

# ST ERME PARISH COUNCIL



## Annual Report 1st April 2018—31st March 2019

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### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

**Once again we have had a busy year!**

The St Erme Neighbourhood Development Plan has progressed well and is nearing its final stage. I would like to formally thank the Steering Group for their hard work and commitment that they have dedicated over the last three years. Thanks to the clerk for the professionalism she has shown which has been acknowledged not just by the council but one of Cornwall Council Planning Officers.

We have had a mix of planning applications over the last twelve months, one of which was for a large development at Trevispen, which was refused by Cornwall Council. The applicant may still appeal this decision. The Burrington Estates development at Trispen Meadows has progressed well and it is good to see local people and new residents moving in and I welcome them to our community.

We have continued with our partnership agreements with Cornwall Council for the street cleansing, grass and Public Rights of Way maintenance. We are still carrying out our own weed treatments of the village.

This year we have installed a new noticeboard and planters at Trispen Hill. I thank the members of the community, councillors and the local business that helped with the installation; and the continued maintenance of the planters which always look nice.

We now have the equipment to restore the K6 phone kiosk and these works have commenced to bring it back into good repair. Again this is being carried out by volunteers in the community. Ideas for its use so far are: a book swap/library, a local information point or local history point.

Following consultation the St Erme Village Hall, St Erme Community Centre, St Erme Church and Trispen Methodist Church have all benefited from a grant from the Community Benefits monies received from the Tregassow Solar Farm.

Devon and Cornwall Police, Cornwall Fire Brigade and Cornwall Council joined us in a 'ThinkB4UPark' initiative in the area of Killigrew Gardens, to try to address the issues of parking and the importance of keeping access clear for emergency vehicles.

We have been working with Cornwall Council and the 'Community Network Areas Highways Scheme' to look at reducing the speed limit of Chapel Road, School Lane and Eglos Road to 20mph. We have been shortlisted for funding and there will be a feasibility study carried out in the near future.

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 throughout the year; so we can represent the interests of the whole community.

I would like to thank the clerk, street cleanser, the 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2019/2020 are as follows:**

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

2nd July 2019	3rd September 2019
1st October 2019	5th November 2019
3rd December 2019	7th January 2020
4th February 2020	3rd March 2020
7th April 2020	5th May 2020 (Annual Meeting)

19th November 2019	<b>Public Precept Meeting</b>
17th March 2020	<b>Annual Parish Meeting</b>

## COUNCILLORS TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES - 2018/2019

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

The allowances claimed for 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019 are as follows:

COUNCILLOR	AMOUNT
Cllr Trethewey (Chairman)	£28.73
Cllr Pound	£0.00
Cllr S Jones	£0.00
Cllr Hodgkinson	£0.00
Cllr P Jones	£11.17
Cllr Couch	£0.00
Cllr Riggs	£0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£39.90</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 19 planning applications considered in 2018/2019

You can view any applications on 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. Appointments from 7th May 2019 are as follows:

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

# ST ERME PARISH COUNCIL

## HOW YOUR MONEY IS SPENT

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR - 1ST APRIL 2018 TO 31ST MARCH 2019

#### 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 2018 to 31st March 2019 was £33,282.00

In the precept an amount towards grants for local organisations is also set. During the financial year we gave grants to the following organisations:

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

**St Erme Cricket Club: £200.00**  
*towards equipment and maintenance*

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

**St Erme Village Hall £300.00**  
*towards maintenance of the hall floor*

**St Erme Playing Field Trust £600.00**  
*towards a piece of new play equipment for Tren creek Park*

**St Erme Funday Committee £600.00**  
*towards the printing costs of the 'Parish Post'*

***We also supported:***

*Sowenna Appeal  
Cruse Bereavement Care  
Cornwall Hospice*

INCOME	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT
<b>Brought forward</b>	<b>£42,253.85</b>	Administration	£18,048.13
Precept	£33,282.00	Councillor Allowances	£39.90
Interest	£13.52	Grants	£3,550.00
Partnership Grants	£4,436.46	Loan Repayment	£6,544.59
Council Tax Support Grant	£977.24	Locality Grant Repayment	£431.30
VAT Returns	£14,340.02	Street Cleansing Weeds/Grass/Footpath Maintenance	£8,051.06
Admin refund	£4.00	Neighbourhood Plan	£1,243.08
		VAT	£1,106.88
		Community Benefits Monies	£4,446.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£95,307.09</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£43,460.94</b>
		C/fwd. Funds	£9,463.15
		C/fwd. Revenue Reserves	£18,218.00
		Contingency Fund	£17,000.00
		C/fwd. Community Benefit	£7,165.00
	<b>£95,307.09</b>		<b>£95,307.09</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 meeting for the 2020/2021 precept will be on

Tuesday 19th November 2019 at the St Erme Community Centre 7.30pm

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

**COUNCILLORS ATTENDANCE**

The council has 11 full council meetings a year, 2 public meetings, plus additional meetings when required which brought the total to 14 meetings for 2018/2019. 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.

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Full Council Meetings (11)</b>	<b>All Full Council Meetings, Extraordinary and Public Meetings(14)</b>	<b>Apologies received for absence</b>
Cllr Rob Trethewey	91%	93%	100%
Cllr Colin Pound	82%	79%	100%
Cllr Sally Jones	82%	71%	100%
Cllr Philip Jones	91%	93%	100%
Cllr Phil Hodgkinson	64%	64%	100%
Cllr Edwin Riggs	73%	79%	100%
Cllr Patricia Couch	55%	57%	100%
Cllr Eathorne-Gibbons (Cornwall Councillor)	73%	57%	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.

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.

This is **your** Community, **your** Plan, **your** Future!

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

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

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