

# ST ERME PARISH COUNCIL



## Annual Report

1st April 2014—31st March 2015

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### Chairman's Report

Another year has passed and I am pleased to report that the St Erme Village Design Statement has been adopted by Cornwall Council and will be used as a material consideration in any future development.

We have now started the process of engaging parishioners interest in developing a Neighbourhood Plan. The initial surveys have been completed and returned with a 11% return rate which is considered good. We now intend to take this forward with your support as it has to be community led.

We have received several planning applications, most of which have not been contentious. Unfortunately we, like other council's continue to have problems with Cornwall Council's planning department, especially with enforcement.

We continue to work closely with local organisations and support them financially when we can.

I am pleased to report that we are still continuing our partnership agreements with Cornwall Council for street cleansing, grass cutting of the verges and public rights of way. Cornwall Council no longer carries out weed removal, but we agreed to continue to carry out this service ourselves, as we feel it makes a big difference to the look of the village.

At long last the new bus shelters have been installed much to some peoples dismay. The issues with the shelter in Chapel Road have been addressed, with just the glazing of the additional panel to be finished.

We are continuing to fight for a safe cycle route to Truro, which has been highlighted in many consultations over the years and this will be become more urgent once the Truro Eastern Project has been finished.

I would like to thank the members of the council , Cllr Eathorne-Gibbons, the clerk and street cleaner for their continued support throughout the year.

Please get involved with future consultation of the Neighbourhood Plan, this is your village and we can only produce this important document with your support and input.

**Cllr Rob Trethewey  
(Chairman)**

## ST ERME PARISH COUNCIL

### MEETINGS

The Parish Council meets at 7.30pm in St Erme Village Hall usually on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 and the venues/times of these meetings may be different, please check on the agenda. The agendas of all meetings are displayed in the notice boards and website three clear days before.

**The scheduled full council meetings for 2015/2016 are as follows:**

6th July 2015	7th September 2015
5th October 2015	2nd November 2015
7th December 2015	4th January 2016
1st February 2016	7th March 2016
4th April 2016	9th May 2016 <b>(Annual Meeting)</b>

**The following meetings will be held at the St Erme Community Centre:**

16th November 2015	<b>Public Precept Meeting</b>
21st March 2015	<b>Annual Parish Meeting</b>

### COUNCILLORS TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES - 2014/2015

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

The allowances claimed for 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015 are as follows:

COUNCILLOR	AMOUNT
Cllr Trethewey (Chairman)	£13.57
Cllr Light (Vice-chairman)	£0.00
Cllr S Jones	£33.12
Cllr Holt	£0.00
Cllr Pound	£0.00
Cllr P Jones	£8.38
Cllr Thomas	£0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£55.07</b>

### 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. There were 15 planning applications considered in 2014/2015

You can request to view any applications through the clerk by appointment, or at Cornwall Council's website: [www.cornwall.gov.uk](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk)

### Representatives

Members of the council are appointed at each Annual Meeting to represent the council on other committees. Please see the list below of appointments:

<b>Cornwall Association of Local Council's</b>	Cllr Pound and Cllr S Jones
<b>Public Rights of Way</b>	Cllr Holt
<b>Truro &amp; Roseland Community Network Area</b>	Cllr Trethewey & Cllr S Jones
<b>St Erme Emergency Plan Committee</b>	Cllr Trethewey, Cllr Light, Cllr Pound and Cllr S Jones
<b>Planning &amp; Development</b>	Cllr P Jones
<b>St Erme Village Hall</b>	Cllr S Jones
<b>St Erme Playing Field Trust</b>	Cllr Thomas and Cllr Holt
<b>St Erme Cricket Club</b>	Cllr Pound
<b>St Erme Community Enhancement Group</b>	Cllr Thomas

# ST ERME PARISH COUNCIL

## HOW YOUR MONEY IS SPENT

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR - 1ST APRIL 2014 TO 31ST MARCH 2015

Each year, the Parish Council sets a budget for the following financial year.

The precept (the parish council's share of your rates) for 2014/2015 was £30,077.00

In the precept an amount towards grants for local organisations is also set.

During the financial year of 2014/2015 we granted to the following organisations:

St Erme PCC: £1,100.00  
towards Church yard maintenance

St Erme Cricket Club: £250.00  
towards maintenance of the rollers

St Erme Toddler Group: £170.00  
towards insurance costs

St Erme WI: £100.00  
towards the cost of guest speakers

St Erme Silver Circle: £200.00  
towards outings/trips

St Erme Playing Field Trust: £250.00  
towards maintenance for Tren creek Park

St Erme School PTA: £250.00  
towards outside music equipment

St Erme and Trispen Fun Day  
Committee: £250.00  
towards a larger marquee and fencing

We also paid out £140.00 between

Cornwall Air Ambulance,  
Cornwall Blind Association,  
Headway Cornwall,  
Cruse Bereavement

INCOME	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT
Brought forward	£53,224.50	Administration	£14,387.66
Precept	£30,077.00	Councillor Allowances	£55.07
Interest	£13.38	Grants	£2,727.00
Partnership Grants	£4,070.22	Loan Repayment	£7,319.79
Council Tax Support Grant	£3,161.26	Community Bus Grant	£7,000.00
VAT Returns	£616.41	Street Cleansing Weeds/Grass Maintenance	£5,468.02
		Footpath Maintenance	£695.92
		VAT	£490.66
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£91,162.77</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£38,144.12</b>
		C/fwd. Funds	£6,058.65
		C/fwd. Revenue Reserves	£21,960.00
		Contingency Fund	£17,000.00
		C/fwd. Community Benefit	£8,000.00
	<b>£91,162.77</b>		<b>£91,162.77</b>

#### **PUBLIC PRECEPT MEETING**

Each year we hold a public meeting to put forward the draft precept, to give parishioners an opportunity to have a say on how their money is being spent.

The next Public Precept Meeting for the 2016/2017 precept will be on  
Monday 16th November 2015 at the St Erme Community Centre  
7.30pm

**PLEASE COME ALONG AND HAVE A SAY IN  
HOW YOUR MONEY IS SPENT**

**COUNCILLORS ATTENDANCE**

The council has 11 full council meetings a year, plus additional meetings when required which brought the total to 16 meetings for 2014/2015. The members of the council **do not** receive payment for duties carried out with in the parish.

In addition to the above members and the clerk represented the council on various committees and also attended training events when required through out the year.

Councillor	Full Council Meetings (11)	All Full Council Meetings, Extraordinary and Public Meetings(16)	Apologies received for absence
Cllr Trethewey	100%	100%	-
Cllr Light	100%	100%	-
Cllr S Jones	82%	88%	100%
Cllr Holt	100%	88%	100%
Cllr Pound	64%	63%	100%
Cllr P Jones	73%	81%	100%
Cllr Thomas	82%	88%	100%
Cllr Eathorne-Gibbons (Cornwall Councillor)	91%	69%	100%

**PARISH WEBSITE**

**[www.stermeparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.stermeparishcouncil.org.uk)**

You can view/download the council's agendas, minutes, annual reports, policies and procedures, useful numbers etc.

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

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