

ST ERME PARISH COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT 2006/07

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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.

You can request to view any applications through the clerk by appointment.

PARISH WEBSITE

We now have a parish website which was created by a local parishioner, who we would like to thank for his time and commitment.

The web address is as follows:

www.st-erme-parish-council.org.uk

You will be able to view the council's contact details, activities, minutes, Annual Reports, dates of meetings etc.

There are also contact details for local organisations, schools and businesses.

If you are interested in advertising your business or organisation please contact the clerk for more details.

There are also links to Carrick District Council and Cornwall County Council.

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

MEETINGS

The Parish Council meet at 7.30pm in St Erme Village Hall on the 1st Monday of the month (if a Bank Holiday, then the meeting is moved to the following Monday).

Members of the public are welcome to attend any meetings and are given 15 minutes before the start 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. The agendas of all meetings are displayed in the notice boards three clear days before.

The scheduled meetings for 2007/08 are as follows:

14th May 2007(Annual Meeting),4th June 2007, 2nd July 2007, 6th August 2007, 3rd September 2007, 1st October 2007, 5th November 2007,3rd December 2007,7th January 2008, 4th February 2008, 3rd March 2008,17th March 2008 (Annual Parish Meeting),

OPEN SURGERIES

The council hold Open Surgeries bi-monthly on a Saturday morning 10.00-12.00 in St Erme Village Hall.

The scheduled 'Open Surgeries' are as follows:

- 23rd June 2007, 25th August 2007, 20th October 2007,19th January 2008, 23rd February 2008 and 19th April 2008

At these surgeries a councillor or the clerk will be in attendance where you will be able to ask any questions or put across any concerns. You can also view any current Planning Applications.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2006/07

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the public who have taken the time to attend our council meetings, open surgeries and public meetings. This is an opportunity to put across your questions and concerns.

This year we have entered into a partnership agreement with Cornwall County Council for the Weed Maintenance, with in the 30mph speed limit. This complemented the existing partnerships we have with Cornwall County Council and Carrick District Council with the grass verge maintenance and the street cleaning.

The Play Equipment in the school Playing Field has been updated with a new Slide/Climbing Frame, which replaced the old wooden structure. This area of the village is well used by the children of the parish. We were successful in receiving a grant of £500.00 towards this from Cornwall Playing Fields Association.

Sadly this year we have had a number of issues with vandalism at our bus shelter at the bottom of Eglos Road. The graffiti has been painted over several times throughout the year and the notice board has been repaired on a few occasions. I would like to thank our Street Cleaner Mr Glen Brunsdon and local parishioners who have helped in keeping the cost of repairs to a minimum.

In March the council were successful in receiving grants from Awards for All (£4187.00) and Cornwall Rural Community Council (£1000.00). This money is for two new Notice Boards, two 'Welcome to the Parish of St Erme' signs, village maps and leaflets. This project was researched and put together by St Erme Community Enhancement Group who works on items raised in the Parish Plan. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the group for their support throughout the year and look forward to seeing the new signage in place.

We like to try and support organisations of the parish and this year we have given grants to the following:

St Erme Church (towards to the up keep of the church yard) £850.00,
St Erme Community Enhancement Group (towards the prizes for the Best Kept Garden competition) £50.00
St Erme Fun Day Committee (towards the purchase of new glasses) £75.00
St Erme Village Hall Committee (towards a new Fire Door) £500.00
We have also supported the Cornwall Playing Field Association £25.00

I would like to thank the members of the council for their support this year and to thank those that have left the council during the year, for their service and commitment.

David Hicks
Chairman

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 2006/07 was £23815.00.

DRAFT INCOME EXPENDITURE FOR 2006/07 SUMMARY

| INCOME | | EXPENDITURE | |
|---------------------|------------------|---|------------------|
| B/fwd Project Funds | £24262.97 | Administration(inc Salaries) | £14459.71 |
| COIF Investment | £81.00 | Subscriptions, insurances etc. | |
| Precept | £23815.00 | Footpaths/Grass Cutting/ Street Cleaning/new slide | £10479.66 |
| Partnership Grants | £4007.98 | Grants/Donations | £1500.00 |
| Other Grants | £5687.00 | Grants B/F 2005/06 | £440.10 |
| Bank Interest | £449.76 | Councillors Allowances | £16.77 |
| COIF Interest | £22.07 | VAT | £1679.06 |
| VAT Returns | £635.83 | COIF Payments(Keate Charity) | £22.00 |
| Other | £20.00 | COIF Payments (B/F 2005/06) | £20.00 |
| | | TOTAL | £28617.30 |
| | | COIF Investment | £81.00 |
| | | C/fwd Project Funds | £14946.31 |
| | | C/fwd Revenue Reserves | £10150.00 |
| | | C/fwd Grants March 07 | £5187.00 |
| | £58981.61 | | £58981.61 |

NOTE: These figures for 2006/07 have yet to be audited

COUNCILLORS TRAVEL AND SUBSISTANCE ALLOWANCES 2006/07

The members receive Allowances for Travel and Subsistence for duties carried **outside** of the Parish.

The allowances claimed for 2006/07 are as follows:

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|---|---------------|
| Cllr Hick's (Chairman) | NIL |
| Cllr Matthews (Resigned August 2006) | NIL |
| Cllr Trethewey (Vice- Chairman) | £16.77 |
| Cllr Jones | NIL |
| Cllr Bunt | NIL |
| Cllr Purkis (co-opted May 2006) | NIL |
| Cllr Smiles (co-opted July 2006) | NIL |
| Cllr Brunnsden (co-opted November 2006) | NIL |
| TOTAL | £16.77 |

COUNCILLORS ATTENDANCE

The council have 12 Full Council meetings a year, plus additional meetings when required which brought the total to 18 meetings for 2006/07. The Councillor's do not receive payment for duties carried out with in the parish.

| Councillor | Scheduled Full Council Meetings (12)* | All Full Council Meetings, Extraordinary and Public Meetings (18)* |
|-------------------------------|---|--|
| Cllr Hicks | 100% | 89% |
| Cllr Matthews (resigned Aug) | (5)* | (7)* |
| Cllr Trethewey | 92% | 89% |
| Cllr Jones | 83% | 89% |
| Cllr Bunt | 92% | 89% |
| Cllr Purkis (co-opted May) | (11)* | (17)* |
| Cllr Smiles (co-opted July) | (8)* | (15) |
| Cllr Brunnsden (co-opted Nov) | (5)* | (9)* |