



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MICHAELSTOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN  
THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT TREGAWN FARM at 7.30 PM on THURSDAY**

**August 3rd 2023 1 of 2**

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

| Item                      | <i>Discussion / decision</i>   |
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| <b>1. Public Session</b>  | Duncan and Pauline Eaton attended the beginning of this meeting to introduce themselves and show their interest in the land work available in the parish. They agreed to take over Mr. Sander's work in the parish and attend to the church grounds [under a separate arrangement with 'Friends of Michaelstow Church']. They thought the Cormac contract for maintenance of the footpaths was too complicated and declined this aspect of the proffered work for now. The clerk contacted Cormac to ask them to manage the footpaths for 2023 - 24. Cllr. Pete Jago confirmed that his sons would also keep a check on overgrowth on the local footpaths over the summer.   |
| <b>2. Declaration</b>     | Parish council members made no declaration of interest   |
| <b>3. Apologies</b>       | There were no apologies  |
| <b>4. Minutes</b>         | The minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on July 6th were deemed correct and signed by the chair: <a href="#">[minutes page]</a>  |
| <b>5. Matters arising</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>footpath way markers:</b> the clerk had contacted Cormac twice with regards to getting more way-markers, with no response. Cllrs. resolved to purchase 50 more and Cllr. Whitby would order them online</li> <li>• <b>breach of planning issue:</b> the situation was discussed further but no developments were apparent from planning. Cllrs. were concerned that there was no resolution even after 15 months</li> <li>• <b>King's Coronation mugs:</b> Cllr. Whitby would return these to the clerk who had sold his 2 and wanted to replace them. Other Cllrs. would consider if they could sell the remaining 8. The clerk was holding £35 in payment for these and would bank it when the mugs had gone.</li> <li>• <b>LMP appointment of land worker contract:</b> Cllr Fairman had clarified that as long as the contract for the work had been offered to at least three potential contractors, the parish council could appoint a worker. The council resolved to appoint the Eatons, who work as a team and asked the clerk to prepare a working agreement on a 12 month basis initially.</li> <li>• <b>pewter tankard presentation:</b> the chair had taken the inscribed tankard and presented to Mr. Sanders who had seemed, for a moment, genuinely speechless.</li> </ul> |



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| <b>6. Planning Matters:</b>                    | None.<br><b>6a. Planning applications received after publication of agenda.</b> None   |
| <b>7. Financial matters:</b>                   | <b>a. Bank Balance:</b> to July 28 <sup>th</sup> - £2656.14<br><b>b. Salary and payments:</b><br>clerks monthly salary paid in arrears by SO <b>£ 419.30</b>   |
| <b>8. LMP &amp; maintenance:</b>               | Discussed earlier  |
| <b>9. Community: Network / Correspondence:</b> | Nothing to report.   |
| <b>10. Parish Matters &amp; AOB:</b>           | The chair proposed that meetings in the future should start at 8pm rather than 7.30 to give Cllr. Fairman opportunity to attend following his St. Teath Parish Council meeting. Cllrs. agreed unanimously.<br>The clerk had received emails from a Canadian lady who had relatives buried in the churchyard. She was keen to trace her ancestors and was asking if a council member might attend her visit on October 16 <sup>th</sup> . Cllr. ffrench Blake had found at least four named graves relating to her family. Cllr. Marshall would do his best to attend on the day with a friend interested in local history. Mr. Button was also interested from a historical perspective. |
| <b>11. Date of next Meeting:</b>               | The date of the next meeting is Thursday September 7 <sup>th</sup> at 8pm  |
| <b>12. To Close</b>                            | The chair closed the meeting at 20.06  |

Meetings dates for 2023, October 5, November 2, December 14.