

ST ERME PARISH COUNCIL



Annual Report 1st April 2016—31st March 2017

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2 Vacancies

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

We have had another eventful year as a parish council and have worked hard to address issues and represent the community.

The Neighbourhood Plan is progressing well, and during the last year the Steering Group have completed a 'Local Landscape Character Assessment' for St Erme; a process that I personally found very interesting; although I have lived in the parish all my life it was fascinating how you can look at things differently while carrying out this process. Members attended training to carry out the relevant assessments and were guided by Kath Statham of Cornwall Council and Geoff Pring (retired), both landscape architects. This document went to consultation with the community on the 25th February 2017, which was well attended with very positive comments and feedback. This document will form part of the Neighbourhood Plan document. I would like to thank the Steering Group for their hard work over the year and everyone who has contributed by attending the consultation events and made comments on the document. Please keep a look out for further information and get involved, it is important that you have a say on the future of your parish.

The Eglos Road development by Burrington Estates is progressing and we are pleased that most of the reserved matters have been saved. Unfortunately the additional parking along Eglos Road that we were hoping for could not be included, but additional parking has been included in the new development which has a much higher than average ratio of parking spaces per house. This development should hopefully help local people and help get them onto the housing ladder and also provide larger properties for those that would like to up size.

We are still working with highways, landowners and the Solar Farm management to address the on-going flooding at Tregassow Lane. We are hoping to be able to get this sorted in the coming year.

Local organisations are important to the community and we continue to support these where we can and have paid out a number of grants over the last year.

The St Erme Community Enhancement Group have started restoring the listed finger posts with the first one being completed by 'Rouse's Corner' near the school. A big thank you to the group, Kate Bawden and Ernie Dymond. The group are aiming to refurbish them all, some need quite a bit of restoration.

The St Erme Emergency Plan Committee secured funding for the Community Defibrillator which is outside Trispen Post Office and Stores. A big thank you to the British Heart Foundation, Cornwall Council and Mr & Mrs Matthews (proprietors of Trispen Stores) for their sponsorship.

During the last year three members have left the council, Mark Thomas, Nick Light and James Holt who decided not to stand for election. I would like to thank them all for their work and commitment. I would also like to welcome Cllr Phil Hodgkinson who was newly elected this time round and Cllr Eathorne-Gibbons (Cornwall Councillor) who was also re-elected. At the time of writing we have two vacancies on the council, please contact the clerk for further information.

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

**Cllr Rob Trethewey BEM
(Chairman)**

ST ERME PARISH COUNCIL

MEETINGS

The Parish Council meets at 7.30pm at the St Erme Community Centre usually on the 1st 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 2017/2018 are as follows:

The following meetings will be held at the St Erme Community Centre part from 5th December 2017 which will be held at the St Erme Village Hall.

4th July 2017	5th September 2017
3rd October 2017	7th November 2017
5th December 2017	9th January 2018
6th February 2018	6th March 2018
4th April 2017	8th May 2018 (Annual Meeting)

21st November 2017	Public Precept Meeting
20th March 2018	Annual Parish Meeting

COUNCILLORS TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES - 2016/2017

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

The allowances claimed for 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017 are as follows:

COUNCILLOR	AMOUNT
Cllr Trethewey (Chairman)	£0.00
Cllr Light	£0.00
Cllr S Jones	£20.75
Cllr Holt	£0.00
Cllr Pound	£0.00
Cllr P Jones	£8.78
Cllr Thomas	£0.00
Cllr Hodgkinson	£0.00
TOTAL	£29.53

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 15 planning applications considered in 2016/2017

You can view any applications on 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 S Jones
Public Rights of Way	Cllr Hodgkinson
Truro & Roseland Community Network Area	Cllr Trethewey & Cllr S Jones
St Erme Emergency Plan Committee	Cllr Trethewey, Cllr Hodgkinson, Cllr Pound and Cllr S Jones
St Erme Village Hall	Cllr S Jones
St Erme Playing Field Trust	Cllr Pound
St Erme Cricket Club	Cllr Pound
St Erme Community Enhancement Group	Cllr P Jones
St Erme Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	Cllr Trethewey, Cllr Hodgkinson, Cllr Pound and Cllr P Jones

ST ERME PARISH COUNCIL

HOW YOUR MONEY IS SPENT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR - 1ST APRIL 2016 TO 31ST MARCH 2017

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 2016 to 31st March 2017 was £31,992.00

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

During the financial year we granted to the following organisations:

St Erme Church: £1,400.00
towards Church yard maintenance

St Erme Cricket Club: £250.00
towards pitch maintenance

St Erme Silver Circle: £100.00
towards a 'Singing for the Brain' teacher

St Erme Playing Field Trust: £100.00
towards maintenance for Tren creek Park

St Erme with Trispen CP School: £400.00
towards new Scooter Pods

St Erme Toddler Group: £100.00
towards new toys and craft materials

We also paid out £200.00 between

Cruse Bereavement
Victim Support
Cornwall Air Ambulance
Shelter
Tanya's Courage Trust

INCOME	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT
Brought forward	£60,145.02	Administration	£14,626.01
Precept	£31,992.00	Councillor Allowances	£29.53
Interest	£13.42	Grants	£2,550.00
Partnership Grants	£4,376.53	Loan Repayment	£6,932.19
Council Tax Support Grant	£1,998.38	Resurfacing Church Green	£13,895.00
VAT Returns	£1018.41	Street Cleansing Weeds/Grass/ Footpath Maintenance	£7,373.48
NP -Locality Grant	£3,753.00	Neighbourhood Plan	£4,776.47
Community Benefits Money	£5,312.87	VAT	£3876.57
Defibrillator Sponsorship	£300.00	Defibrillator	£1,008.50
		Noticeboard and Handrail	£1183.00
TOTAL	£108,909.63	TOTAL	£56,250.75
		C/fwd. Funds	£5,762.01
		C/fwd. Revenue Reserves	£16,584.00
		Contingency Fund	£17,000.00
		C/fwd. Community Benefit	£13,312.87
	£108,909.63		£108,909.63

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 21st November 2017 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 2016/2017. 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	70%	69%	85%
Cllr S Jones	82%	85%	100%
Cllr Holt	64%	69%	100%
Cllr Pound	82%	85%	100%
Cllr P Jones	91%	92%	100%
Cllr Thomas (Resigned May 2016)	100%(2)	100% (3)	-
Cllr Hodgkinson (Co-opted December 2016)	100% (3)	100% (4)	-
Cllr Eathorne-Gibbons (Cornwall Councillor)	91%	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 5 members of the community.

Cllr Trethewey BEM	Cllr P Jones	Clive Grose	Michael Edwards
Cllr Pound	Cllr Hodgkinson	Richard Kerswell	Marie Wills
Vacancy			

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

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