

ST ERME PARISH COUNCIL



Annual Report

1st April 2012—31st March 2013

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Chairman's Report

The first event of the year was the Planning Enquiry for the Truthan Barton Wind farm. As a community we were blessed with the facilities of the new community centre, which enabled the Public Enquiry to be held in our parish making it easier and open to everyone. On a personal note I found it very humbling to hear members of the community young and old speak with such passion. With the support of Cornwall Council, 2Big 2Close and members of the community the appeal was upheld and hopefully we can all move forward, and forgive and forget.

Renewable Energy is still very much in the parish's affairs with the solar farm at Tregassow now up and running. The community received the sum of £25,000, plus £5,000 sponsorship for the first years running of a Community Bus. This was agreed following the Annual Parish meeting of the council and we are currently working on this project. There is another proposal for a solar farm in which over 100 people attended the Community Centre for a consultation event put on by Good Energy, an application for this has not been submitted at the time of writing this report.

We have seen the Wainhomes Development at Truthan View completed and I'm glad to see that some local families have managed to secure a home, and I welcome these families and new families alike to the village. I am also pleased the BT connections have been sorted. Unfortunately a Management Company has not been set up as promised to maintain the soak-a-ways in the communal car parks and the residents will be responsible for these, we will be continuing to look into this matter. A Management Company has been set up to maintain the grass/planted areas.

Over the next few months there will be new Bus Shelters to replace the concrete structures at Eglos Road and Chapel Road, as well as additional shelters in Eglos Road and Trispen Hill. At the same time the footpath adjacent to Trispen Stores will be upgraded.

The Village Design Statement is still being progressed and the first draft document will shortly be out for consultation.

Myself, Dave Matthews, Cllr Phil Jones and Cllr Sally Jones were invited to the Eden Project, where Dave Matthews gave a presentation on our Emergency Plan, which was very well received.

Many thanks to Sally our clerk and Glen our Street Cleaner for their work and commitment over the last year and the members of the council for their support.

I would also like to thank our Cornwall Councillor, Mike Eathorne-Gibbons for his support over the last 4 years and for his help with the improvements at Rouses Corner, which with the support from the landowner has made this corner much safer for road users. We look forward to working with Mike over the next 4 years.

Rob Trethewey (Chairman)

ST ERME PARISH COUNCIL

MEETINGS

The Parish Council meets at 7.30pm in St Erme Village Hall usually on the 1st 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 Full Council meetings for 2013/2014 are as follows:

1 st July 2013	2 nd September 2013
7 th October 2013	4 th November 2013
2 nd December 2013	6 th January 2014
3 rd February 2014	3 rd March 2014
7 th April 2014	12 th May 2014 (Annual Meeting)

The following meetings will be held at the St Erme Community Centre:

18 th November 2013	Public Precept Meeting
17 th March 2014	Annual Parish Meeting

COUNCILLORS TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES - 2012/2013

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

The allowances claimed for 1st April 2012 to 31st March 2013 are as follows:

COUNCILLOR	AMOUNT
Cllr Trethewey (Chairman)	£124.50
Cllr Light (Vice-chairman)	£4.79
Cllr S Jones	£3.99
Cllr Holt	£0.00
Cllr Pound	£0.00
Cllr P Jones	£0.00
TOTAL	£133.28

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 13 applications this year.

You can request to view any applications through the clerk by appointment, or at Cornwall Council's website: www.cornwall.gov.uk

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 S Jones

Planning & Development: Cllr Light

St Erme Village Hall Committee: Cllr Sally Jones

St Erme Playing Field Trust (St Erme Community Centre & Trencreek Park): Cllr Light & Cllr Holt

St Erme Cricket Club: Cllr Pound

St Erme Youth Project: Cllr Phillip Jones

St Erme Community Enhancement Committee: Cllr Light & Cllr Philip Jones

St Erme with Trispen CP School (LA Governor): Cllr Philip Jones

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

ST ERME PARISH COUNCIL

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 2012/2013 was £28,418.00

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR - 1ST APRIL 2012 TO 31ST MARCH 2013

INCOME	AMOUNT		EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT
Brought forward	£30,018.72		Administration (including Clerks salary)	£13,727.77
Precept	£28,418.00		Councillor Allowances	£133.28
Interest	£13.48		Grants	£4,250.00
Partnership Grants	£5,292.81		Loan Repayment	£7,707.39
Sale of Jubilee Coins	£40.00		Awards For All Grant	£6,847.50
VAT Returns	£1635.18		Street Cleansing Weeds/Grass Maintenance	£6,004.11
Community Benefit	£25,000.00		Footpath Maintenance	£659.00
			VAT	£616.41
TOTAL	£98,418.19		TOTAL	£39,945.46
			C/fwd. Funds	£8,072.73
			C/fwd. Revenue Reserves	£12,900.00
			Contingency Fund	£12,500.00
			C/fwd. Community Benefit	£25,000.00
	£98,418.19			£98,418.19

Each year the council precepts an amount towards grants for local organisations. During the financial year of 2012/2013 we gave grants to the following organisations:

St Erme Church £1000 (towards Church Yard Maintenance), St Erme Short Mat Bowls £200 (towards a new bowling Mat), St Erme Cricket Club £200 (towards a Bowling Machine), St Erme Village Hall £1000 (towards the cost of a new roof above the kitchen/toilets), St Erme Community Enhancement Group £300 (towards the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations), St Erme Horticultural Society £200 (towards the cost of new display stands), St Erme Toddler Group £200 (towards the cost of their annual insurance), St Erme WI £100 (towards their 90th Birthday celebrations), St Erme Silver Circle £100 (towards entertainment), Trispen Football Club £200 (towards line marker and match balls)

We also donated £25 each to Shelter Cornwall, Cruse Bereavement, Cornwall Air Ambulance, Cornwall Blind Association and £50 to Cornwall County Playing Field Association.

*** Note: At the time of print the above accounts for 2012/2013 had yet to be audited.**

COUNCILLORS ATTENDANCE

The council has 11 full council meetings a year, plus additional meetings when required which brought the total to 15 meetings for 2012/2013. The members of the council 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 (15)
Cllr Trethewey	100%	93%
Cllr Light	100%	100%
Cllr S Jones	73%	80%
Cllr Holt	100%	100%
Cllr Pound	91%	93%
Cllr P Jones	91%	93%
Cllr Eathorne-Gibbons (Cornwall Councillor)	82%	80%

In addition to the above members represent the council on various Committees and also attend training events when required.

PARISH WEBSITE

The St Erme Parish Council web address is as follows: www.sterme-parish-council.org.uk

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