***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:……Hensall Methodist Church**

**Circuit:…….Goole and Selby**

**1. What is the present membership? 9**

**2. What is the number on the community roll? 4 (volunteering)**

**3.  What is the average adult attendance at worship? 3**

**4. What other activities take place on the premises?**

**Toddler group – Monday**

**Dancing – Monday, Wednesday, Friday**

**Singing for Pleasure – Tuesday**

**Youth club – Thursday**

**Over 60’s – Wednesday (0nce per month)**

**Yoga (2 groups) – Tuesday, Thursday**

**Coffee morning – once a month**

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

**Income 01/09/24 – 31/03/25 £6,269.66**

**Expenditure 01/09/24 -31/03/25 £5,181.66**

**On 31/03/25 the Church had total funds of £8,122**

**6. If a new building is not to be provided, what provision will be made for the present congregation and other activities?**

**The present congregation have expressed an interest in attending Snaith or Carlton Methodist Church. No provision has been made in the community for other activities.**

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

**There will be considerable impact, on those who use the building, as there is no alternative facility available in Hensall.**

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

**Snaith Methodist Church – 3 miles. Carlton Methodist Church – 4 miles**

**There are no Sunday Schools nearby.**

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

**Regular Coffee Mornings are held.**

**Outreach via Toddler Group every week.**

**In the past, concerts, quizzes and afternoon teas have been organised.**

**The local primary school has been invited to attend Carol Servies.**

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

**We consider that our mission is complete due to the fact that the remaining congregation is aging and cannot fulfil the roles that are required by the Methodist Church.**

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

**There is an Anglican Church in the village.**

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

**No arrangements have been made as yet.**

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

**No conversations have taken place yet.**

**14.   Has the church council made and recorded decisions with regard to the transfer of its assets (including TMCP funds, other funds held locally, and buildings)?**

**No, not as yet. This will happen once closure is a reality.**

**15. 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?**

**No decisions have been made. However the local community are exploring the feasibility of acquiring the building for community use.**

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

**Not yet. An inventory will be compiled in due course.**