

# ST ERME PARISH COUNCIL



## Annual Report

1st April 2015—31st March 2016

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### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Another year has passed and I am pleased to report that a Steering Group has been set up to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for St Erme. This is a very important document for the parish and we need your help, it has to be produced by the community. The Steering Group is made up from four parish councillors and 8 members of the community. We can only produce this document with your help and input.

We have also been consulting on s106 funding that is available to claim to spend on 'Open Spaces'. Hopefully you should see some additional play equipment and seating around the village shortly.

At long last the road maintenance scheme along the A39 has been completed. Members had met with Cornwall Council and their contractors Cormac Ltd to try to address some of the issues with the diversions and road closures. Mr Stevenson from Cornwall Council attended a public meeting to answer questions from the public regarding these works. We also questioned and looked into why a safe cycle way was not included with this scheme.

As a council we have been in discussions with Cornwall Council to address the condition of the road at Tregassow Lane, and it is looking more promising that we may get the flooding/drainage issues sorted.

We have received several planning applications, some of which have been contentious. There is an application for out-line planning for 85 houses on land at Eglos Road which is yet to be determined by Cornwall Council. CAD Architects held two consultations events and listened to parishioners concerns which led to a better scheme being put forward which would be more beneficial for the community. There is also a Pre-application Advice logged with Cornwall Council to develop five fields at Trevispen Veor. Please keep a look for future consultations on this.

We continue to work closely with local organisations and support them financially when we can.

Our partnership agreements with Cornwall Council will continue for street cleansing, grass maintenance and public rights of way. Cornwall Council no longer carries out weed removal, but we agreed to continue to carry out this service ourselves, as we feel it makes a big difference to the look of the village.

We will continue to work towards a safe cycle route to Truro, which has been highlighted in consultations over the years. Unfortunately this is not an easy or straight forward process, but we know this is important to the community.

The St Erme Emergency Plan has been updated and funding secured from Cornwall Council to secure the administration costs and running costs. We are also applying for additional funding towards a 'Defibrillator' for the village.

I would like to thank the members of the council, Cllr Eathorne-Gibbons, the clerk, street cleaner and maintenance contractor for their continued support throughout the year.

**Cllr Rob Trethewey  
(Chairman)**

## ST ERME PARISH COUNCIL

### MEETINGS

The Parish Council meets at 7.30pm at the St Erme Community Centre usually on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 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 on any agenda items. Occasionally there may be extra meetings when required due to planning application deadlines or any urgent business that may arise and the venues/times of these meetings may be different, please check on the agenda. The agendas of all meetings are displayed in the notice boards and website three clear days before.

**The scheduled full council meetings for 2016/2017 are as follows:**

5th July 2016	6th September 2016
4th October 2016	1st November 2016
6th December 2016	10th January 2017
7th February 2017	7th March 2017
4th April 2017	9th May 2017 tbc <b>(Annual Meeting)</b>

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

15th November 2016	<b>Public Precept Meeting</b>
21st March 2017	<b>Annual Parish Meeting</b>

### COUNCILLORS TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES - 2015/2016

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

The allowances claimed for 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016 are as follows:

COUNCILLOR	AMOUNT
Cllr Trethewey (Chairman)	£4.39
Cllr Light (Vice-chairman)	£0.00
Cllr S Jones	£16.76
Cllr Holt	£0.00
Cllr Pound	£0.00
Cllr P Jones	£0.00
Cllr Thomas	£0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£21.15</b>

### 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. There were 22 planning applications considered in 2015/2016

You can view any applications on Cornwall Council's website: [www.cornwall.gov.uk](http://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:

<b>Cornwall Association of Local Council's</b>	Cllr Pound and Cllr S Jones
<b>Public Rights of Way</b>	Cllr Holt
<b>Truro &amp; Roseland Community Network Area</b>	Cllr Trethewey & Cllr S Jones
<b>St Erme Emergency Plan Committee</b>	Cllr Trethewey, Cllr Light, Cllr Pound and Cllr S Jones
<b>Planning &amp; Development</b>	Cllr P Jones
<b>St Erme Village Hall</b>	Cllr S Jones
<b>St Erme Playing Field Trust</b>	Cllr Holt
<b>St Erme Cricket Club</b>	Cllr Pound
<b>St Erme Community Enhancement Group</b>	Vacancy
<b>St Erme Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group</b>	Cllr Trethewey, Vacancy, Cllr Pound and Cllr P Jones

# ST ERME PARISH COUNCIL

## HOW YOUR MONEY IS SPENT

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR - 1ST APRIL 2015 TO 31ST MARCH 2016

#### Grants

Each year, the Parish Council sets a budget for the following financial year.

The precept (the parish council's share of your rates) for the period of 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016 was £30,725.00

In the precept an amount towards grants for local organisations is also set.

During the financial year 2016 we granted to the following organisations:

**St Erme Church: £1,300.00**  
*towards Church yard maintenance*

**St Erme Cricket Club: £250.00**  
*towards pitch maintenance*

**St Erme Village Hall: £830.00**  
*towards the toilet refurbishments*

**St Erme WI: £150.00**  
*towards the cost of the Centenary celebrations*

**St Erme Silver Circle: £200.00**  
*towards outings/trips*

**St Erme Playing Field Trust: £200.00**  
*towards maintenance for Tren creek Park*

**St Erme Short Mat Bowls: £74.00**  
*towards a new jack and delivery mats*

*We also paid out £60.00 between*

*Friends of the Royal Cornwall Hospital  
Cruse Bereavement  
Victim Support*

INCOME	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT
<b>Brought forward</b>	<b>£53,018.65</b>	Administration	£14,047.16
Precept	£30,725.00	Councillor Allowances	£21.15
Interest	£13.46	Grants	£3,004.00
Partnership Grants	£3,987.94	Loan Repayment	£7,125.99
Council Tax Support Grant	£2,406.65	Community Bus Grant	-
VAT Returns	£521.99	Street Cleansing Weeds/Grass Maintenance	£6,310.61
Emergency Plan Grant	£500.00	Footpath Maintenance	£705.92
Paperless Planning Grant	£700.00	VAT	£503.84
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£91,873.69</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£31,718.67</b>
		C/fwd. Funds	£11,782.02
		C/fwd. Revenue Reserves	£21,873.00
		Contingency Fund	£18,500.00
		C/fwd. Community Benefit	£8,000.00
	<b>£91,873.69</b>		<b>£91,873.69</b>

#### **PUBLIC PRECEPT MEETING**

Each year we hold a public meeting to put forward the draft precept, to give parishioners an opportunity to have a say on how their money is being spent.

The next Public Precept Meeting for the 2017/2018 precept will be on Tuesday 15th November 2016 at the St Erme Community Centre 7.30pm

**PLEASE COME ALONG AND HAVE A SAY IN  
HOW YOUR MONEY IS SPENT**

**COUNCILLORS ATTENDANCE**

The council has 11 full council meetings a year, plus additional meetings when required which brought the total to 13 meetings for 2015/2016. The members of the council **do not** receive payment for duties carried out within the parish.

In addition to the above members and the clerk represented the council on various committees and also attended training events when required throughout the year.

Councillor	Full Council Meetings (11)	All Full Council Meetings, Extraordinary and Public Meetings(13)	Apologies received for absence
Cllr Trethewey	100%	100%	-
Cllr Light	73%	69%	100%
Cllr S Jones	82%	85%	100%
Cllr Holt	82%	77%	92%
Cllr Pound	64%	62%	100%
Cllr P Jones	100%	100%	-
Cllr Thomas	82%	77%	100%
Cllr Eathorne-Gibbons (Cornwall Councillor)	82%	77%	100%

**ST ERME NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP**

St Erme Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has been formed to take forward the Neighbourhood Plan and oversee its production. The steering group consists of 12 members which are 4 members of the parish council and 8 members of the community.

Cllr Trethewey	Cllr P Jones	Steve Michell	Joe Pridmore
Vacancy	Clive Grose	Spencer Sanford	Marie Wills
Cllr Pound	Richard Kerswell	Michael Edwards	Phil Hodgkinson

Look out for details on the parish council website and updates on the Facebook page and local noticeboards.

Please attend and respond to consultations, this is **your** community, we need **your** support!

**[www.stermeaparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.stermeaparishcouncil.org.uk)**

**You can view the council's agendas, minutes, annual reports, policies and procedures, useful numbers etc.**

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