

The Parish of St. Paul, Oldham

**Minutes of PCC Meeting held via Zoom
At 7.00pm on Thursday 24th September 2020**

Present: Nick Andrewes (Chairman) Lynne Street, Colin Platt, Pam McKay, Margaret Fogg, Adrienne Williams, Megan Locklin, Jane McColgan.

Apologies: - Dave Street

Opening Prayers were led by Lynne

Minutes from 17.06.2020, 16.07.20, 30.07.20 meetings were passed as correct.

Proposed by: - Pam Seconded by: - Adrienne Agreed
Unanimously

Matters Arising/Outstanding [See Attached List](#)

Minutes from the 17.10.2019 - Outstanding Items: -

Roof: - Nick informed us that the Architect and quinquennial reports had advised that the roof above the south aisle and south knave need to be replaced, approximate cost £150k split into phases. **It was decided that a second opinion be sought.** It was agreed that we should explore the cost of a surveyor and if found to be less than £1,000 then Nick has the authority to go ahead and make the appointment. Nick will ask the DAC Secretary for advice. Proposed by - Colin Seconded by: - Pam **Action by: - Nick**

Update: - Sept 20-It was agreed that we do not require a second opinion.

Proposed by: - Nick Seconded by: - Colin Agreed Unanimously

Correspondence: - Nick has received a letter confirming that a student assistant will be joining him until Easter 2021.

Vicar's Comments: - Corona Virus

Web-site services - These are still being well received.

Congregational Services: - These are taking place on alternate Sundays at each church.

Zoom: - The Sunday School sessions have been suspended for the moment. A number of children are attending the services in church. This will be reviewed as and when the restrictions change due to the virus.

Giving: - The only consistent income we are getting is the planned giving donations through the bank. There has been a couple of generous donations to support our church. We talked about holding a Gift Day to enable people to make a donation to support the church as they would if they were attending social fundraising events or donating or spending in the charity shop. It was decided that a letter be composed to explain our situation and to include the church bank details. Colin will put a skeleton letter together. **Action by:** - Colin

Shop: - On Saturday the 26th Sept., Colin and Nick will meet the landlord to handover the shop and keys. Nick thanked Colin and Jill and the management team for their hard work in bringing the shop to its final conclusion.

Fencing: - Planning permission has been granted. The contractor hopes to start the work soon and be complete within a month. Nick has secured a grant of £5k from the diocese. Still waiting for an answer on the application to Oldham Council.

Cleaning: - SSuzette has resigned. Her duties had been considerably disrupted by the pandemic. Nick, Auriel & Lynne have been putting a schedule and task list together, under present circumstances we will cope on a voluntary basis.

A letter from the PCC will be sent to Thank Suzette. **Action by:** - Lynne

Financial Priorities after Fencing: - It was decided to defer further expenditure, this effects Microphones, Digital Piano, Roof, Organ, Grounds, Parish Share. Nick presented a case for the cost of Broadband to make the TV network run better and he will also be able to add remote control of the heating system. It is a two-year contract with EE at an approximate cost of £420.00, a member of the PCC has generously donated this cost, with our grateful Thanks.

Proposed by: - Pam Seconded by: - Megan Agreed
Unanimously

Gardening/Cooking/Eating Project: - Nick explained the concept of WiFiNorthWest (WellbeingImprovementFitnessInitiative) they have run a healthy cooking project at St Thomas'. Nick's proposal is to make a joint grant application for both churches to enable the use of the land at the side of St Paul's to be used for growing food and flowers and involving the community. Colin suggested approaching the council parks dept., to see if anyone waiting for an allotment would like to get involved.

Proposed by: - Margaret Seconded by: - Megan Agreed Unanimously

APCM: - The draft 2019 Annual Report, was discussed and how we are going to distribute it to the congregation. We discussed the data submitted on the Electoral Roll Forms.

Nick is going to compare his list of emails, to Megan's list of telephone numbers, and to the electoral roll forms, to produce

- a list of e-mail addresses,
- a list of postal addresses for those not on email.

This is for the distribution of the report and to invite people to the meeting.

The annual report to the APCM was approved in principle, pending 3 members of the PCC reading the report over the next few days and contacting Nick if they wish to make comment.

The annual accounts were accepted, they have been approved by Danny Stone, the Independent Examiner.

The APCM meeting will be on Sunday the 25th October 2020 at 11.30am on Zoom

Proposed by: -Nick Seconded by: - Margaret Agreed Unanimously

Safe Church Policy: - The policy was reviewed and amended, all references to the charity shop were removed.

Proposed by: - Megan Seconded by: - Pam Agreed Unanimously

Reports: - None received

Community Room: - Nick has had an enquiry from one of the Roma churches to use the room, this would mean that the Camera Club would move to St Thomas', which they are happy to do.

Nick thanked members for their attendance and the meeting closed with the Grace at 8.35pm.

SignedChairman **Date**