The Parish of St Paul, Oldham

Minutes of St Paul's PCC Meeting held via Zoom

At 7.00pm on Thursday 17th September 2026

Present: Nick Andrewes (Chair), Lynne Street, Colin Platt, Richard McEwan, Megan Locklin, Jane McColgan, Jade Ross, Bahati Philemoni.

Apologies: - Zahra Shafiei, Auriel Hopkinson, Andrea Marshall **Prayers: -** Lynne

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss three items for consideration.

De-Carbonisation Grant: - Nick has applied to The Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund for a grant towards the de-carbonisation audit. "**The PCC are happy to accept the £1800 from the Duchy of Lancaster for the De-Carbonisation Audit"**

Proposed by: - Jane **Seconded by**: - Megan

Enlarge the Community Room: - A discussion took place about the findings of the Fabric Committee meeting attended by the architect Mark Pearce. Mark came to the conclusion that we should increase the size of the community room. The suggestion put forward by Mark was to move the wall into the Nave by one column. Mark will submit a plan showing the effect this would have on the Nave.

Succession Planning: - **Treasurer** - A discussion took place around the suggestion of splitting the role into three areas. The first being the counting of the weekly cash, creation of the cash sheet and the banking of the money. The second being a team of people who are able to prepare the monthly accounts (reconciling the bank statement) The third being control of the day-to-day matters and making one-off payments.

Three people have expressed an interest in reconciling the bank statement, Jade, Naveed, Faith. The counting of the cash is already being undertaken by Nigel, but he needs further training on the cash sheet etc., Hayley's name was suggested for the overall control.

Gift Aid Secretary: - After some discussion it was suggested that Jane takes a look to see if it is a task that she could take on.

PCC Secretary: - No volunteers. But the meeting minutes can be produced by AI.

Nick thanked everyone for their attendance

The meeting closed at 20.10pm with the Grace.

Signed ……Chairperson Date ……