



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MICHAELSTOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT TREGAWN FARM at 8 PM on THURSDAY**

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Present at meeting: Cllr. Jem Marshall [chair], Cllr. Pete Jago, Cllr. Anthony French Blake, Cllr. Robin East, Cllr. Richard Whitby, Cllr. Dominic Fairman and S. Mitchell the clerk.

	<i>Discussion / decision</i>
1. Public Session	There were four members of the public present
2. Declaration	Parish council members made no declaration of interest
3. Apologies	There were no apologies
4. Minutes	The minutes of the November 2024 Parish Council Meeting were deemed correct and signed: [minutes page]
5. Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The water emerging behind the Notice Board in Treveighan was still evident. Cllr. Jago had inspected the water and established it was not foul water. The clerk had looked and thought the outflow from a specific garden was now visible, with additional outflow from the property to a ditch. The chair agreed to look again and approach the property owner unofficially. • The chair enquired whether there was any news from the Planners RE: Forge Farm or their neighbours but no-one had any news. •
6. Planning	In a Five Day Protocol by email Councillors had voted 4/1 in favour of taking option 3 regarding 0024/066121, the Octopus wind turbine replacement. Councillors discussed the protocols and Cllr. Fairman informed them what might be expected.
7. Financial matters:	<p>a. Bank Balance: to January 27th: £ 2986.44</p> <p>b. Salary and payments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clerks monthly salary paid in arrears by SO £ 436.63 • payment to clerk for Clerk National Pay award April 2024 – May 25, 11 months @ £11.69 per month by cheque £ 128.59 • signing of changed Standing Order instructions to bank letter
8. LMP & maintenance:	The public land of Michaelstow is in good order.
9. Community: Network / Correspondence:	Camel Valley Community Area Partnership meeting. No member of the parish council had attended.
10. Parish Matters & AOB:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>on whether meetings of parish council need to occur every month:</i> although the council are able to schedule meetings as they want, there was no consensus for change presently.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Bank arrangements regarding Michaelstow Community Fund.</i> The clerk thought that the Michaelstow Community Fund should be adopted into the parish council accounts as the bank account had been closed with no notice, due to low usage. Once Cllr. Whitby had some time himself and the clerk would arrange a bank visit to reclaim the account. • <i>Responsibility for management of Michaelstow public footpaths:</i> Cllrs agreed that they were happy to go on managing local footpaths. • <i>Election:</i> nomination packs for Michaelstow Parish Council will be delivered to Camelford Library between the 3rd and 7th March enough for 5 plus a couple of spares. • There was some confusion about the clerk’s understanding of ‘a contested election’, which he would research •
11. Date of next Meeting:	March 6th, April 3rd, May 1st, June 5th [chair not available], July 3rd, August 7th, September 4th, October 2nd, November 6th, December 4th.
12. To Close	The chair closed the meeting at 20.47

contested election: an election of which the legality or validity of the result is challenged by the losing candidate.

A contested election happens when multiple candidates are running for the same position. With an uncontested election, just one candidate runs for a position, guaranteeing a win. However, contested elections are more competitive and require candidates to work harder to gain voter support. Voter engagement tends to be higher with contested elections because voters feel they have a say. Contested elections give voters more choices, allowing them to influence the association’s governance in ways that uncontested elections do not.