

**CHURCH BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
EXTRA ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD BY TELEPHONE ON
THURSDAY 18TH MARCH 2021.**

Those present:
Councillor Spalton-Chairman
Councillor Pedley
Councillor Redfern
Councillor Wallis
Councillor Woodhall

In attendance:
Helena Steeples-Clerk

1.0 APOLOGIES

None received.

**2.0 RESULTS OF THE CONSULTATION ON THE PURCHASE OF THE
METHODIST CHAPEL**

96 replies were received for the consultation on the Bid to Buy the Methodist Chapel, which was a 43.8% response from parishioners. One paper only showed positive response to purchasing using funds but not a precept rise. Therefore 90.6% of the replies were in favour of proceeding with a bid to buy the premises.

It was acknowledged that this was a higher response than the previous questionnaire re leasing the Methodist Chapel, but it was a pity that not more parishioners did not respond.

3.0 ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

Councillor Pedley advised Councillors that we now have 6 days in which to notify SDDC of our intention to make a bid and that he has recently undertaken several courses on how to apply for grant funding.

Parish Councillors discussed the process to be taken and it was agreed by all present that the Parish Council should now commence proceedings on the Bid to Buy.
Proposed by Councillor Spalton and seconded by Councillor Redfern.

Councillor Pedley to:

1. Inform SDDC of the Parish Council intent to place a Bid to Buy.
2. Apply for a Public Works Loan
3. Commence applying for grant funding e.g. National Lottery Funding
4. Enquire if SDDC planning department would be amenable to a) granting change of use for the premises from a place of worship to a community centre and b) whether planning policy would allow a change of use to residential, which would impact the valuation of the property.
5. Advise the Methodist Circuit of our intention to place a bid for the property and enquire if they would be prepared to accept a bid prior to going to auction.
6. Obtain formal valuation of the property. It was suggested that Councillor Pedley could contact Grahame Penny Auctions, Derby.

Proposed by Councillor Spalton and seconded by Councillor Redfern.

Councillors were aware that £5000 was raised last year from the Precept to be used towards leasing the Methodist Chapel. It was acknowledged that these funds should be held in reserve during the 2021/2022 financial year for use towards loan repayments which may arise prior to the precept being increased during the subsequent financial year.

4.0 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
Thursday 1st April 2021