

MEETING REPORT

Meeting: Council – 30th October 2023
Agenda item: 23/077
Report subject: River Erme Joint Parish & Town Council group
Report author: Councillor Tessa Lannin

As discussed at the last full council meeting, I attended the River Erme Joint Parish & Town Council meeting on 14th September.

There is ongoing work to lobby the Environment Agency and South West Water to take steps to reduce the sewerage discharge into the River Erme, as well as what steps we can together take to improve the overall health of the river ecosystem.

There is a lot of admin work connected with this (currently being undertaken predominantly by the Chair of the group, which is not sustainable), and the group have asked that each of the 6 parishes involved contribute £200 each towards funding admin support, ideally from a trained parish/town clerk for the next year. Most of the other parishes have now agreed to this funding.

Councillors Lannin and T Rea will be attending the next Joint Parishes Catchment meeting on 2nd November.

PROPOSAL: To agree expenditure of £200 from the Climate Action – Events/Initiatives budget towards admin support to continue work of the River Erme Joint Parish & Town Council group to try to improve the health of the River Erme.