

Much Marcle Parish Council

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Much Marcle Parish Council Meeting
 Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 15th February 2023
7.30pm in Much Marcle Memorial Hall
02/23

Present:

Councillors: M Barber-Starkey (Acting Chairman); T Weston; E. Jefferson; S. Cotton; J Baldwin; A Hope.

In attendance:

Laura Michael -Buses4us
 Rachel Freestone - Clerk

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Apologies for Absence:

Apologies were RECEIVED and ACCEPTED from E Thomas, F Powell and E Weston.

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To receive Declarations of Interest and any written Requests for Dispensation

Councillors resident in the Parish were given a dispensation to discuss the precept. It was RESOLVED.

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To consider the draft Budget and Precept for 2023-24

Members reviewed the draft budget (Appendix 1) and carefully considered the following points:

- i. RESOLVED to appoint HALC approved internal auditor and to increase the budget for Audit accordingly.
- ii. RESOLVED to register Much Marcle Parish Council with the ICO at £35 pa.
- iii. RESOLVED to increase the Clerks annual salary in line with HALC's guidelines with an appraisal scheduled in July/August.
- iv. RESOLVED to allocate £500 to Grants to include a potential sum for the Buses4us scheme.

Laura Michael said a few words about the proposed scheme. The chair NOTED that there had been three letters of support from residents for the proposed route. It was RESOLVED to defer this item until the full Council meeting on the 7th March 2023.

Laura Michael left the meeting.

- v. RESOLVED to move Services reserve of £1325 to Projects.
- vi. RESOLVED to allocate £300 to increase reserve of £378 to Footpaths due to maintenance requirements.

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