

ST ERME PARISH COUNCIL



Annual Report

1st April 2019—31st March 2020

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This year one of the most important items was the completion of the St Erme Neighbourhood Development Plan and successful referendum. The council/steering group have been commended on the content of the plan by Cornwall Council. A big thank you to the Steering Group who put in many hours of voluntary work and to Sally the clerk for putting the document together. We have since met with planning officers of Cornwall Council who confirmed the robustness of our plan.

The development at Burrington's is nearing completion and we as a council have been chasing and following up to ensure that all the open spaces and pedestrian links are completed as agreed.

We continue to work with highways in finding a solution to address the flooding issues at Tregassow Lane and Trispen Hill.

We have been working with Cornwall Council and the Truro & Roseland Community Network Area 'Highways Scheme' to look at reducing the speed limit in the village to 20mph. Thank you to those that turned out for the consultation event held in January and we look forward to the works being completed in the next financial year.

We carried out a community project this year with the Truro & Roseland Community Network Area 'SOS volunteer' project with several members of the community volunteering to carry out work on repairing stiles and installing more signage along our Public Rights of Way, we hope to continue these works and thank the volunteers.

St Erme has been allocated funds for the 'A30 Designated Cycle Network' between Trispen and Idless which is being carried out by Cornwall Council with funding from Highways England. This is part of a much larger cycle network in the surrounding areas. We met up with representatives from Cornwall Council to express a preferred commuter route direct to Truro, but were unable to secure this at the present time.

We continue to serve the community to the best of our ability and listen and take on board comments and opinions received about various issues in the parish.

It is important that you continue to express your opinions and attend any consultations throughout the year; so we can represent the interests of the whole community.

On a more recent note I would like to thank the clerk and all the volunteers who have come together to support the St Erme Emergency Plan committee in supporting the community through the current Coronavirus pandemic. We will continue to offer support through these uncertain times and please contact the clerk for any advice and help if required.

I would like to thank the clerk, street cleanser, fellow councillors, Cllr Eathorne-Gibbons (Cornwall Councillor) and contractors for all their hard work and commitment over the last twelve months.

Cllr Rob Trethewey BEM (Chairman)

St Erme Parish Council Website
www.stermeparishcouncil.org.uk

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MEETINGS

The Parish Council usually meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month apart from August. During the current coronavirus pandemic meetings may be held less frequently and remotely until further notice.

Further details are available on the council's website at www.sterme-parish-council.org.uk

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.

Meetings may be held via Video Conferencing and once permitted and when government restrictions have been lifted will be held at the St Erme Community Centre

The following public meetings have been provisionally booked.

17th November 2020	Public Precept Meeting
16th March 2021	Annual Parish Meeting

COUNCILLORS TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES - 2019/2020

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

The allowances claimed for 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020 are as follows:

COUNCILLOR	AMOUNT
Cllr Trethewey (Chairman)	£24.34
Cllr Pound	£0.00
Cllr S Jones	£4.39
Cllr Hodgkinson	£0.00
Cllr P Jones	£0.00
Cllr Couch	£0.00
Cllr Riggs	£0.00
TOTAL	£28.73

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 16 planning applications considered in 2019/2020

Representatives

Members of the council are appointed at each Annual Meeting to represent the council on other committees. Due to the current Coronavirus Pandemic the appointments will remain the same for 2020/2021.

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 and 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 and Cllr Couch
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
Police Parish Liaison Group	Cllr Couch

ST ERME PARISH COUNCIL

HOW YOUR MONEY IS SPENT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR - 1ST APRIL 2019 TO 31ST MARCH 2020

Precept

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 2019 to 31st March 2020 was **£33,720.00**

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

During the financial year we gave grants to the following organisations:

St Erme Church:
St Erme Cricket Club:
St Erme Silver Circle:
St Erme Village Hall
St Erme Playing Field Trust
St Erme & Trispen School PTA
St Erme Parish Post

We also supported:

Sowenna Appeal
St John Ambulance
Tanya's Courage Trust
MS Merlin

Community Benefit Monies were granted to:

St Erme Playing Field Trust
St Erme Church

INCOME	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT
Brought forward	51,846.15		
Precept	£33,720.00	Administration	£17,670.92
Interest	£13.42	Councillor Allowances	£28.73
Partnership Grants	£4,436.46	Grants	£3,600.00
Council Tax Support Grant	£930.96	Loan Repayment	£6,350.79
VAT Returns	£1,106.88	Street Cleansing Weeds/Grass/ Footpath Maintenance	£9,620.19
		Neighbourhood Plan	£520.00
		VAT	£1,047.23
		Community Benefits Monies	£7,165.00
TOTAL	£92,053.87	TOTAL	£46,002.86
		C/fwd. Funds	£11,966.01
		C/fwd. Revenue Reserves	£18,585.00
		Contingency Fund	£15,500.00
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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 meeting for the 2021/2022 precept has been provisionally booked for
Tuesday 17th November 2020 at the St Erme Community Centre 7.30pm

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

COUNCILLORS ATTENDANCE

The council holds 11 full council meetings a year, 2 public meetings (the Annual Parish meeting was cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic) , plus additional meetings when required which brought the total to 14 meetings for 2019/2020.

Members of the council **do not** receive payment for duties carried out with in the parish.

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

Councillor	Full Council Meetings (11)	All Full Council Meetings, a remote meeting, Extraordinary and Public Meetings(14)	Apologies received for absence
Cllr Rob Trethewey	100%	100%	-
Cllr Colin Pound	64%	71%	100%
Cllr Sally Jones	55%	57%	100%
Cllr Philip Jones	73%	71%	100%
Cllr Phil Hodgkinson	100%	100%	-
Cllr Edwin Riggs	55%	64%	100%
Cllr Patricia Couch	64%	71%	100%
Cllr Eathorne-Gibbons (Cornwall Councillor)	73%	57%	100%

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