jubilee Cross	

Register Memorial Hall with Land Registry	By Autumn 2026	Solicitors Fees: £1800. This may increase significantly as it did not account for the new lease.	A new lease between the Parish Council and the Memorial Hall has been drawn up.
<b>Medium/Long Term Actions</b>			
Review of Finger posts	April 2027	£4602 (total budget for posts and signs)	Survey of posts to ensure good condition.
Play Area	April 2027	£12,981	Consider a review of older play area equipment for replacement
Neighbourhood Plan	Neighbourhood Plan to be reviewed within 5 years. Adopted 2024.	£9562	Review to be looked at after the Dorset Local Plan consultation in August 2026.
Climate Change Action Plan	Explore renewable energy options with Memorial Hall Install Electric Car Charge Point Autumn 2025 Grow at Home Scheme – April 2026	Grant funding  £300	EV Charge point installed. Memorial Hall considering solar panels and have applied for grant funding. Complete
Speed Mitigation including 20 mph zones	20 mph application submitted	£2811 Ear Marked Reserves £20713.28 CIL	Awaiting outcome of 20mph application.
Review speeding and junction safety at Jubilee Cross	Summer 2026	-	Awaiting review of speed limits on A350
To pursue Parish Council Bronze Award	May 2026	£200	Positive feedback received. Resubmitting some further evidence.
Artwork on Bailie Gate Roundabout	Autumn 2027	£1000	
<b>On going Actions</b>			
To improve flood resilience	On going		Update Emergency Plan . Maintain sandbag store. Training for flood wardens
To maintain two defibrillators	On going	£300 per year	Cllr Steel and Cllr Seare completing monthly checks.

Maintain Parish Council website and Village History website	On going	£1000 per year	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	£500	WI bench to be replaced.
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	£600	New training opportunities being investigated.
Under take an annual litter pick	By April 2026	£0	Complete
To maintain a robust and accountable financial records	By April 2026	£1000 for internal and external audit £660 accountancy package	Quarterly reports discussed by Parish Council throughout the year.
Undertake annual inspections of playground	By June 2026	£150 annual inspection	Annual inspection booked for June
To ensure the Parish Council is adequately insured	By 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2026	£1500	Parish Council in long term agreement with Clear Councils.