

ST ERME PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Report

1st April 2021—31st March 2022



Chairman's Report

This year we were able to meet in person from May, but socially distanced following the government guidelines and it was great to have some kind of normality back.

In May the local elections took place, although these were not contested, we filled all seven seats. Cllr Nick Light and Cllr Kevin Barnes joined and me, Cllr Phil Hodgkinson, Cllr Sally Jones, Cllr Philip Jones and Cllr Edwin Riggs were re-elected.

I would like to thank Patricia Couch and Colin Pound the outgoing Councillors for their work and commitment to the Council. Colin had been a councillor for over 20 years and had stood as both Vice-Chairman and Chairman during his time.

We have had several planning applications this year none of which have been particularly contentious. At the end of last year Coastline Housing Ltd attended a meeting to put forward their proposals for 35 100% affordable dwellings and held an on-line consultation with the community.

We continued our partnership agreements with Cornwall Council to maintain our Public Rights of Way, grass maintenance and street cleansing. We chose to continue our weed treatments and employ an Environmental Enforcement Officer who can issue fixed penalty fines for littering, dog fouling and fly posting.

At the end of July, we held a Community Open event to welcome new and old parishioners to our community. Local organisations had stalls to promote their groups along with refreshments and children's entertainment provided. It was nice to see the community getting together and mixing again. Cornwall Council attended with their waste and recycling van to offer advice and hand out recycling equipment.

For several years we have been working towards reducing the speed limits in the village and I am very pleased to say that the works to reduce the speed limit to 20mph in the village and to extend the 30mph further out will commence this June (2022). This has been possible with the support from the Truro & Roseland Community Network Highways Scheme who have worked with us on this project. We have purchased an 'Interactive Speed' sign this year that can be moved to three pre-agreed locations and collects data that can be used as evidence if any further action is required.

We are hoping that the transfer of open space to the north of the Burrington's development to the Council will commence during April, the landscaping of the trees is now in place and the wildflower seeds should be sown in March. This has taken longer than expected and will hopefully be finalised soon.

The St Erme WI are celebrating their 100th Anniversary this year and we have applied for a 'Landmark' tree for them to mark and celebrate this event alongside the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

We are hoping that this will be an Oak tree and will be planted on the open space to the north of the Burrington development. In the autumn volunteers planted daffodil bulbs along Eglos Road, which are now out in full bloom, which is nice to see.

We have been looking at setting up a Climate Adaption Working Group to take forward the Council's Environment Policy, Cllr Barnes will be taking this forward and be involved with this project and the group will be holding their first meeting at the end of March.

The St Erme Community Emergency Plan was activated on 18th February following a power cut in the village, as this was a widespread issue and not just locally there was concern over the length of time that Western Power had estimated for repairs.

The Emergency Plan Group were able to secure a generator from Western Power Distribution with help from Cllr Glasson (Cornwall Councillor) to get the Community Centre up and running to support the community. Many volunteers from the plan were contacted and went out checking on their neighbours making sure that they were warm and if they required any hot food or drink. I would like to thank all involved. It is great to see the community pulling together in times of need.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Council, Cllr Karen Glasson (Cornwall Councillor), the Clerk and our Environmental Officer for their support, work, and commitment over the year.

Cllr Rob Trethewey BEM (Chairman)

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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 members of the public will be asked to register to attend.

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 following public meetings have been provisionally booked.

22nd November 2022	Public Precept Meeting
14th March 2023	Annual Parish Meeting

COUNCILLORS TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES - 2021/2022

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

Due to the pandemic members did not attend any face to face meetings outside of the parish this year. All meetings were held remotely and therefore members received no allowances for travel and subsistence during the 2021/2022 financial year.

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 13 planning applications considered in 2021/2022

You can view all planning 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. The representatives for 2022 to 2023 are as follows:

Cornwall Association of Local Council's	Cllr Light 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 Barnes and Cllr Light
St Erme Village Hall	Cllr S Jones
St Erme Playing Field Trust	Cllr Riggs
St Erme Cricket Club	Cllr Light
St Erme Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	Cllr Trethewey, Cllr Hodgkinson, Cllr Barnes and Cllr P Jones
Police Parish Liaison Group	Cllr P Jones & Cllr Riggs
St Erme Climate Adaption Group	Cllr Barnes & Cllr Riggs

ST ERME PARISH COUNCIL

HOW YOUR MONEY IS SPENT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR - 1ST APRIL 2021 TO 31ST MARCH 2022

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 2021 to 31st March 2022 was **£35,866.00**

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

During the financial year we gave grants to the following :

St Erme Church:
St Erme Cricket Club:
St Erme Playing Field Trust

The Woman's Centre Cornwall

INCOME	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT
Brought forward	£49,678.16	Maintenance/ Repairs	£5,141.54
Precept	£35,866.00	Administration	£17,394.05
Interest	£2.70	Councillor Allow	£0.00
Partnership Grants	£4,836.19	Grants	£3,361.50
Council Tax Support Grant	£737.38	Loan Repayment	£5,963.19
VAT Returns	£1,047.23	Environmental	£10,820.65
Seagull Bag sales	£70.00	VAT	£1,612.83
TOTAL	£92,237.66	TOTAL	£44,293.76
		C/fwd. Funds	£14,447.90
		C/fwd. Revenue Reserves	£14,996.00
		Contingency Fund	£18,500.00
	£92,237.66		£92,237.66

PUBLIC PRECEPT MEETING

The next public meeting for the 2023/2024 precept has been provisionally booked for Tuesday 22nd November 2022 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 held 11 full council meetings and 2 public meetings plus 2 additional meetings which brought the total to 15 meetings for 2021/2022.

Members were absent on occasions due to COVID-19 following Government Guidelines for self isolating.

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.

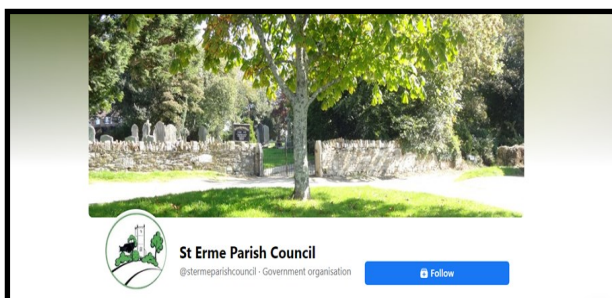
Councillor	Full Council Meetings (11)	Full Council Meetings, Public and Extraordinary (15)	Apologies received for absence
Cllr R Trethewey	91%	87%	100%
Cllr Hodgkinson	91%	93%	100%
Cllr S Jones	73%	80%	100%
Cllr P Jones	91%	93%	100%
Cllr Light (from May 21)	70% (10)	80% (13)	100%
Cllr Riggs	100%	100%	100%
Cllr Barnes (from May 21)	50% (10)	62% (13)	100%
Cllr Pound (up to April 21)	100% (2)	100% (2)	100%
Cllr Glasson (Cornwall Councillor)	70% (10)	69% (13)	100%

Members of the Council and their Contact Details

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