Appendix A

Community Right to Bid Assessment – Methodist Church, Stoke-Sub-Hamdon

Name of property/land		Methodist Church, Stoke-Sub-Hamdon	
Date of decision		11 th November 2015	
Area Development Manager		Charlotte Jones	
	Community Right to Bid criteria	Detail	Fits Criteria Y/N
Nominating body	Does the nominating body fit the definition of a 'Community Interest Group?'	Stoke-Sub-Hamdon Parish Council	Yes
Area of interest	Does the nominating body have a 'local connection'?	Parish Council in Parish the Church is situated.	Yes
Use in recent past	Does the current use of the property or its use in the recent past (ie. the past 5 years) further the social wellbeing and interests of the local community?	As church, this property has fulfilled a wide social purpose over many years to the residents of Stoke and the surrounding area. The church closed for services at the end of 2012. It has continued to be used for a variety of social purposes including the Hamdons Youth Group and the Little Fishes playgroup.	Yes
Proposed future use	Does the proposed continued use (or in the next 5 years) further the social wellbeing and interests of the local community?	Develop as a youth and community centre to complement existing local facilities. In particular this is to secure the future of the Hamdons Youth Group and other regular users.	Yes
Conclusion	Churches are included within the definition of community assets, and the Methodist Church has fulfilled a clear role in furthering the social wellbeing and interests of the community. The nominating body meets the definition of a community interest group with a relevant local connection. It is not unreasonable to think that a business plan could be developed for this asset by the community to continue to provide a range of community benefits.		
Decision	The Stoke Methodist Church to be added to the Council's Register of Assets of Community Value.		
Name	Charlotte Jones, Area Development Manager (North) South Somerset District Council 4 th December 2015		
Area Chair		Cllr Shane Pledger	
Ward Member		Cllr Sylvia Seal	
4 th December 2015 Area Chair		Cllr Shane Pledger	

