



Stetchworth Parish Council ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25

Chairman's Summary May 2025

This is my second annual report, having been elected to the Chair in May 2023.

Thank you, to our Clerk and all our Councillors for all their work over the last year.

And thanks to Michael Whymer for his work on checking the playground equipment at the Ellesmere Centre and for spreading woodchip on our footpaths. And to Councillor France for raising the flag at the appropriate times during the year.

All the trees within our responsibility have been surveyed this year and all the recommended works have been completed.

All the play areas have also been inspected and all the repair works completed.

We have also contributed to the village newsletter, the Church portable toilet and the maintenance of the defibrillator at the Ellesmere Centre.

The Village Green at Church Lane has been formally dedicated as a village green and confirmed on the definitive map.

We have now installed the portable speed indication sign, with brackets and poles at both ends of the village. The battery is regularly re-charged as and when necessary.

There has been positive feedback from a number of parishioners, all stating that drivers are slowing down before the sign. Thanks to Councillor Sharp for his work on this matter.

Wayne Bell

Chairman of Stetchworth Parish Council



WHO & WHAT IS THE PARISH COUNCIL?

Stetchworth Parish Council has 7 unpaid Councillors representing a parish of 680 people. Once elected, parish councillors sit on the council for a maximum of four years and if they then want to stay in the post they can stand for re-election.

Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings and may speak during the Public Forum on matters that are on that meeting's agenda. The Parish Council is not permitted to decide on matters that have not been duly advertised to the public unless any matters are considered urgent or are authorised in the Parish Council's standing orders.

The Parish Council's major role is to represent the parish on issues affecting us to the District and County Councils, and to regional and central government, and other agencies. It is responsible for some parish grass cutting, its own street furniture (noticeboards, litter bins, dog waste bins, seats, bus stops and some street lighting) and through the Parish Paths Partnership, ensures that registered Rights of Way are open and maintained. It maintains open spaces: children's play area, the Village Green and Recreational Field.

The Parish Council considers and comments to the Local Planning Authority on all planning applications (statutory consultee). The Parish Council supports other charitable groups and organisations which work within the village wherever possible.

Stetchworth Parish Council Year End Accounts

Bank Reconciliation at 31/03/2025

Cash in Hand 01/04/2024	32,821.81
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ADD

Receipts 01/04/2024 - 31/03/2025	21,112.83
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53,934.64

SUBTRACT

Payments 01/04/2024 - 31/03/2025	19,651.55
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Cash in Hand 31/03/2025

34,283.09

(per Cash Book)

Cash in hand per Bank Statements

Petty Cash	28/02/2025	0.00
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01 Unity Trust Current	31/03/2025	10,016.95
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02 Unity Trust Savings	31/03/2025	24,266.14
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34,283.09

Less unrepresented payments

34,283.09

Plus unrepresented receipts

Adjusted Bank Balance

34,283.09



YOUR CURRENT PARISH COUNCILLORS ARE:

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