The Parish of St Paul, Oldham

Minutes of St Paul's PCC Meeting held via Zoom

At 7.00pm on Thursday 11th June 2026

Present: Nick Andrewes (Chair), Lynne Street, Colin Platt. Auriel Hopkinson, Richard McEwan, Megan Locklin, Andrea Marshall, Jane McColgan, Jade Ross.

Apologies: - Zahra Shafiei. **Prayers: -** Lynne

Minutes from 23rd April 2026 were passed as correct.
Proposed by: - Lynne **Seconded by:** - Nick **Unanimously Agreed**

Matters arising: - Kitchen water heater - Whilst Nicolae said he wants the water heater, it has yet to be removed, Nick to chase. Chairs - Andrea is contacting Ergo Outlet to discuss the Breeze chair re colours and arms. Lynne confirmed payments to the Children Soc., £200 and Unicef £500.

Correspondence: - None

Vicars Report: - The September course for admission to Holy Communion is looking as though it will be well attended. Jade and Mark have had training on reading Intercessions. Nick reported that a condition of the One Oldham Fund grant, is to obtain a Quality in Action Award from Action Together. Nick does not see this as a problem as we adhere to the list of conditions they have set.

Fabric: - **Sub-Floor**: -The Diocese has given permission, under List B, to complete the underfloor work. However, we need to also make a new application for additional elements.
Plaster Removal: - Once we can give Denis the go ahead, he can schedule the work.
Roof work above the Chancel Arch, Sanctuary Arch, Organ Chamber: - Current quote is £67,435 including architect fees and vat. This can be reduced to £50k if we don't have the east gable pointed. An application has been made to the Diocesan Building Fund for £15k which has to be match funded.
Decarbonisation Audit: - The Fabric Committee recommends **"Inviting donations to an Energy Efficiency Fund – to be used for reducing energy use, helping us move towards financial and environmental sustainability".**
Proposed by: - Andrea **Seconded by**: - Jane **Unanimously Agreed**

There was also a discussion on minor repair jobs that need to happen, such as the taps in the ladies' toilets, lights in the gents' toilets. It was agreed that Lynne would take any comments and compile a list.

Church Officers: - The list has been updated with Andrea and Hayley (Guide Leader) being added to the Fabric Committee. Jade to Deanery Synod. Colin has stepped down after many decades being our Deanery Synod representative, the PCC are grateful to him and thank Colin for his dedicated work.
Proposed by: - Auriel **Seconded by**: - Colin

Succession Planning: - The Treasurer position was discussed, with the possibility of breaking the role down into smaller tasks that people could get familiar with. The suggestion of a small finance committee will be put to the congregation asking for volunteers. Issues surrounding confidentiality, cash handling, operating the bank account and reconciling the accounts were discussed. Other roles that need to be covered are Gift Aid and PCC Secretary.

Reports: -
Safeguarding – Andrea has asked Lynne, Colin, Jade, Jane and Bahati to contact her about being DBS checked.
Community & Community Room – A Litter Pick took place on Saturday the 6th June. Jade alongside representatives of the local community group had arranged this to take place. Jade explained about a new initiative where someone will work with churches to help people with limited computer access to navigate online services for jobs, housing etc. There will be a Children's Information Day on Thursday 9th July at St Paul's, 2.30pm-5pm. Various organisations will set up stalls to inform families about summer activities. Volunteers to run refreshments are needed.
Finance: - Lynne gave a financial overview and reported that the Building Fund has an overall balance of £10,505. Reserves and current account balance, after the Parish Share has been paid, will be around £13,598.
H&S: - Nothing to report.
Mission Community: - The meeting took place with the Deanery Safeguarding Lead in attendance.
Social Committee: - It was agreed to run social events on an informal basis with regular events taking place as normal. It was also agreed to have a Bring and Share meal on the last Sunday School before the holidays, 19th July, then maybe one at Harvest. The Guides are hosting an afternoon tea on the 22nd August.

AOB: - **150th Anniversary of St Paul's in 2030**: - Andrea has suggested that we start planning now for a celebration of our 150th Anniversary, mainly by booking the Bishop of Manchester to preside at our morning service. The date of Sunday the 26th May 2030 was chosen, Richard was tasked with booking the bishop by contacting their secretary.

Signed ……Chairperson Date ……