

ST ERME PARISH COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT 2010/11

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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 13 applications this year.

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

PARISH WEBSITE

The St Erme Parish Council web address is as follows:
www.stermeaparishcouncil.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.

CHAIRMANS REPORT 2010/2011

During the last twelve months we have seen the Truthan Barton Windfarm application turned down by Cornwall Council and also by the Planning Inspectorate in December; where many parishioners spoke passionately about their fears and concerns. I would like to thank Lynda Quee for speaking at County Hall and Cllr Sally Jones who at short notice spoke at the Planning Inquiry on behalf of the council. Well done to both of you. However since then a new application has been submitted by Coronation Power, minus the two turbines to the east of the A39.

The Wainhomes development has now begun at Trispen Hill and I believe we have managed to build a working relationship with them and have met the site manager on a number of occasions to discuss issues with the site. They have so far been very helpful and hopefully this will continue. We have met with highways to see if we can improve the bus stop at Chapel Road to make it safer, this is currently in discussion and hopefully a solution will be agreed by all.

The new Community Centre is finally finished with your support through the parish council's grant of £80,000. This facility will benefit local groups and parishioners, as well as providing facilities for the Cricket and Football teams.

The council was asked by Cornwall Council to pilot a Community Emergency Plan for the parish. This has now been completed by the coordinators of the plan. This will be used as a first response in an emergency until the emergency services arrive. Thank you to all who have put forward their contact details for our database and offered their services/skills in such an event. Also thank you to the Emergency Plan Committee who have given their time to put this plan together, and who will act as coordinators in such an event.

We are in the process of looking at producing a Village Design Statement for the parish which will possibly lead into a Neighbourhood Plan. It is very important that everyone gets involved, as these documents will highlight the character settlements and assets that you as parishioners feel is important to safe guard and keep in the future; during the natural growth of our parish.

I would like to thank Sally our clerk for all the hours she puts in and also the councillors who give their time and commitment. Sadly Lynda Quee has had to hand her in her resignation, and I am sorry to see her go, as she has contributed a lot in her time as a councillor, and I wish her all the best.

Members of the public can attend our meetings, and we would welcome to hear your concerns and opinions

Cllr Robert Trethewey
Chairman of St Erme Parish Council

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 2011/2012 are as follows:

4 th July 2011	5 th September 2011	3 rd October 2011
7 th November 2011	5 th December 2011	9 th January 2012
6 th February 2012	5 th March 2012	2 nd April 2012
14 th May 2012 Annual Meeting		

21st November 2011 (Public Precept Meeting)

19th March 2012 (Annual Parish 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:

16 th July 2011	17 th September 2011
19 th November 2011	14 th January 2012
17 th March 2012	19 th May 2012

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.

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 2010/11 was £26812

INCOME EXPENDITURE FOR 2010/11 SUMMARY

INCOME	EXPENDITURE	
B/fwd Funds	£87,565.00	
Precept	£26,812.00	Administration (inc Clerk's Salary) £11,478.98
Partnership Grants	£4,604.85	Subscriptions, insurances £1,309.13
		Councillor Allowances £156.72
Bank Interest	£31.42	Footpaths/Grass Cutting/Weeds/Street Cleaning £6356.61
VAT Returns	£488.37	Grants/Donations £3,404.89
Play Pathfinder Grant	£4,431.00	Community Centre Grant £50,000.00
NALC Award	£500.00	VAT £532.93
Hosting of Training Event	£60.00	Loan Repayment £8,094.99
		Play Pathfinder Grant £3,365.75
		OMYD Grant £66.00
TOTAL	£124,492.51	TOTAL £84,766.00
		C/fwd Funds £8,914.51
		C/fwd Revenue Reserves £17,812.00
		Contingencies £13,000.00
	£124,492.51	£124,492.51

NOTE: The accounts for 2010/11 have yet to be audited

COUNCILLORS TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES 2010/11

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

The allowances claimed for 2010/11 are as follows:

Cllr Trethewey (Chairman)	£98.47
Cllr Light (Vice- Chairman)	£11.37
Cllr Jones	£46.88
Cllr Quee (resigned April 2011)	NIL
Cllr Bunt (resigned May 2010)	NIL
Cllr Booker	NIL
Cllr Pound (co opted Sept 2010)	NIL
Cllr Holt (co opted Jan 2010)	NIL
TOTAL *	£156.72

COUNCILLORS ATTENDANCE

The council has 11 full council meetings a year, plus additional meetings when required which brought the total to 15 meetings for 2010/11. The Councillor's do not receive payment for duties carried out with in the parish.

Councillor	Full Council Meetings (11)*	All Full Council Meetings, Extraordinary and Public Meetings (15)*
Cllr Trethewey	91%	94%
Cllr Jones	91%	87%
Cllr Pound (co-opted Sept 2010)	(6) 100%	(2) 100%
Cllr Light	82%	87%
Cllr Quee (resigned April 2011)	64%	67%
Cllr Booker	82%	87%
Cllr Holt (co opted Jan 2011)	(2) 100%	(1) 100%
Cllr Bunt (resigned May 2010)	(2) 100%	(0)
Cllr Eathorne-Gibbons Cornwall Councillor	73%	67%