

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MICHAELSTOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON ZOOM AT 7.30 PM on
November 5th 2020**

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Present at meeting: Cllr. Jem Marshall (chair), Cllr. Robin East, Cllr. Anthony French Blake, Cllr. Pete Jago, Cllr Dominic Fairman (ward councillor), Simon Mitchell, clerk and Richard Whitby



Michaelstow Parish Meeting

1. **Public Session:** The meeting opened at 19.30pm. Mr Whitby was attending the meeting to put himself forward for re-adoption due to the 6 month rule. The clerk reported that Electoral Service's posters were up and that the council could re-adopt after 15th November pending the conditions.

2. **Members declaration of interest:** No declarations

3. **Apologies for non-attendance:** No apologies

4. **Minutes:** to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd July 2020. These were approved for later signing by the chair

5. **Matters Arising:** from the above minutes

- *the sixth month rule.* With the last fully-attended meeting in July, and no January meeting in 2021, all Cllrs. were in danger of losing their seats. Cllrs had met the challenges of attending this Zoom meeting and as this meeting was quorate, could take decisions on issues, also retain their seats.

6. **Applications / Planning Matters:** None

7. **Accounts:** Financial Matters

a. **Bank Balance:** as of 29.10.2020 £7980.08

b. **Invoices:**

- clerks monthly salary paid in arrears by SO £ 313.39
- poppy wreath for Remembrance Day via clerk £ 35
- donation to St Breward Brownies. Cllr. East proposed that the donation to the St Breward Brownies be increased from £100 to £250 and that the funds be sourced to the Michaelstow Community Fund rather than the parish council. He thought that this cause was exactly the sort of thing the fund should be used for. Other councillors agreed and would ask the members of MCF committee to supply this funding.

c. **Precept amount** for next year. The clerk would send six-month accounts for the parish council out during the month, for consideration at the next meeting.

8. **LMP & parish maintenance:** tree in church lane. Cllr. Marshall determined that this was not a parish council issue.

9. **Community:** Network / Correspondence: councillors discussed attending the community network meetings. They questioned the extent of the parish council's engagement with network issues. Cllr. Fairman gave insight to the process of double-devolution and the network set-up. There are just 4 meets a year, now online so travel isn't necessary. The next meeting is due on November 24th. Cllrs. felt they 'should' attend but had to prioritise other things. Cllr. Fairman reported that Delabole and St. Teath were becoming 2 parishes. Progression with the Camelford bypass seemed better than in a long time.

10. **Parish Matters & AOB:** Cllr. Marshall commented that Cormac had done an excellent job on sorting out drainage around the parish ready for winter.

11. **Date of next Meeting:** 3rd December 2020 7.30 pm via zoom link on agenda

12. **To Close the meeting:** Cllr. Marshall closed the meeting at 20.12