

ST ERME PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Report
1st April 2022—31st March 2023



Chairman's Report

This year we have had several planning applications none of which have been particularly contentious. There has been community consultations from Legacy Homes who are looking at developing on the land to the south of Eglos Road and we are expecting a planning application to be submitted soon. Downing Ltd carried out a couple of consultation events regarding their proposals for a large scale solar farm on land near to Trewaters and Landrine in Ladock Parish.

We continued our partnership agreements with Cornwall Council to maintain our Public Rights of Way, grass maintenance and street cleansing. We chose to continue our weed treatments and employ an Environmental Enforcement Officer who can issue fixed penalty fines for littering, dog fouling and fly posting.

For several years we have been working towards reducing the speed limits in the village and I am very pleased to say that the works to reduce the speed limit to 20mph in the village and to extend the 30mph further was completed in August. This has been possible with the support from the Truro & Roseland Community Network Highways Scheme who have worked with us on this project. Three further sites for our 'Interactive Speed' sign have been agreed with Cornwall Council which can be used as evidence if any further action is required. We have started the process to set up a Community Speedwatch, this is a national initiative where proactive members of local communities join with the support and supervision of their local police. More volunteers are needed to take this forward, if you are interested in joining, please contact the Clerk.

We have started looking at extending some of the double yellow lines within the village; this will be looked at carefully to make some areas safer, but hopefully not impacting too much on the limited parking there is in some areas. There will be a community consultation during 2023/2024 for these proposals.

The transfer of open space to the north of the Burrington's development to the Council is still on-going, which is a bit frustrating, but this will hopefully be completed soon.

We have now set up a Climate Adaption Working Group to take forward the Council's Environment Policy. The group have already planted 100 trees in the Parish, children from the local school helped with this and they have been working with the school on other projects too. The Group had a Community Compost scheme which they ran during January which was very well supported and have now set up a Community Garden/Orchard at the Community Centre.

The Ventontague Wind Turbine along the A30 owned by Cornwall Council will now be granting £7,500 of Community Benefit to the Parish annually. A Policy is being drawn up on how these monies can be distributed to benefit the Community.

This year we were sad to hear of the passing of Cllr Edwin Riggs, Ed had been a Councillor for 5 years and was keen to get involved and was on many local committees including the St Erme Climate Adaption Group.

The St Erme Community Enhancement Group reformed and organised Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee events in the village with the help of other local organisations. I would like to thank them for all their hard work in putting together a great weekend of celebrations to mark this event.

In September we were saddened to hear of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, who had been a constant foundation to our Country and the Commonwealth for over 70 years.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Council, Cllr Karen Glasson (Cornwall Councillor), the Clerk and our Environmental Officer for their support, work, and commitment over the year.

Cllr Rob Trethewey BEM (Chairman)

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MEETINGS

The Parish Council usually meet 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 following public meetings have been provisionally booked.

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| 21st November 2023 | Public Precept Meeting |
| 19th March 2024 | Annual Parish Meeting |

COUNCILLORS

TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES - 2022/2023

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

Many meetings were still held remotely during 2022/2023 and therefore members received no allowances for travel and subsistence during the 2022/20223 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 6 planning applications considered in 2022/2023

You can view all planning 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. The representatives for 2023 to 2024 are as follows:

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| Cornwall Association of Local Council's | Cllr Light and Cllr S Jones |
| Public Rights of Way | Cllr Barnes |
| Truro & Roseland Community Network Area | Cllr Trethewey and Cllr S Jones |
| St Erme Emergency Plan Committee | Cllr Trethewey, Cllr Hodgkinson, Cllr Barnes and Cllr Light |
| St Erme Village Hall | Cllr S Jones |
| St Erme Playing Field Trust | Cllr Hodgkinson |
| 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 Hodgkinson |
| St Erme Climate Adaption Group | Cllr Barnes |
| St Erme Community Enhancement Group | Cllr Trethewey |

ST ERME PARISH COUNCIL

HOW YOUR MONEY IS SPENT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR - 1ST APRIL 2022 TO 31ST MARCH 2023

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 2022 to 31st March 2023 was **£37,884.00**

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: £1,500
St Erme Cricket Club: £500
St Erme Playing Field Trust: £400
St Erme Silver Circle: £250

Citizens Advice Cornwall
Cornwall Hospice Care

| INCOME | AMOUNT | EXPENDITURE | AMOUNT |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Brought forward | £47,943.90 | Maintenance/ Repairs | £285.00 |
| Precept | £37,884.00 | Administration | £18,501.84 |
| Interest | £51.07 | Councillor Allow | £0.00 |
| Partnership Grants | £5,085.12 | Grants | £3,561.00 |
| Council Tax Support Grant | £353.69 | Loan Repayment | £5,769.39 |
| VAT Returns | £657.65 | Environmental | £11,131.47 |
| Community Benefit | £15,000.00 | VAT | £842.77 |
| TOTAL | £106,975.43 | TOTAL | £40,091.47 |
| | | C/fwd. Funds | £31,243.96 |
| | | C/fwd. Revenue Reserves | £17,640.00 |
| | | Contingency Fund | £18,000.00 |
| | £106,975.43 | | £106,975.43 |

PUBLIC PRECEPT MEETING

The next public meeting for the 2024/2025 precept has been provisionally booked for Tuesday 21st November 2023 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 11 full council meetings and 2 public meetings which brought the total to 13 meetings for 2022/2023.

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.

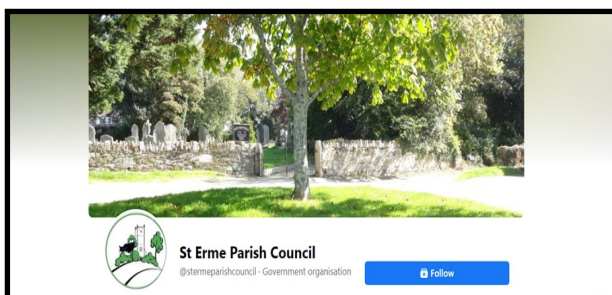
| Councillor | Full Council Meetings (11) | Full Council Meetings, Public and Extraordinary (13) | Apologies received for absence |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Cllr R Trethewey | 100% | 100% | N/A |
| Cllr Hodgkinson | 100% | 100% | N/A |
| Cllr S Jones | 64% | 54% | 83% |
| Cllr P Jones | 73% | 69% | 83% |
| Cllr Light | 82% | 85% | 100% |
| Cllr Riggs (up to January) | 67% | 70% | 100% |
| Cllr Barnes | 45% | 39% | 100% |
| Cllr Glasson (Cornwall Councillor) | 64% | 69% | 100% |

Members of the Council and their Contact Details

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