

# ST ERME PARISH COUNCIL



## Annual Report 1st April 2020—31st March 2021

### Chairman's Report

**This has been a hard year for everyone, and I am proud to be part of a community which has supported each other through these difficult times.**

We started the new year with the St Erme Emergency Plan being activated, we never imagined that the 'Plan' would come into use for something like a 'Pandemic'. This helped a great deal as we already had over 72 volunteers registered on the plan. It was not very long before the clerk had over 30 additional people putting their names forward to help.

During the lock downs we helped with the collection of medication, shopping, and befriending those that were shielding or self-isolating. Trispen Post Office & Stores have been a great support to the village and community over the last twelve months and helped many residents with their shopping and listened to their concerns.

An initiative was set up called the 'Nova Post' where members of the community wrote letters, poems or drawings and artwork which was shared amongst those that registered.

The St Erme Playing Field Trust that runs the St Erme Community Centre obtained funding and set up the St Erme Community Larder to provide food for those that need it. This is still on-going with many families in the village receiving weekly supplies. I urge anyone that needs help to come forward and to contact the clerk. The 'Community Centre' have provided hot meals for the elderly and support with children's meals. They were able to make up 'Christmas Hampers' for the larder beneficiaries with donations received from Trispen Methodist Church and the St Erme Silver Circle along with supporting agencies and grants.

Local organisations, the elderly and young made masks, which helped with their health & wellbeing.

Children's activity packs were given out, these were distributed in the community and the materials were supplied by the St Erme Playing Field Trust funded by a grant.

I thank everyone in the community who have played their part whether it has been helping with the above or by just telephoning or checking up on your friends and neighbours.

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Local businesses and organisations will need our support over the coming months, and it is important that we continue to use the services within our community that have supported us over the last year.

As a 'Council' we continued to run council business at first by delegating powers to the 'Clerk' supported by Councillors to carry out the day to day running of council business. We held our first remote Zoom meeting in May and have continued to hold our meetings this way through the pandemic allowing members of the public to join in and attend these meetings. This was a new experience for us all and I thank the members for allowing and making this happen by agreeing to meet in this way.

Through the year we have continued to respond to planning applications as a 'Statutory Consultee'; and have been working with 'Burringtons' to address some outstanding items and to hopefully transfer the open space to the north of the site to the Parish Council.

Our scheme to reduce the speed limits in the parish to 20mph has been agreed through the "Truro & Roseland Community Network Area Highways Scheme", with most of the cost being funded by them. Work on this has been delayed due to the pandemic but should hopefully go to a 'Statutory Consultation' giving the community a chance to have your say. We are in the process of looking at an interactive mobile speed camera for the village that can be moved around to three locations. This will complement the scheme and help reduce the speed of traffic around the village.

This year we have employed an Environmental Enforcement Officer who is authorised by Cornwall Council to issue fixed penalty notices for dog fouling, littering and flyposting. Unfortunately, you find these sorts of issues in every community and are normally carried out by a small minority of people. Having our own enforcement officer allows us to decide when, where and how often they patrol our community.

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 you our community, the clerk, our Street Cleanser/ Environmental Enforcement Officer, the members of the council and Cllr Eathorne-Gibbons (Cornwall Councillor) for all your support, hard work and commitment in what has been a difficult twelve months.

**Cllr Rob Trethewey BEM (Chairman)**

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## MEETINGS

The Parish Council usually meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month apart from August. During the current coronavirus pandemic meetings may be held less frequently and members of the public will be asked to register to attend.

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 following public meetings have been provisionally booked.

16th November 2021	Public Precept Meeting
15th March 2022	Annual Parish Meeting

## COUNCILLORS TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES - 2020/2021

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

Due to the pandemic members did not attend any face to face meetings this year. All meeting were held remotely and therefore members received no allowances for travel and subsistence during the 2020/2021 financial year

## 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 20 planning applications considered in 2020/2021

You can view all planning 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. The representatives for 2021 to 2022 are as follows:

Cornwall Association of Local Council's	Cllr Light and Cllr S Jones
Public Rights of Way	Cllr Hodgkinson
Truro & Roseland Community Network Area	Cllr Trethewey and Cllr S Jones
St Erme Emergency Plan Committee	Cllr Trethewey, Cllr Hodgkinson, Cllr Barnes and Cllr S Jones
St Erme Village Hall	Cllr S Jones
St Erme Playing Field Trust	Cllr Riggs
St Erme Cricket Club	Cllr Light
St Erme Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	Cllr Trethewey, Cllr Hodgkinson, Cllr Barnes and Cllr P Jones
Police Parish Liaison Group	Cllr P Jones & Cllr Riggs

# ST ERME PARISH COUNCIL

## HOW YOUR MONEY IS SPENT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR - 1ST APRIL 2020 TO 31ST MARCH 2021

### Precept

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 2020 to 31st March 2021 was **£34,768.00**

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

### **During the financial year we gave grants to the following :**

St Erme Church:  
St Erme Cricket Club:  
St Erme Silver Circle:  
St Erme Village Hall  
St Erme Playing Field Trust  
St Erme Parish Post

Citizens Advice Cornwall  
Marie Curie Cornwall  
Cornwall Hospice Care  
Cruse Bereavement Care  
Victim Support

INCOME	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT
<b>Brought forward</b>	<b>£46,051.01</b>		
Precept	£34,768.00	Administration	£16,187.74
Interest	£6.99	Councillor Allow	£0.00
Partnership Grants	£4,825.12	Grants	£4,421
Council Tax Support Grant	£813.00	Loan Repayment	£6,156.99
		Environmental	£9,362.58
		VAT	£657.65
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£86,464.12</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£36,785.96</b>
		C/fwd. Funds	£12,652.16
		C/fwd. Revenue Reserves	£19,176.00
		Contingency Fund	£17,850.00
	<b>£86,464.12</b>		<b>£86,464.12</b>

### **PUBLIC PRECEPT MEETING**

The next public meeting for the 2022/2023 precept has been provisionally booked for Tuesday 16th November 2021 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 held 10 full council meetings and 2 public meetings plus 1 additional meeting which brought the total to 13 meetings for 2020/2021

Members of the council **do not** receive payment for duties carried out within 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 Via Zoom (10)	Full Council Meetings, Public and Extraordinary (meetings via Zoom13)	Apologies received for absence
Cllr R Trethewey	100%	100%	-
Cllr Pound	70%	69%	100%
Cllr S Jones	90%	92%	-
Cllr P Jones	100%	100%	-
Cllr Hodgkinson	100%	100%	-
Cllr Riggs	80%	85%	100%
Cllr Couch	14% (7)	25% (8)	100%
Cllr Eathorne-Gibbons (Cornwall Councillor)	70%	54%	100%

## Members of the Council and their Contact Details

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## St Erme Parish Council - Facebook Page



**@stermeparishcouncil**

The St Erme Parish Council Facebook page is now up and running  
([www.facebook.com/stermeparishcouncil](http://www.facebook.com/stermeparishcouncil))

Our Facebook page has been set up to keep residents of St Erme Parish informed of Council business, local information, news, events and items of interest.

Please like, follow and share our page to keep up to date on what is happening in your community.



## St Erme Parish Council — Website

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

