

ST ERME PARISH COUNCIL



Annual Report

1st April 2017—31st March 2018

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I would like to start by welcoming two new members to the council, Cllr Edwin Riggs and Cllr Patricia Couch who have settled in well.

This last year we have seen the Neighbourhood Plan progressing well moving forward to the next stage. We would like it to be completed and adopted by early 2019. It is important for you to follow the progress and attend and comment on the forthcoming consultations. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Steering Group for their work and commitment so far on this process.

As stated last year the defibrillator outside of Trispen Post Office & Stores is in place and this year the Emergency Plan Committee have held several informal training and awareness events on CPR and the use of defibrillators.

We have had a mix of planning applications over the last twelve months and have seen the start of the Burrington's development taking shape.

The offsite open space s106 monies from the Truthan View development was transferred to the parish council following extensive consultation with the community and is now in place with a range of equipment for all ages. There is outside gym equipment and a small range of toddler equipment at the football ground and junior equipment at the school playing field. We have also purchased litterbins and seating for the Church yard, Truthan View and the football and cricket grounds. I am pleased to say that we have received many good comments and the equipment is proving to be very popular.

We have continued with our partnership agreements with Cornwall Council for the Street Cleansing, grass and public rights of way maintenance and are still also carrying out our own weed treatments of the village.

We continue to serve the community to the best of our ability and listen and take on board comments and opinions received about various issues in the parish. It is important that you continue to express your opinions and attend any consultations through out the year; so we can represent the interests of the whole community.

I would like to thank the clerk, members and Cllr Eathorne-Gibbons (Cornwall Councillor) for all their hard work and commitment over the last twelve months.

Cllr Rob Trethewey BEM (Chairman)

ST ERME PARISH COUNCIL

MEETINGS

The Parish Council meets at 7.30pm at the St Erme Community Centre usually on the 1st Tuesday 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 on any agenda items. 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 2018/2019 are as follows:

The following meetings will be held at the St Erme Community Centre apart from the 4th December 2018 which will be held at the St Erme Village Hall.

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|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| 3rd July 2018 | 4th September 2018 |
| 2nd October 2018 | 6th November 2018 |
| 4th December 2018 | 8th January 2019 |
| 5th February 2019 | 5th March 2019 |
| 2nd April 2019 | 7th May 2019 (Annual Meeting) |

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| 20th November 2018 | Public Precept Meeting |
| 19th March 2019 | Annual Parish Meeting |

COUNCILLORS TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES - 2017/2018

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

The allowances claimed for 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018 are as follows:

| COUNCILLOR | AMOUNT |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Cllr Trethewey (Chairman) | £8.38 |
| Cllr Light | £0.00 |
| Cllr S Jones | £0.00 |
| Cllr Holt | £0.00 |
| Cllr Pound | £0.00 |
| Cllr P Jones | £0.00 |
| Cllr Thomas | £0.00 |
| Cllr Hodgkinson | £0.00 |
| TOTAL | £8.38 |

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 17 planning applications considered in 2017/2018

You can view any applications on Cornwall Council's website: www.cornwall.gov.uk

Representatives

Members of the council are appointed at each Annual Meeting to represent the council on other committees. Appointments from 8th May 2018 are as follows:

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| Cornwall Association of Local Council's | Cllr Pound and Cllr S Jones |
| Public Rights of Way | Cllr Hodgkinson |
| Truro & Roseland Community Network Area | Cllr Trethewey & Cllr S Jones |
| St Erme Emergency Plan Committee | Cllr Trethewey, Cllr Hodgkinson, Cllr Pound and Cllr S Jones |
| St Erme Village Hall | Cllr S Jones |
| St Erme Playing Field Trust | Cllr Pound and Cllr Couch |
| St Erme Cricket Club | Cllr Pound |
| St Erme Community Enhancement Group | Cllr P Jones |
| St Erme Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group | Cllr Trethewey, Cllr Hodgkinson, Cllr Pound and Cllr P Jones |

ST ERME PARISH COUNCIL

HOW YOUR MONEY IS SPENT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR - 1ST APRIL 2017 TO 31ST MARCH 2018

Grants

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

The precept (the parish council's share of your rates) for the period of 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018 was £32,619.00

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

During the financial year we granted to the following organisations:

St Erme Church: £1,400.00
towards Church yard maintenance

St Erme Cricket Club: £250.00
towards pitch maintenance

St Erme Silver Circle: £350.00
towards a transport costs for outings

St Erme with Trispen CP School: £445.00
towards re-turfing the goal mouths in the school playing field

These grants and grants to outside bodies are considered under our Grants Policy which can be viewed on the council's website

www.stermeaparishcouncil.org.uk

| INCOME | AMOUNT | EXPENDITURE | AMOUNT |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------|
| Brought forward | £52,658.88 | Administration | £14,611.35 |
| Precept | £32,619.00 | Councillor Allowances | £8.38 |
| Interest | £13.43 | Grants | £2,445.00 |
| Partnership Grants | £4,427.06 | Loan Repayment | £6,738.39 |
| Council Tax Support Grant | £1,488.91 | S106 monies Open Space Project | £66,891.00 |
| VAT Returns | £3,876.57 | Street Cleansing Weeds/Grass/ Footpath Maintenance | £7,340.94 |
| NP -Locality NP Grant | £1,386.00 | Neighbourhood Plan | £3,531.30 |
| S106 Open Spaces Monies | £63,391.68 | VAT | £14,340.02 |
| | | Community Benefits Monies Open Space Project | £1,701.30 |
| TOTAL | £159,861.53 | TOTAL | £117,607.68 |
| | | C/fwd. Funds | £1,883.72 |
| | | C/fwd. Revenue Reserves | £15,526.00 |
| | | Contingency Fund | £17,000.00 |
| | | C/fwd. Community Benefit | £11,611.57 |
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| | £159,861.53 | | £159,861.53 |

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 2019/2020 precept will be on Tuesday 20th November 2018 at the St Erme Community Centre 7.30pm

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

ST ERME PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCILLORS ATTENDANCE

The council has 11 full council meetings a year, plus additional meetings when required which brought the total to 15 meetings for 2017/2018.

Members of the council **do not** receive payment for duties carried out with in the parish.

In addition to the above meetings members and the clerk represented the council on various additional 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(15) | Apologies received for absence |
|---|----------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Cllr Trethewey | 100% | 100% | - |
| Cllr Light (resigned May 2017) | 0% (1) | 50% (2) | 0% |
| Cllr S Jones | 45% | 60% | 100% |
| Cllr Holt (resigned May 2017) | 0% (1) | 0% (2) | 0% |
| Cllr Pound | 73% | 73% | 100% |
| Cllr P Jones | 73% | 80% | 100% |
| Cllr Hodgkinson | 91% | 87% | 100% |
| Cllr Riggs (Co-opted June 2017) | 78% (9) | 83% (12) | 100% |
| Cllr Couch (Co-opted Nov 2017) | 100% (5) | 100% (7) | - |
| Cllr Eathorne-Gibbons (Cornwall Councillor) | 91% | 73% | 100% |

ST ERME NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

St Erme Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has been formed to take forward the Neighbourhood Plan and oversee its production. The steering group consists of members of the parish council and members of the community.

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| Cllr Trethewey BEM | Cllr P Jones | Richard Kerswell | Michael Edwards |
| Cllr Pound | Cllr Hodgkinson | Marie Wills | Vacancy |

Look out for details on the parish council website and updates on the Facebook page and local noticeboards.

Please attend and respond to consultations, this is **your** community, we need **your** support!

www.stermeparishcouncil.org.uk

You can view the council's agendas, minutes, annual reports, policies and procedures, events diary's, planning applications, local organisation information, services and Neighbourhood Plan details on the parish council website.

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