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## Passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

It is with great sadness that we learned today of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Buckingham Palace made the announcement just after 6.30pm today, to inform the nation that she had passed away at Balmoral Castle in Aberdeenshire at the age of 96. Her eldest son; Charles now becomes His Majesty King Charles III at the age of 73.

A period of national mourning began today and will continue for 10 days.

Throughout her long and exceptional life as our Head of State and longestreigning monarch of 70 years, she provided inspiring leadership. Her dedication to the service of this country was exemplary and never wavered. She will be remembered with great affection for so many things; her profound sense of duty, her constant and reassuring presence, her impeccable and dignified persona, her tolerance, compassion and understanding to name but a few of her unique qualities. Her loss will be felt across the world, but particularly by those of us in the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth.

Sturmer Parish Council extends its heartfelt condolences to all members of the Royal Family.

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