



## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MICHAELSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT TREGAWN FARM

at 7.30PM on THURSDAY 11 September 2025

Present at meeting: Cllr. Jem Marshall [Chair], Cllr. Anthony O'B ffrench Blake,  
Cllr. Richard Whitby, Cllr. Robin East, Cllr. Peter Jago

In attendance: Julie Fairman, Parish Clerk and Simon Mitchell, previous Parish Clerk

	<i>Discussion / Decision</i>
<b>1. Public Session</b>	No members of the public present
<b>2. Declaration</b>	Parish Council members made no declaration of interest
<b>3. Apologies</b>	None required from Parish Councillors. Cllr. David Garrigan.
<b>4. Minutes</b>	It was resolved that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 7 August 2025 be <b>ADOPTED</b> and <b>SIGNED</b> as a true and accurate record. Cllr Jem Marshall then <b>SIGNED</b> the minutes. <a href="#">[minutes page]</a> .
<b>5. Ward Councillor Report</b>	<p><b>Written report supplied by Cllr. Dave Garrigan:</b></p> <p>Our administration is discussing proposals to challenge SW Water regarding bill rises and pollution and support our Cornwall Council tenant farms. You may have recently heard that these farms were to be sold, it's highly unlikely and I will fight to retain them if any such suggestions arise again.</p> <p>Having attended some recent pre planning wind turbine consultations. I feel it is time for exploration of benefits to the Michaelstow community for imposing the recent replacement of the close proximity wind turbine. I have attached a link regarding guidelines for benefits to communities hosting more powerful turbines to gauge the level of funding expected. Although the Michaelstow turbine is not of this level of power output, I would expect some goodwill and community funding from Octopus energy. If the local community take this forward, I will support their endeavours.</p> <p>The Council debated Cllr D Garrigan's proposal and also reiterated the agreement which was put in place with D Pluess when the original turbine was erected. A written agreement stated that £2,500 would be paid to the Parish Council annually for 10 years but that the agreed payments seemed to have lapsed. Cllr J Marshall <b>PROPOSED</b> that a letter be sent to D Pluess requesting an update on these payments as there was an intention in place for payment. This was <b>SECONDED</b> by Cllr P Jago and <b>UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED</b>.</p>
<b>6. Matters Arising</b>	<p><b>Bank Mandate Forms for MP Council signatories</b></p> <p>Mandate forms are now all completed and Council now needs further identification forms for Cllr P Jago and the new Parish Clerk to be actioned alongside a letter to Barclays explaining the change in Parish Clerk. Cllr R Whitby <b>PROPOSED</b> that the outgoing Clerk action this as he has access to Barclays. This was <b>SECONDED</b> by Cllr J Marshall and <b>UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED</b>.</p> <p>In light of ongoing issues with Barclays, the Parish Clerk to investigate Unity Trust as a new banking option with a view to opening an account specifically for the Community Trust fund as a first step. <b>PROPOSED</b> by Cllr J Marshall, <b>SECONDED</b> by Cllr R Whitby and <b>UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED</b>.</p> <p><b>Michaelstow Community Fund Update</b></p> <p>The Community Trust balance of £4242.36 has been received back from</p>





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11. Parish Matters. AOB	<p>Council had received a letter from a parishioner expressing concern over overhanging dangerous trees from a neighbouring site. Council was specifically concerned with overhang across the road and it was <b>PROPOSED</b> by Cllr J Marshall that this matter be forwarded to Cllr D Garrigan for his consideration as well as reported to Highways. This was <b>SECONDED</b> by Cllr P Jago and <b>UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED</b>.</p> <p>The Parish Clerk reminded all Councillors that they have to attend a Code of Conduct training session before November 2025. A link for online training to be forwarded.</p>
12. Next Meeting:	<p>The next meeting will be on 9 October at 7.30pm. Following meetings for 2025 will be: 13 November and 11 December.</p>
14. Close	<p>The Chair closed the meeting at 20.49</p>