

# **ST ERME PARISH COUNCIL**



## **ANNUAL REPORT 2011/12**

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## **PLANNING**

One of the council's responsibilities is its role as a consultee in the planning process. St Erme Parish Council takes great care to consider each application on its merits and looks at the nature of the proposal and its potential effects on the surrounding area. We considered 15 applications this year.

You can request to view any applications through the clerk by appointment, or at Cornwall Council, Carrick House, Pydar Street, Truro or on their website [www.cornwall.gov.uk](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk)

## **PARISH WEBSITE**

The St Erme Parish Council web address is as follows:  
[www.stermeparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.stermeparishcouncil.org.uk)

This site will continue to be developed to include as much information as possible. You can view the council's contact details, activities, minutes, Annual Reports, dates of meetings, policies and procedures etc.

If you are interested in advertising your business or organisation please contact the clerk for more details.

Please have a browse to see what is happening in your parish.

## CHAIRMANS REPORT 2011/2012

This year has been relatively quiet compared to previous years.

The Wainhomes Development is certainly progressing and it's nice to see that a number of local people that managed to move into the new development and I also welcome any new parishioners into our parish.

The Truthan Wind farm application was resubmitted minus the two turbines to the east of the A39. The application is due to be heard by a Public Inquiry in June, at the St Erme Community Centre and is expected to last between 6-8 days.

We completed our Emergency Plan & I would like to thank all the volunteers who came forward with offers of help and who have been put on our database.

We gave out £4,737.00 in grants this year to help local organisations carry out the good work, which they do with in our community.

Last year saw the new Community Centre open of which the parish council contributed a grant of £80,000, to help finish the project. This facility is well used by parishioners and has brought some new groups and businesses into the parish.

The parish council has placed a Granite Plaque outside the Community Centre to commemorate winning National Council in 2010. This was following consultation with parishioners. The granites originally formed part of the bridge at Truthan dating back to the middle ages. They were removed when the bridge was strengthened several years ago. The parish council managed to retain 3 of the granites.

Following the Parish Plan carried out in 2004, the last remaining item left is the Cycle Path to Truro. We have not had any help in this from Cornwall Council, but hopefully in the future we will be able to achieve this.

We have now started our St Erme Village Design Statement and hope to get this completed over the next few months. Please look out and respond to the next consultation events that will be taking place during this time.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sally the clerk and members of the council for their support and commitment over the last year

Cllr Robert Trethewey  
Chairman of St Erme Parish Council

## MEETINGS

The Parish Council meets at 7.30pm in St Erme Village Hall usually on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month apart from August.

Members of the public are welcome to attend any meetings and are given 15 minutes during public participation to ask any questions or put across any concerns. Occasionally there may be extra meetings when required due to planning application deadlines or any urgent business that may arise and the venues of these meetings may be different, please check on the agenda. The agendas of all meetings are displayed in the notice boards three clear days before.

### **The scheduled meetings for 2012/2013 are as follows:**

2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2012	3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2012	1 <sup>st</sup> October 2012
5 <sup>th</sup> November 2012	3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2012	7 <sup>th</sup> January 2013
4 <sup>th</sup> February 2013	4 <sup>th</sup> March 2013	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2013
13 <sup>th</sup> May 2013 Annual Meeting		

19<sup>th</sup> November 2012 (Public Precept Meeting)

18<sup>th</sup> March 2013 (Annual Parish Meeting)

### **Future of the council's Open Surgeries**

The members of the council have decided to stop the Council's 'Open Surgeries' due to poor attendance. However all members contact details are listed at the beginning of this report, on the council's noticeboard and on our Website.

Please contact the clerk or a member of the council if you wish to discuss any issues.

### **Representatives**

Members of the council are appointed at each Annual Meeting to represent the council on other committees. Please see the list below of appointments:

**Cornwall Association of Local Council's:** Cllr Pound and Cllr Sally Jones

**Public Rights of Way:** Cllr Holt

**Truro & Roseland Community Network Area:** Cllr Trethewey & Cllr Jones

**Planning & Development:** Cllr Light

**St Erme Village Hall Committee:** Cllr Sally Jones

**St Erme Playing Field Trust:** Cllr Light & Cllr Holt

**St Erme Cricket Club:** Cllr Pound

**St Erme Youth Project:** Cllr Trethewey & Cllr Phillip Jones

**St Erme Community Enhancement Committee:** Cllr Light & Cllr Phillip Jones

**St Erme with Trispen CP School (LA Governor) :** To be appointed

Members are also involved with the St Erme Emergency Plan and the St Erme Village Design Statement Committees

## HOW YOUR MONEY IS SPENT

Each year, the Parish Council sets a budget for the next financial year; the precept (the parish council's share of your rates) for 2011/2012 was £27,347.00

### INCOME EXPENDITURE FOR 2011/2012 SUMMARY

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
<b>B/fwd Funds</b>	<b>£39,726.51</b>	Administration (inc Clerk's Salary)	£13518.79
Precept	£27,347.00	Subscriptions, insurances	£1040.00
Partnership Grants	£3,886.88	Councillor Allowances	£109.31
Bank Interest	£13.68	Footpaths/Grass Cutting/ Weeds/Street Cleaning	£6511.90
		Play Equipment	£5115.95
VAT Returns	£532.93	Grants/Donations	£4,737.00
Awards for All Grant	£9,114.00	Loan Repayment	£7,901.19
		VAT	£1,627.18
Insurance Claim	£487.00	Awards For All Grant	£2,527.96
		Play Pathfinder Grant	£2,466.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£81,108.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£43,089.28</b>
		C/fwd Funds	£12,608.72
		C/fwd Revenue Reserves	£11,910.00
		Contingencies	£13,500.00
	<b>£81,108.00</b>		<b>£81,108.00</b>

*NOTE: The accounts for 2011/2012 have yet to be audited*

## COUNCILLORS TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES

2011/12

The members receive allowances for travel and subsistence for duties carried **outside** of the Parish.

The allowances claimed for 2011/1012 are as follows:

Cllr Trethewey (Chairman)	£37.50
Cllr Light (Vice- Chairman)	£19.14
Cllr S Jones	£18.35
Cllr Booker (resigned April 2012)	£8.77
Cllr Pound	£25.55
Cllr Holt	NIL
Cllr P Jones (Co-opted Nov 2011)	NIL
<b>TOTAL *</b>	<b>£109.31</b>

### COUNCILLORS ATTENDANCE

The council has 11 full council meetings a year, plus additional meetings when required which brought the total to 16 meetings for 2011/12. Members of the council have also been attending the Village Design Statement Meetings and attending meetings as representatives throughout the year. The Councillor's do not receive payment for duties carried out with in the parish.

Councillor	Full Council Meetings (11)*	All Full Council Meetings, Extraordinary and Public Meetings (16)*
Cllr Trethewey	100%	100%
Cllr Sally Jones	73%	75%
Cllr Pound	82%	81%
Cllr Light	91%	88%
Cllr Booker	91%	81%
Cllr Holt	91%	88%
Cllr P Jones (co-opted Nov 2011)	<b>(6)</b> 100%	<b>(7)</b> 100%
Cllr Eathorne-Gibbons Cornwall Councillor	91%	75%