

ST ERME PARISH COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT 2007/08

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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. We considered 19 applications this year.

You can request to view any applications through the clerk by appointment, at Carrick District Council or on their website www.carrick.gov.uk

PARISH WEBSITE

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 2008/09 are as follows:

12th May 2008(Annual Meeting), 2nd June 2008, 7th July 2008, 4th August 2008, 1st September 2008, 6th October 2008, 3rd November 2008 , 1st December 2008, 8th December 2008 (Annual Precept Meeting), 5th January 2009, 2nd February 2009, 2nd March 2009, 16th March 2009 (Annual Parish Meeting), 6th April 2009, 11th May 2009(Annual Meeting)

OPEN SURGERIES

The council hold Open Surgeries bi-monthly on a Saturday morning 10.00-11.00 in St Erme Village Hall.

The scheduled 'Open Surgeries' are as follows:

- 24th May 2008, 19th July 2008, 20th September 2008, 22nd November 2008, 24th January 2009, 21st March 2009, 23rd May 2009

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 2007/08

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.

We started the financial year with the local elections in which we achieved a full elected council, and I welcome the new members and our District Councillor Jonathan McCulloch.

Our new Notice Boards and Welcome Signs have been installed and our Village Maps have been delivered to each household in the parish, it was good to hear such positive feedback from this and I thank the St Erme Community Enhancement Group for their work with this project. We are still improving the signage on the estate and through out the year you should see some renewed, with better directions included.

I would like to thank PC Dave Hargreaves and PCSO Jim Eagles for their support and work; they have spent a lot of time on projects with the school and the youth in the parish. The council and PC Hargreaves have involved the older youth in meetings and surveys to see what they would like, and a Youth Committee has been formed. They are starting to fundraise for Goal Posts and are looking into a Youth Club for the parish.

We have continued our partnerships with the district and county council for the maintenance of footpaths, grass verges, weeds and street cleaning and have renewed our contract with Cornwall County Council to 2011.

The Unitary Authority will commence in 2009, this will be an uncertain year for all, and may give the parish council additional powers to provide services, this will be a testing year, as well as an exiting time for all concerned,

We like to try and support organisations of the parish and this year we have given grants with a total value of £3342.79 to the following: St Erme WI, St Erme Horticultural Society, St Erme Short Mat Bowls, St Erme Fun Day, St Erme Cricket Club, St Erme Village Hall, St Erme Toddler Group, St Erme Church (Church Yard maintenance) and St Erme Community Enhancement Group. All the organisations in the parish are an important part of the community and we will continue to support where we can.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the council and the clerk for their commitment throughout the year. .

Dave 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 2007/08 was £24411.00.

DRAFT INCOME EXPENDITURE FOR 2007/08 SUMMARY

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
B/fwd Funds	£30283.31	Administration(inc Salaries)	£12081.30
COIF Investment	£81.00	Subscriptions, insurances etc.	
		Councillor Allowances	£89.82
Precept	£24411.00	Footpaths/Grass Cutting/Weeds	£5886.21
		Street Cleaning	
Partnership Grants	£4260.41	Grants/Donations	£3242.79
		Signage	£6509.00
Bank Interest	£790.15	VAT	£1480.20
COIF Interest	£23.33	COIF Payments(Keate Charity)	£23.32
VAT Returns	£1679.06	Street Light	£1700.00
Other	£20.00		
		TOTAL	£31012.61
		COIF Investment	£81.00
		C/fwd Project Funds	£6069.65
		C/fwd Revenue Reserves	£13900.00
		Contingencies	£10485.00
	£61548.26		£61548.26

NOTE: These figures for 2007/08 have yet to be audited

COUNCILLORS TRAVEL AND SUBSISTANCE ALLOWANCES

2007/08

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

The allowances claimed for 2007/08 are as follows:

Cllr Hick's (Chairman)	NIL
Cllr Trethewey (Vice- Chairman)	£81.92
Cllr Jones	£3.95
Cllr Bunt	£3.95
Cllr Purkis	NIL
Cllr Light	NIL
Cllr Brunnsden (resigned January)	NIL
TOTAL	£89.82

COUNCILLORS ATTENDANCE

The council have 12 Full Council meetings a year, plus additional meetings when required which brought the total to 16 meetings for 2007/08. 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 (16)*
Cllr Hicks	58%	56%
Cllr Trethewey	83%	81%
Cllr Jones	83%	87%
Cllr Bunt	92%	94%
Cllr Purkis	100%	100%
Cllr Brunnsden(resigned Dec)	(9)* 56%	(12)* 58%
Cllr Light	100%	100%
Cllr McCulloch (District Cllr)	(11)* 91%	
Cllr Mennear (County Cllr)	25%	