

# HINDOLVESTON METHODIST CHAPEL

'EXTRAORDINARY MEETING' HELD 2.30 PM THURS 20.08.09  
IN THE SCHOOLROOM

- Present: Rev David Greenaway, Mrs Chris Stone, Mrs Ann Morgan, Mr Maldwyn Morgan (total membership of 3) + Mrs Chris Sproston
- PURPOSE OF MEETING.  
To consider future of the chapel given that Ann Maldwyn had moved to Honworth and Chris Stone was in process of moving to Dereham and would be unable to continue in membership/as Treasurer.
- Meeting opened in prayer by Rev David.
- No one present wanted to see worship cease at the chapel but Maldwyn + Ann felt they could not continue on their own to be totally responsible at local level for the witness + worship of the chapel or the legal burden of trustee responsibilities, in the absence of any locally resident membership.
- Chris Stone asked if it were not possible to make a wide appeal to the village for help, but Rev David said that the opportunity for such an initiative had passed ~ if in fact those present wished to step down from local leadership, he explained - and it was understood by all present - that local church leaders could not be created quickly. He then explained the formal Methodist procedures which we are bound to follow in dealing with our chapel situation, including the fact that with a membership of less than 50(!) it is not possible for any member to avoid also holding trustee responsibilities. [Methodist rules.]
- After extensive discussion, it was very reluctantly agreed that we should apply to the Circuit Meeting for Cessation of Worship at Hindolveston chapel at the end of September 2009, to coincide with the end of the current 'Quarter'. Chris Stone was asked (as Treasurer) to 'wind up' the Accounts as for a 13 month year ending 30 Sept 09.
- Maldwyn confirmed that the chapel building is 'Listed'.
- Agreed that we would still hold united worship in the chapel [as previously discussed with Rev J Sykes] on Remembrance Sunday 8 November.
- Rev David <sup>said</sup> that once the Circuit meeting [probably, the next meeting] had accepted Cessation of Worship at Hindolveston, the present Trustees would cease to have any responsibility for the premises. He also explained that the decision to cease worship was reversible until such time as the District had determined the chapel should be 'closed'. [probably a 2 year process]. The immediate effect of 'cessation' would be the transfer of all responsibility to the Circuit, together with all assets - including the Miss B. Cork bequest, held at Manchester.
- Agreed that the question of how to proceed with regard to the current drain problem/damage to Schoolroom foundations should be passed for decision to the Circuit Meeting [Maldwyn reminded the meeting that the cost of rectifying the drain problem could easily amount to £8K after which if it was proven that the drain problem was the cause of Schoolroom damage, Methodist Insurance would fund repairs to the building.]
- After some discussion about where members might wish to transfer their membership and how the chapel might be used - with District backing for

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