

**Church Broughton Parish Council consultation on the future of the  
Church Broughton Methodist Chapel and Schoolroom  
VOTING FORM**

*Please complete and return this form by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019 to any of the collection boxes located in the Parish Church, Church Broughton school reception, and Holly Bush pub.*

**BACKGROUND**

With the ceasing of worship in the Methodist Chapel, the Parish has been given the opportunity to lease the building from its owners.

The Parish Council (PC) is keen to seek the views of Parishioners and is calling for a vote on whether to lease the Methodist Chapel and Schoolroom for a period of up to ten years, at an annual lease of up to £5,200. The lease would be paid by the Parishioners making an additional contribution through the Council Tax precept which is collected by the PC. The PC estimates that the increase in Council Tax would be in the range £15 - £35 per year per household, depending on household property banding. The PC will proceed if there is a good level of support within the Parish, and if a satisfactory lease agreement can be negotiated with the owners of the building.

Several activities currently take place in the building including a weekly chair-based exercise class, meetings of various organisations, pop-up shop & cafe, soup and pud lunches and occasional parties. All these activities will need to find new locations if the building is no longer available, and many of them could not be accommodated elsewhere in the village. If the building is nicely refurbished, which would be a condition of the lease, then it is likely to attract additional uses.

If a lease goes ahead, a management committee of volunteers would be established to run the facility in accordance with an appropriate set of rules for users, and the income received from the use of the building is expected to cover the ongoing maintenance and running costs.

If the community supports this proposal and a lease is agreed, the intention would be to continue to explore longer term options such as a new build Village Hall, whilst using the Methodist Chapel and Schoolroom as a community facility in the meantime. If a lease does not go ahead it is understood that the owners will put the building up for sale.

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING – WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2019 AT 8.00pm**

The Parish Council, supported by the Community Led Plan Committee, will be holding a public meeting to discuss questions arising from anyone in the Parish on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 8.00pm in the Methodist Chapel and Schoolroom.

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**QUESTION:** Do you think that the PC should lease the Methodist Chapel and Schoolroom for use as a community facility by raising the necessary funds through Council Tax precept as described above?

Please circle accordingly\*                      YES\* /                      NO\*

*Note: one response form per household*

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