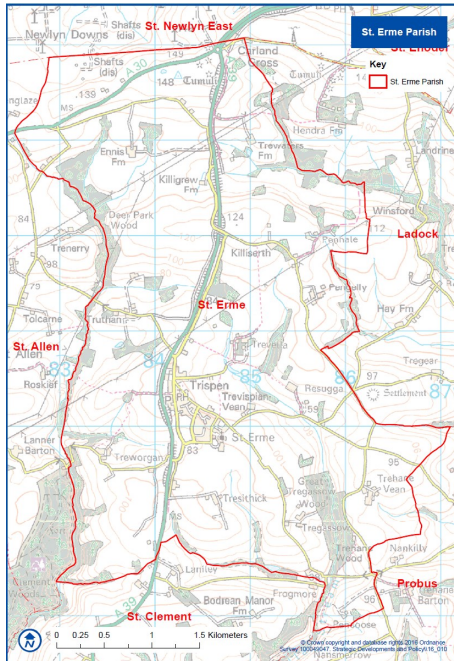


# St Erme Neighbourhood Plan



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Designated Area 'St Erme Parish'

## The Steering Group

The Steering Group, working in conjunction with the Parish Council has been at work for some 10 months and this newsletter aims to bring all parishioners up to date with the progress so far. There will be further issues as the project moves forward. It is effectively a sub-committee of the Parish Council with 4 members being appointed by the Council and 5 independent members are from the community. The Steering Group can appoint 3 additional members.

The 'Designated Area' of the Plan is St Erme Parish

## What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

It is a set of policies in relationship to development and use of land in a defined neighbourhood. It must be permissive, be produced by the community and be about land use planning. The aim is to cover the needs for the next 15 years. There must be no conflict with the Local Plan which has now been established by Cornwall Council and the National Planning Policy Framework. When confirmed by a referendum in the Parish it becomes a material consideration for planning decisions, reflecting local needs and aspirations for the community. The referendum can take place after our completed document is checked by Cornwall Council and many other public bodies. It then goes, with any amendments, to an independent examiner. Several Parishes in the County are not completing a plan for various reasons. Some may have not found support among their residents or may not feel that it is helpful. Never the less, over 90 parishes have started a plan, a high proportion out of the 1900 nationwide.

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## Progress so far:

We are following a toolkit from Cornwall Council and members have attended specific training sessions and we have some guidance from council officers. The Plan was launched in March 2015 with a public consultation at the Village Hall and the Community Centre and a survey was conducted to try and find out the views of the residents on a wide range of matters. The Village shop was used for the return of questionnaires.

There was positive response and a desire to move forward with the Plan and the Steering Group has met monthly to carry this forward.

All the views from parishioners on a wide range of subjects such as housing, highways, the environment and landscape have been recorded and the project has been followed up at the Annual Parish Meeting and the Precept Meeting and there have been updates in Village Voice.

We have moved on with a Housing Survey where an existing system available through Cornwall Council, was used and every household in the Parish was contacted by post and the response could be sent on-line and by a paper based response. A leaflet drop was done to all households to follow this up and we manned a stall at the Village Fun Day where we helped residents with this survey and gave further information on the Plan. The good news is that there were 162 responses, a much higher figure than normal. Cornwall Council advises that this is equal to an average response rate of 27% of the 611 households that were notified about the survey. The details of the findings are being collated at the moment and will form part of further public consultation.

## Work in Progress:

The Steering Group is working on the next part of the Plan – the Local Landscape Character Assessment and this will lead to further consultation events in the village.

It is important to remember that we are gathering evidence of what the residents of the parish really want in order to establish policies for the future.



## The Members of the Steering Group:

### **Cllr Robert Trethewey BEM:**

(Chairman of St Erme Parish Council and the St Erme Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group) Rob has been a resident of the parish all his life and is a family man with two children. Also Chairman of the St Erme Playing Field Trust and President of St Erme Cricket Club. Rob has worked in agricultural contracting and currently works for Macsalvors Crane Hire.

**Michael Edwards:** Resident in the village for almost 3 years. Retired after a career in Banking. Hon Secretary – St Erme Playing Field Trust.

**Richard Kerswell:** A Business Systems Specialist for Cornwall Fire & Rescue Service and resident for 8 years with a young family attending St Erme with Trispen CP School.

**Marie Wills:** Has lived in the parish for 35 years, on the family run dairy farm. Since two sons have grown-up has been involved with more parish organisations, firstly the History Group and for the last four years Chairperson to the Village Hall and helping to organise its refurbishments.

**Cllr Phil Jones:** Has lived in the village for about 30 years. Spent 22 years in the RAF as an electronic and computer engineer. After retiring from the RAF, worked in Plymouth for about 2 years, then worked as a computer consultant. A school governor and parish councillor

**Cllr Colin Pound:** A parish councillor since 2010, recently retired after 47 years with the Post Office. Lived in the village since November 1983. Trustee of the Community Centre. Married to Jacqui, 4 step children and 6 grandchildren.

**Spencer Sanford:** Lived in St Erme for around 10 years. Work for a local development company as a Development Surveyor. Also play football for St Erme

**Clive Grose:** A retired civil engineer and a resident of the village for the last 5 years

**Phil Hodgkinson:** Has lived in Polisken Way since the houses were built in the 1980's. Now retired from IT work at Cornwall Council for 5 years.