

**Church Broughton Community Led Plan**  
**Notes from Steering Group ZOOM meeting on 26 January 2021**

**Present:** John Weil, Julia Williams, Nick Broad, Yvette Lydon, Dan Pedley, James Lydon, Paul Vernon, Ed Crisp

**Apologies:**

**Notes and actions from meeting**

**Action by:**

**1.0 Notes of previous meeting**

Notes of previous meeting on 8 December 2020 were agreed.

**2.0 Matters arising from previous meeting**

Matters arising from the meeting on 8 December 2020 are to be reviewed at the next meeting as the 2 main agenda items to be discussed and agreed this evening are the proposed sale of the Methodist Chapel and the Questionnaire.

**3.0 Methodist Chapel Consultation by Parish Council**

Dan had previously issued a draft document explaining the planned consultation with the Parish on the Bid to Buy the Methodist Chapel now that the Methodist Church has decided to sell the building instead of leasing it.

John commented that he thought that the document was too cramped and wasn't easy to read which would put people off reading it. He suggested that it would be better if the text was more spaced out. It was agreed that the Parish Council should seek to get the largest mandate possible so the paper should be printed and distributed rather than just sent to people on the village email directory. It was suggested that the consultation paper should be hand-delivered by volunteers to houses in the village and that the copies for the out-lying houses could be posted. Dan to get latest list of houses subject to Council Tax from SDDC.

Dan

Ed commented that in the opening paragraph there was no date identifying the end of the 6 week period to register the intention to make a bid. James thought that the Q & A section did an excellent job of explaining the issue. It was agreed that there should be one response per household. Paul asked whether there was a maximum bid that the Parish Council would go to and whether this should be added to the Q & As. Dan advised that, in his view, the key issue in the consultation should be the increase in precept as this is what will affect the amount of Council Tax people have to pay. The amount of grant funding available will also influence the maximum bid but this is not known at this stage. Dan noted that the Q & As could be updated as necessary. Dan advised that the sale of the building could be by auction, sealed bids or it may be possible to negotiate separately with the Methodist Circuit if they can be satisfied that they will get the value of the building. John advised that charities need to get best return for their property, but thought that the Methodist movement would want the building to be used by the Community.

**4.0 Update to Community Plan pages on CB website**

Julia has updated all of the Community Plan web pages apart from the Work & Communications page which Paul has amended. Paul will amend the page to say what the group has done. Everyone to check the website and let Julia know if and when any changes are needed.

Paul  
ALL

- 5.0 **Delivery of dog poo leaflets completed?**  
All dog poo leaflets have now been delivered to the Village and a poster has been placed on the noticeboard.
- 6.0 **Fibre broadband for Village**  
Paul explained that he had had an email from Stephen Hedley who has been in touch with a contact at Openreach about the possible installation of high speed fibre to the premises. Grants are available so it could be possible to get it earlier than the government's suggested target of 2025 if there is sufficient interest. There is already fibre to the cabinet available in the village so many people living near the cabinet already have speeds of 80 Mb/s. It is possible that these people may not be eligible for the grants or may not be interested in faster broadband speeds.  
It was agreed that the issue should be considered by the Work & Comms group. In order to check the level of interest in the project, it was decided that questions should be included in the Questionnaire asking about current speed, whether people would be prepared to pay more for faster broadband and if anyone would like to volunteer to help with the project. Julia to send draft questions to Paul. Julia/Paul
- 7.0 **Questionnaire – questions, timing and delivery**  
John thought that the draft Questionnaire was too long and too detailed. His view was that people would lose interest and give up if it is too long. He thought that yes/no answers were better than expressing how satisfied/dissatisfied people were. All groups will review their questions and amend them to simplify the questions and reduce each section to no more than 2 pages. Amended questions to be sent to Julia by 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Julia to collate questions and re-issue questionnaire before next meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. ALL  
Julia  
It was thought that as many people as possible should complete the Questionnaire rather than 1 per household. It was agreed that we would include Barton Blount and surrounding areas in the distribution.  
As the Parish Council consultation will take place in February, it was agreed that the Questionnaire would be issued in March after the Methodist Chapel Consultation. John noted that he would like to hold a public meeting to discuss the Questionnaire responses but this is unlikely to be possible before May or June.  
It was agreed that the Questionnaire should include a section on the Parish Council. This would enable the Parish Council to let people know what they do and to get feedback from the Community. Dan
- 8.0 **AOB**  
It was suggested that we hold a public CLP meeting in June if possible. John thought that the meeting should be the CLP AGM where officers and members are elected. Dan suggested that we do something jointly with the Parish Council to include the Annual Meeting of the Parish since everything the CLP does sits under the banner of what the Parish Council should be doing. John thought it would be OK to combine the 2 meetings as long as the voting could happen at the same meeting. It was suggested that the voting could be done at the beginning or end of the joint meeting. All agreed that people would be more willing/likely to attend 1 meeting rather than 2, so combining the meetings would be appropriate.
- 9.0 **Date of next meeting:**  
**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021, 8pm by Zoom**