



ST ERME PARISH COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT 2009/10

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PARISH ORGANISATIONS AND CONTACT DETAILS

St Erme Community Enhancement Group

Secretary: Mrs Judy Pearson, 10 Treworgan View, St Erme, Tel: 01872 279577

Trispen & St Erme Residents Association

Chairman: Ann Burton, Clovilla, Trispen, Truro Tel: 01872 279563

St Erme Silver Circle

Secretary: Mrs Trevethan, Trezel, Churchtown, St Erme, Tel: 01872 270886

St Erme and Trispen Fun Day Committee

Secretary: Mrs Barbara Roseveare, 8 Broad View, Trispen, Tel: 01872 274236

St Erme W.I.

Secretary: Miss Jo Collins, 'Westerely' 5 Ennis Close, St Erme, Truro Tel: 01872 321599

St Erme Village Hall Committee

Booking Clerk: Mrs Sue Harrington, St Erme, Truro, Tel: 01872 262714

St Erme Horticultural Society

Secretary: Mrs Helen Cole, 63 Polisken Way, St Erme, Truro Tel: 01872 270805

St Erme Short Mat Bowls

Secretary: Mr Brian Wills, Lea-Vu, St Erme, Truro Tel: 01872 271661

St Erme Recreation Field Committee

Secretary: Mrs Barbara Roseveare, 8 Broad View, Trispen, Tel: 01872 274236

St Erme Cricket Club

Secretary: Mr Nigel Bowen, Kinross, Besore, Threemilestone, Truro 01872 222528

St Erme & Trispen Twinkle Tots (Parent & Toddler Group)

Contact: Mrs Sue Harrington, Tel: 01872 262714

St Erme with Trispen CP School

Headteacher: Mrs Julie Orrell, School Lane, Trispen, TR4 9BJ, Tel: 01872 279539

Trispen Football Club

Secretary: Mr Dan Mitchell, 84 Chirgwin Road, Truro TR1 1TT, Tel: 01872 222358

St Erme Church

Team Rector Revd Andrew Wade,
The Sanctuary, Wagg Lane, Probus, Truro TR2 4JX, Tel: 01726 882746

Trispen Methodist Chapel

Revd Jane Willcock, 9 Blackberry Way, Truro, Tel: 01872 279403

St Erme History Group

Mrs Marie Wills, Penhale Farm, St Erme, Tel: 01872 510329

St Erme with Trispen Youth Project

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 2009/10 was £26367.00.

INCOME EXPENDITURE FOR 2009/10 SUMMARY

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
B/fwd Funds	£38,005.19	Administration(inc Salaries)	£16,334.43
		Subscriptions, insurances etc.	
		Councillor Allowances	£318.94
Precept	£26,367.00	Footpaths/Grass Cutting/ Weeds/Street Cleaning	£4,215.72
Partnership Grants	£4,344.52	Grants/Donations	£2,233.06
Bank Interest	£30.62	Community Centre Grant	£30,000.00
COIF Interest	£18,19	VAT	£488.37
		COIF Payments (Keate Charity)	£18.19
VAT Returns	£766.76	Loan Repayment	£3,637.73
Youth Project Account	£100.00	Our Money Your Dreams Grant	£1,996.68
Loan	£79,950.00	Youth Project	£2774.29
		TOTAL	£62,017.41
		C/fwd Funds	£7080.87
		C/fwd Revenue Reserves	£18,484.00
		Contingencies	£12,000.00
		Grant Community Centre	£50,000.00
	£149,582.28		£149,582.28

NOTE: These figures for 2009/10 have yet to be audited

MEETINGS

The Parish Council meets 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 public participation 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 2010/11 are as follows:

- 7th June 2010, 5th July 2010, 6th September 2010, 4th October 2010, 1st November 2010, 22nd November 2010 (Public Precept Meeting), 6th December 2010, 10th January 2011, 7th February 2011, 7th March 2011, 21st March 2011 (Annual Parish Meeting), 4th April 2011 and 9th May 2011 (Annual Meeting)

OPEN SURGERIES

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

The scheduled 'Open Surgeries' are as follows:

- 17th July 2010, 18th September 2010, 20th t November 2010, 15th January 2011, 19th March 2011, 21st May 2011

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.

COUNCILLORS TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES
2009/10

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

The allowances claimed for 2009/10 are as follows:

Cllr Trethewey	£24.52
Cllr Jones	NIL
Cllr Bunt (resigned May 2010)	£88.52
Cllr Quee	£163.49
Cllr Light	£42.41
Cllr Booker	NIL
Cllr Waters (resigned May 2009)	NIL
TOTAL *	£318.94

* The Travel and Subsistence Allowances are higher this year, as members visited a Wind Farm in Norfolk, to get a better understanding of the Truthan Windfarm Planning Application.

COUNCILLORS ATTENDANCE

The council has 11 full council meetings a year, plus additional meetings when required which brought the total to 20 meetings for 2009/10. The Councillor's do not receive payment for duties carried out with in the parish.

Councillor	Scheduled Full Council Meetings (11)*	All Full Council Meetings, Extraordinary and Public Meetings (20)*
Cllr Trethewey	100%	95%
Cllr Jones	82%	85%
Cllr Bunt (resign May 2010)	91%	95%
Cllr Light	91%	95%
Cllr Quee	100%	95%
Cllr Booker	(3)	(7)
Cllr Eathorne-Gibbons County Councillor	(7) 86%	

CHAIRMANS REPORT 2009/2010

This year has been the busiest year I have known in 11 years as being a member of St Erme Parish Council. We have had the change of the new Unitary Authority last April, which has seen us taking part in a number of consultations, with regards to the Boundary Review and Service Provision. I would like to take this opportunity to mention Cllr Michael Eathorne-Gibbons who is our new Cornwall Councillor, who I feel we have built up a good working relationship with, along with a number of officers at Cornwall Council.

We have had a number of Planning Applications this year, two of which have been very contentious; the Truthan Barton Wind Farm application and the application from Wainhomes to build 60 houses on land at Trispen Hill.

Members travelled up to Swaffham, Norfolk to see a Wind Farm in operation, which was very similar to what is being proposed at Truthan, to consider the potential impact of the proposal. We also held consultation events and a public meeting to gain public opinion. This ensured that the whole parish was aware of the issues; the council was informed on the impact of the proposals through experience and had demonstrated proper public consultation in its response. This application at the time of print is still waiting to be determined by Cornwall Council.

When the council received a planning application for 60 houses at Trispen Hill we held a consultation event and a public meeting to gauge public opinion. The Parish Plan and the Housing Needs Survey provided local evidence; highlighting this land for development and the need for family sized properties. The council was not happy with the mix of family accommodation being provided in the application and included this in their response for refusal along with the main concerns of flooding, visual impact and parking as highlighted at the public meeting and in letters of objection received. Following amendments from the developer increasing the open market houses to all 3 / 4 bedroom properties, by reducing the total number of properties to 58, this application has now been approved subject to planning conditions by Cornwall Council.

I am pleased to report that the Youth Project which started in August is still running successfully and has over 60 members. We have been working in partnership with Young People Cornwall, who has provided a Youth Worker on the council's behalf. This has provided a weekly drop in

session for young people between 8 – 19 years in the parish. They have arranged trips such as Ice-Skating at the Eden Project and a trip to Mount Hawke Skate Park. We have now secured the funding from a grant from 'Play Pathfinder' to keep the project running for another year.

After consultation by way of a public meeting and the evidence in the Parish Plan highlighting the need for new facilities the council agreed to support the building of the new Sports/Community Centre, which involved a loan from the Public Works Loan Board of £80,000, this money will be given as a grant and will enable the St Erme Playing Field Trust to finish the building; which will be to the benefit of the whole community.

This year we have also supported the following organisations: St Erme Cricket Club, Trispen Football Club, St Erme Toddler Group, St Erme Silver Circle, St Erme & Trispen School PTA, St Erme History Group, and we supported St Erme Church with the maintenance of the Church Yard.

I would like to thank PC Hargreaves for the continuation of his Community Project with the local school, in which he has secured further funding for a Sailing Course for the year 6 pupils. This year they have planted bulbs and painted the bus shelters.

We have continued our partnerships with Cornwall Council and are carrying out our own Street Cleansing, Weed Maintenance, Grass Verge Maintenance and Footpath Maintenance. We have been carrying out these duties for a number of years now and I hope you agree that the parish is looking much cleaner and tidier. We have renewed these contracts for the next financial year.

This year the council was honoured to be nominated through the Cornwall Association of Local Council's to attend the Queens Garden Party, in July at Buckingham Palace, at which I represented the parish council.

The council was also honoured to be nominated for the **National Council of the Year Award 2010**. We were informed that we had made the top three and I was asked to represent the council at the awards ceremony in London. To be nominated was honour enough, but to hear our council read out as winner of this National Award was amazing.

I have enjoyed this year, which has, at times been challenging and I would like to thank the members of the council and the clerk for their support and commitment in what has been a very busy year. I hope that they have found it to be as rewarding as I have.

Cllr Robert Trethewey
Chairman



The National Association of Local Council's Awards Ceremony – London

Cllr Chater (Chairman of NALC), Cllr Trethewey (Chairman of St Erme Parish Council) and Mr Houston (AON - Sponsors of the Award)

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE YEAR 2010

We are very pleased to announce that St Erme Parish Council has won the National Council of the Year Award. Cllr Trethewey chairman of St Erme Parish Council travelled to London on the council's behalf to the awards ceremony in May; where he received a certificate, glass trophy and a cheque to the value of £500 towards a community project.

A quote from the National Association of Local Council's Media Release is below:

NALC Media Release -

NALC's Local Council Awards 2010 were once again the biggest and best in very local government. The awards recognised the success and achievement of local (parish and town) council's at One Great George St, London.

Cllr Michael Chater, chairman of NALC, introduced the awards by talking about how local councils are a very important party of the country's community governance. He said over 9,000 local council's in England are representing their local communities, providing services to meet local needs and improving the quality of life and community well-being.

He added: "Our awards today pay tribute to their achievements and shine a very welcome spotlight on the amazing work that goes on in our tier of local government."

The winner of the National Council of the Year is St Erme Parish Council in Cornwall. Cllr Rob Trethewey, chairman of St Erme Parish Council, said "It is a great honour to be the winner of the Council of the Year. A special tribute should be paid to all the councillors and the clerk that work very hard on behalf of the community"

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 20 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

There were two very controversial applications this year, one being the Truthan Barton Windfarm, which is still to be determined by Cornwall Council, at the time of print and the second being the Wainhomes application for 60 houses at Trispen. This application has been approved by Cornwall Council subject to Planning Conditions; still to be agreed.

We held open sessions and public meetings to gauge public opinion regarding these applications.

PARISH WEBSITE

The new website is now up and running the web address is as follows: www.stermeparishcouncil.org.uk

This site will continue to be developed to include as much information as possible. You can view the council's contact details, activities, minutes, annual reports, dates of meetings, policies and procedures etc.

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

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