**Church: APPLETON le MOORS Circuit: Ryedale 29/34**

1. **What is the present membership? 6**
2. **What is the number on the community roll? *8 (including local Anglicans)***
3. **What is the average adult attendance at worship?**

 ***In 2019 up to 12, only fortnightly, Anglicans attended***

1. **What other activities take place on the premises? *None, use the Village Hall***
2. **Provide a financial overview – e.g. income vs expenditure.**

***Maintained a small assessment but little to spare after utilities & insurance etc.***

1. **If a new building is not to be provided, what provision will be made for the present congregation and other activities? *Worship at the village Anglican church***

**7.   What impact will the closure have on the local community?**

 ***Very little, church & Village Hall still available***

**8.    What other Methodist Churches and Sunday Schools are there in the neighbourhood and what are their distance from the property to be sold?**

 ***Sinnington 3.5miles, Kirby Moorside 3.5miles***

**9.    What initiatives have the membership tried, if any, to encourage the residents of the community to become part of the worshipping family?**

 ***There has been good involvement with the community over many years, it is a very small, one road village of 160 people (dropped by 10% between 2001 & 2011 census).***

**10.   Does the membership consider that their mission is complete from this building and why?**

 ***This is an aging congregation, only 2 under 80!***

**11. Who will offer Christian worship, mission and on-going pastoral care of the community?**

 ***The Anglican Church***

**12.  What arrangements have been made for on-going pastoral care in the community?**

 ***The congregation see themselves as village Christians, we might take occasional services but they will align themselves with the village parish church.***

**13.Have discussions taken place with other denominations in order to maintain a Christian presence in the locality and what was the outcome?**

 ***Not formally about this situation, the Parish is without a vicar at present, but the Circuit is in discussion with the Deanery about future clergy & presbyter appointments.***

**14.   What is to happen to the building? If it is to be sold, how will the proceeds of the sale be used to promote an effective presence in the community the Church once served?**

 ***To maintain local presence in similar Circuit village communities***

**15.    Has the District Archivist been consulted regarding records and artefacts and records that might need to be conserved? *No, but we have a very good Circuit archivist who will make sure everything is done correctly.***

***Circuit vote 11th March 2021 34 for, 34 present and voting***

***This has been coming for some time, they have not met since March 2020 and feel the end of the road has come more quickly due to Covid, but it was likely soon anyway. Those who feel able have been worshipping with the Anglicans. Rev Peter Sheasby, March 2021***