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Coronavirus — COVID 19

The Emergency Plan Committee will be continuing to help with shopping and medication collections etc. even though the government restrictions have been lifted. This includes food parcels to those in need due to no or low income.

Please see the information in the St Erme Parish Post on how you can access help if required or contact the clerk on the details below. A dedicated Facebook page (St Erme Parish Community Emergency Plan) has been set up to keep you up to date on government advice and any services available to you.

If you know of any residents who need support, or if there are any local issues related to the COVID-19 response, please let the Parish Council know. If we are unable to help locally, with your permission we will forward the information through to the Community Link Officer, who will be best placed to organise a response from the relevant team at Cornwall Council and associated partner organisations.

Please contact Sally Trethewey (Clerk to the council) on: 07525130663 or email: clerk@stermeparishcouncil.org.uk

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FASTER BROADBAND — PILOT PROJECT

The Government have launched a scheme to select pilot areas for the upgrading of residential and business broadband; to provide faster and more reliable broadband.

They are asking residents/businesses to register online and then the areas with the most demand for better broadband will be considered to be part of the pilot for improvements funded by the government.

The more people/businesses that register online the higher the demand will be for this area and more chance there will be that we will be selected for a pilot; please register - its very quick and easy to do!

[Broadband Upgrade Fund](#)



Fixed Penalty Enforcement Officer for St Erme

St Erme Parish Council is employing and now have our own
'Enforcement Officer'

who is able to issue **'Fixed Penalty Notices'** for environmental crime incidences including

Dog Fouling, Littering and Fly Tipping

Dog Fouling

Remember, you are required to clean up after your dog has fouled, and properly dispose of it, when your dog fouls in any area which the public are entitled to have access to.

Failing to clean up after your dog has fouled will result in a fixed penalty being issued. This is for £100 or prosecution where, if found guilty, you would face a maximum fine of £1000.

There are a number of officers who are able to issue fixed penalties. Many of these are not uniformed officers. This means that there is a relatively high chance that you will be caught should you not clear up after your dog has fouled.

It is not an excuse in law that you were not aware of the fact that the dog had fouled. You can be held responsible even if you did not see the incident, or if it is witnessed whilst your dog is straying.

Littering

People who carelessly discard litter in a public open place are committing a criminal offence. In cases of littering, the normal course of action will be to offer a notice of opportunity to pay a fixed penalty of £150.

Litter includes paper, cans, bottles, food and drink containers, chewing gum, plastic, leftover food, cigarette and cigar ends, flyers or large items such as bags of rubbish.

If a person chooses to return to the litter and pick it up following the intervention of an officer, a Fixed Penalty Notice may still be issued. Such action would be recorded by the officer and noted in the event of a subsequent prosecution.

It is also an offence to throw litter from a vehicle. If the registration number is taken the registered keeper's identity can be obtained from the Driver Vehicle and Licensing Agency by the police or the local authority.



Meetings

Due to the Coronavirus restrictions the parish council are unable to meet in public as usual.

The members of the council have therefore delegated authority to the clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman (or a second member of the council) to take any actions necessary with associated expenditure to protect the interests of the community and ensure council business continuity during the period of the Coronavirus pandemic; informed by consultation with the members of the council.

Agendas of any meetings that are held remotely will be advertised on the council's website (www.stermeparishcouncil.org.uk)

We have now started to hold virtual meetings via Zoom and will be continuing this during the current government restrictions. As usual the agenda will be displayed 3 clear days before the date of the meeting, which will include information on how members of the public can register to join the meeting.

There will be a Virtual Zoom meeting of the council if required on

Tuesday 1st September 2020

Tuesday 6th October 2020

Tuesday 3rd November 2020

If required an extraordinary meeting will be called to consider any planning applications or any urgent business.

These meetings will be held remotely due to Government restrictions and the public and Councillors cannot attend in person, comments and questions the public wish to make on items on the agenda or to register to attend the meeting should be emailed to clerk@stermeparishcouncil.org.uk by midday on the date of the meeting.

Planning Applications - Temporary Planning Application Protocol'

Due to the current situation with the Coronavirus outbreak, a temporary protocol has been put in place to deal with responding to the consultation of Planning Applications.

The council's 'Temporary Planning Application Protocol' is available to view on the council's website along with any current Planning applications at www.stermeparishcouncil.org.uk click on the 'Parish Council' then Planning from the drop down box.

Now that we are able to meet virtually by Zoom video link we will consider planning applications this way during these meetings where possible. You can view any planning applications on-line as above and can either e-mail any comments to the clerk at clerk@stermeparishcouncil.org.uk or register to attend the Zoom meeting. Where there will be an opportunity to speak during public participation.

The agenda's or all meetings are displayed 3 clear days before the meeting.



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PUBLIC PRECEPT MEETING

We usually hold our 'Annual Public Precept' meeting during November; but due to the current situation with COVID 19 we will look at an alternate way for you to be able to put your views and any comments to the council for the 2021/2020 budget and precept.

We will be discussing the best way to consult with the community at our next meeting.

Please keep a look out on the council's noticeboards and via the community Facebook pages for further information.

'Reduced Speed Limits for St Erme'

We are continuing to work with the Truro & Roseland Community Network Areas Highways Scheme on reducing the speed limits further along Trispen Hill to 30mph and the main areas of the village to 20mph.

This will hopefully take place during this financial year. We are waiting for the final design to be agreed and there will then be a Statutory Consultation by Highways for these works.

Trispen Hill—New Development

Please Note

As part of the planning process for the new development at Trispen Hill, the 30mph speed limit and street lighting will be extended past the new junction. These works are separate from the above and should be taking place shortly along with the finishing of the footpath. These works are being carried out by the developer.