***943 Closure of Chapels.*** *(1) Public services may not be discontinued in any chapel or preaching-place, nor any preaching-place removed from the circuit plan, until permission has been given by the Synod on the recommendation of the managing trustees, the Circuit Meeting and the district Policy Committee. The Circuit Meeting shall submit any such recommendation to the district committee before any steps are taken to carry the intention into effect.*

**Church**:……South Cliff.. **Circuit**:…North Yorkshire Coast………………………………

1. **What is the present membership?** 30

2. **What is the number on the community roll?** 12

3.  **What is the average adult attendance at worship?** 15 (1st & 3rd Sundays only)

4. **What other activities take place on the premises?** Mid-week communion, twice a month.

5. **Provide a financial overview – e.g. income vs expenditure.** (Attached)

6. **If a new building is not to be provided, what provision will be made for the present congregation and other activities?** Members will be encouraged to transfer their membership to a nearby Methodist Church otherwise to a church of their choosing.

7.   **What impact will the closure have on the local community?** Sadly, very little, if any at all.

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

Westborough Methodist Church. 0.7 miles. Queen Street Methodist Central Hall. 1.3 miles.

Cayton Methodist Church 4.3 miles. Filey Methodist Church 6.8 miles.

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

Various mid-week activities have been offered as stepping stones in to church life including,

a programme of summer, musical concerts. A weekly fellowship group (3D) with varied programme. Weekly, mid-week Holy Communion. The notice-board has always been kept up to date and the welcome continues to be warm.

10.   **Does the membership consider that their mission is complete from this building and why?**  Sadly, yes, mainly due to a predominantly elderly and increasingly infirm membership.

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

The South Cliff in Scarborough is served well by St.Andrew’s URC, St.Martin’s CofE & St.Edwards RC churches. Westborough Methodist Church is also close by.

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

It is envisaged that this will be offered by the above churches.

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

Churches Together on South Cliff meets to plan ecumenical events and services.

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?**

Circuit funds are available across the whole of the circuit for ongoing mission.

15.    **Has the District Archivist been consulted regarding records and artefacts and records that might need to be conserved?**

Our Circuit Archivist, our Superintendent Minister will ensure all records and artefacts are archived at County Hall in Northallerton.