***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:…***Wallingfen (Newport)***……….. Circuit:…***Hull (Centre & West)*

**1. What is the present membership?** *8*

**2. What is the number on the community roll?** *13*

**3.  What is the average adult attendance at worship?** *8*

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

*Weekly coffee morning, monthly lunch club,weekly music session*

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

*Financial overview attached*

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

*Some members have already moved to other churches, and all are being encouraged to join churches within the hub and consider churches close to where they live.*

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

*There is little connection between the Chapel and the village. The front of the shop premises along the main street are in poor state of repair, and they host the war memorial which is a clock owned by the parish council attached to the frontage. One of the shops is rented by a florist.*

*There is no link with the local school.*

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

*Gilberdyke 1.8 miles (Neighbouring circuit)*

*South Cave LEP 4.0 miles*

*Brough 5.5 miles*

*Howden 7.1 miles (Neighbouring circuit)*

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

*Over the years there have been many musical events, exhibitions, monthly community lunch which has seen no impact or growth in relationship between the church and community and no new worshippers have been welcomed.*

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

*There is significant hurt and pain by some members who feel their mission is to preserve and protect the building, and therefore mission in promoting the Gospel is not a consideration as the set of buildings are the oldest in the village.*

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

*There is no provision by any denomination due to the proximity to Gilberdyke.*

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

*The congregation have experienced pastoral care by the minister and will continue to do so through the hub of which they’re encouraged to be a part. There is versatile engagement with the wider community in terms of offering pastoral care. It is our understanding that most people consider themselves part of the Gilberdyke community.*

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

*We know some members have been worshipping at the Methodist Church in Gikberdyke and they have received a warm welcome and there is nominal contact with the vicar at North Cave as the first port of call for local funerals.*

**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)?**

*Church council on 22nd July agreed for this to take place with immediate effect.*

**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?**

*This is under consideration as the building is a listed property*

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

*Not at this time as the District Post is vacant.*