

ST ERME PARISH COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT 2008/09

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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 27 applications this year.

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

The council carried out a Housing Survey in December 2008 and are looking at drafting a Planning Policy for the parish. The Parish Plan which was carried out in 2005 and the recent Housing Survey will be used to put this policy together.

PARISH WEBSITE

The web address is as follows: www.st-erme-parish-council.org.uk

The website is currently being updated, and we apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

The new site will have much more up to date information available and will be updated regularly.

You will be able to view the council's contact details, activities, minutes, annual reports, dates of meetings, policies and procedures 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 Cornwall Council and Local Schools

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 usually on the 1st Monday of the month apart from August.

Members of the public are welcome to attend any meetings and are given 15 minutes during the meeting 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 2009/10 are as follows:

- 11th May 2009 (Annual Meeting), 1st June 2009, 13th July 2009, 7th September 2009, 5th October 2009, 2nd November 2009, 7th December 2009, 14th December 2009 (Public Precept Meeting), 4th January 2010, 1st February 2010, 1st March 2010, 15th March 2010 (Annual Parish Meeting), 5th April 2010 and 10th May 2010 (Annual Meeting)

OPEN SURGERIES

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

The scheduled 'Open Surgeries' are as follows:

- 18th July 2009, 19th September 2009, 21st November 2009, 16th January 2010, 20th t March 2010, 22nd May 2010

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 2008/09

This year has been very busy, and there have been a number of changes and a lot of consultation with regards to the new Unitary Council (Cornwall Council). We realise that many people were against it, but it was the council's view that it was better to work with the transition, so that you our parishioners will have a say on local issues.

We have had more meetings this year due to planning applications and consultation deadlines. The members of the council are all volunteers, who put themselves forward for election because they feel passionate about where they live and work. I would like to thank them all for their work and commitment over the year.

Our chairman David Hicks resigned in October, he was an excellent councillor who served for 18 years and was chairman for the last 11 years. I would like to thank him on behalf of the council for his commitment over the years.

I was elected Chairman in November of which I have done to the best of my ability.

The council has been asked twice this year to give a talk on the future of parish council's and working in partnership. The council has been used as a role model for future partnership working and it was an honour to go along and explain to other council's in the County, what we have achieved as a parish council.

We have now finished the signage project in the parish which I am sure most of you will agree, is a big improvement. The project was carried out with the help of the St Erme Community Enhancement Group and in partnership with Carrick District Council.

The traffic scheme is now complete and has certainly helped with the parking issues. This was also completed in Partnership with Cornwall County Council through our County Councillor Des Mennear.

During the last twelve months we have been working with the Youth, who have managed to gain funding of £2000.00 for a Youth Club, this will be up and running in Spring/Summer. The new goal posts and safety fencing has now been installed in the School Playing Field, although this seems to have taken along time to sort, it has been well worth it and they are being well used by both the school and local children.

We have managed to support several parish organisations again this year and have agreed to borrow £80,000 to finish the new Sports/Community Centre.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank our outgoing councillors, Jonathan McCulloch (Carrick District) and Des Mennear (Cornwall County) for the amount of work in which they have done behind the scenes, by helping parishioners and the council. I would also like to thank the clerk for all her work and the additional hours that she put in this year.

Cllr Rob Trethewey
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 2008/09 was £24965.00.

DRAFT INCOME EXPENDITURE FOR 2008/09 SUMMARY

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
B/fwd Funds	£30454.62	Administration(inc Salaries)	£16402.51
		Subscriptions, insurances etc.	
		Councillor Allowances	£92.84
Precept	£24965.00	Footpaths/Grass Cutting/ Weeds/Street Cleaning	£3539.15
Partnership Grants	£4359.63	Grants/Donations	£4971.42
Bank Interest	£438.56	VAT	£766.71
COIF Interest	£26.03	COIF Payments(Keate Charity)	£26.03
VAT Returns	£1480.20		
Our Money Your Dreams Grant	£2000.00		
Other	£79.81		
		TOTAL	£25798.66
		C/fwd Funds	£10375.19
		C/fwd Revenue Reserves	£15630.00
		Contingencies	£12000.00
	£63803.85		£63803.85

NOTE: These figures for 2008/09 have now been audited

COUNCILLORS TRAVEL AND SUBSISTANCE ALLOWANCES

2008/09

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

The allowances claimed for 2008/09 are as follows:

Cllr Hick's (resigned Oct)	NIL
Cllr Trethewey	£54.10
Cllr Jones	NIL
Cllr Bunt	£4.75
Cllr Quee	NIL
Cllr Light	£18.99
Cllr Purkis (resigned Sept)	NIL
Cllr Waters	£14.95
TOTAL	£92.79

COUNCILLORS ATTENDANCE

The council have 12 Full Council meetings a year, plus additional meetings when required which brought the total to 19 meetings for 2008/09. 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 (19)*
Cllr Hicks (resigned Oct)	(7) 57%	(11) 64%
Cllr Trethewey	75%	79%
Cllr Jones	67%	68%
Cllr Bunt	83%	74%
Cllr Purkis (resigned Sept)	(6) 100%	(8) 100%
Cllr Lynn Waters	100%	100%
Cllr Light	100%	100%
Cllr Quee (co-opted Dec)	(4) 75%	(7) 71%
Cllr McCulloch (District Cllr)	92%	82%
Cllr Mennear (County Cllr)	42%	26%