

## **Minutes of Springfield PCC meeting**

25<sup>th</sup> September 2023 7.45pm @ St Paul's Church, Roundshaw

Present: David Atkinson, Tim Samuel, Russell Warren, Roger Brodie, David Silcock, Mel Wynn, Mike Cushion, Kathryn Schofield, Dave Foulkes, Cathy Brearley, Jenny de Rougemont, Rob Downer, Kitty Olulari, Nigel Elderkin (secretary)

### **1. Welcome**

David welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened in prayer

### **2. Apologies**

Sarah Miller, Janet Downham

### **3. Worship**

Dave Foulkes led a time of worship with the song "Take Courage", encouraging us to step out in faith in God's timing.

### **4. Good News**

PCC shared ways they had seen God at work recently, including many God centred and/or curious conversations, and sharing with others.

### **5. Matters Arising not dealt with elsewhere**

- i) Minutes from the May meeting accepted by council vote on 04.06.2023
- ii) Application form for Jules Atkinson to start Lay Pioneer ministry training agreed by council vote 28.07.2023 nem con

### **6. Ministry updates**

David referenced the briefing doc that he had sent out earlier with updates from many ministries. He added a heartfelt well done to all the wardens and staff and others who had been part of the discernment process leading to the profile. He also thanked Kathryn for stepping up to join the Safeguarding sub group. He shared Grace Davies news that she had to step back from being part of the PCC and blessed her for all she is still doing at Springfield.

### **7. Finance**

a) Council discussed our finance report, noting that at current giving and expenditure levels, we would reach the lowest balance that would allow us to fulfil our commitments in the first half of 2024. Russell helped explain various queries before PCC moved on to look at:

b) In preparation for Generosity Sunday on 15<sup>th</sup> October, there had been discussion with the Diocese about the forthcoming Giving Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October. This included new ways for people to give, including contactless giving using a reader that collected funds for Springfield via 'Give a little' and also a new monthly giving platform Parish Giving Scheme (which was commission free thanks to the diocese). The diocese were offering to lend us a reader free for three weeks to trial this.

It was proposed that we agree to trial the Parish Giving Scheme.

Proposed Kitty Olulari, seconded Cathy Brearley, agreed nem con.

c)The next discussion was to decide which works to authorise on maintenance for 49, Stanley Park Road, as the Rucks were hoping to move soon, there would be a window of opportunity when the house was vacant. Council were asked to agree to items 1-6 on the schedule, with the other outside paint to be looked at in the future.

Proposed Jenny de Rougemont, seconded David Silcock, agreed nem con

d) The Parish Support Fund was discussed next, and in light of regular giving being 10% lower than budgeted, it was proposed that we keep our giving at our current level of £73,200 per annum.

Proposed Tim Samuel, seconded Roger Brodie, agreed nem con

e) Council were excited to hear that Tim has agreed to become our Treasurer- news that was received by a hearty cheer: Vote for Tim to become treasurer was proposed Mel Wynn, seconded Mike Cushion, agreed nem con There was a vote of immense thanks for all the work Tim had undertaken, both seen and unseen during the vacancy.

Going forward, it was confirmed the signatories on our accounts would be Russell Warren, Jim Dimmock, David Atkinson, Brian Timothy Samuel, Catherine Louise Brearley, David Foulkes and Peter Devitt (confirmed on whatsapp after the meeting until such time as the new signatories were in place when he would finally be able to relinquish that role.)

## **8. New Warden**

As Tim was transitioning to his new role, there was now an opportunity for someone else to stand as warden alongside Cathy. This would be announced to the wider congregation on Sunday and notice given of the vote 15<sup>th</sup> October.

## **9. Safeguarding**

Sarah had sent in her report and David had included it in the pre-read document, noting that both Christian Chukwukelu and Caryl Clements had completed their Volunteer Safer Recruitment.

## **10. Staff team recruitment**

Staff members then left while council debated the way forward for Springfield Staffing.

## **11. Closing Prayer**

### **Dates of future meetings for PCC & Standing Committee:**

PCC 20th Nov – worship Janet D

SC 15th Jan

PCC 29th Jan – worship Jenny de R

SC 26th Feb

PCC 25th Mar – worship Mike C  
SC 29th April  
AGM 19th May  
PCC 10th June – worship Kathryn S  
SC 24th June  
PCC 15th Jul – worship David S  
SC 16th Sep  
PCC 30th Sep – worship Roger B  
SC 14th Oct  
PCC 25th Nov – worship Mel W  
SC 2nd Dec