NOTICE OF MEETING

Date: 22 April 2026.

To all members of Lydiate Parish Council.

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Lydiate Parish Council to be held at Lydiate Village Centre on Tuesday 28 April 2026, commencing at 6.15pm.

Carol Farquhar – Parish Clerk

AGENDA

1 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

2 **MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

a. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 22 March 2026 and authorise the Chairperson to sign them as a correct record.

3 **UPDATE ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (FOR INFORMATION ONLY).**

4 **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

5 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Adjournment for public participation.

6 **REPORTS OF MEETINGS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

7 **SAVILLE ROW DEVELOPMENT**

a. To consider the report presented by Mr & Mrs O'Hanlon in respect of the Saville Row development.
b. To agree any actions required.

8 **UPDATE ON A59 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT SCHEME**

a. To receive and consider an update from Sefton Council regarding the A59 Corridor Improvement scheme including upgrade to Kenyons Lane Park.
b. To agree any actions required

9 **LYDIATE ABBEY UPDATE**

a. To receive an oral update on progress made regarding Lydiate Abbey.

b. To agree any actions required.

10 **UPDATE ON BOWLS AGREEMENT**

a. To consider and accept the draft bowls agreement setting out future arrangements with The Lydiate and Maghull Federation of Bowlers.
b. To agree any actions required.

11 **UPDATE ON DEFIBRILLATOR MAPPING**

a. To receive an update on the project mapping.
b. To agree any actions required.

12 **UPDATE REPORT REGARDING - PROPOSED 'LAMBSHEAR LANE' HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

a. To receive an update.
b. To agree any actions required.

13 **QUARTER 4 CASH FLOW 2025/26**

a. To consider the Quarter 4 cash flow to 31 March 2026.
b. To agree any actions required.

14 **ISSUES REPORTED TO COUNCILLORS**

To discuss and agree any actions raised with Councillors since the last meeting and agree any actions required.

15 **PLANNING MATTERS**

To consider any planning application received after dispatch of the agenda and agree any actions required.

- **189 Liverpool Road, Lydiate, L31 2LY**
  Severance of the domestic plot of no. 189 Liverpool Road at its western side, and the erection of a four bedroom detached dormer bungalow served by private access drive to be created off Liverpool Road, with associated parking and garden areas. Deadline: Any comments you may have should be sent to us by 26th April 2026 ;

- **Demolition of existing outbuildings, two-storey rear extension to existing dwellinghouse, roof extension and dormer extensions to front and rear.** Underwood Station Road Lydiate L31 4EY. Ref. No: DC/2026/00631 | Validated: Thu 09 Apr 2026 | Status: Registered
- **Single Storey Side and Rear Extension,** 14 Sandy Lane Lydiate L31 4DW, Ref. No: DC/2026/00577 | Validated: Tue 31 Mar 2026 | Status: Registered

16 **CLERKS REPORT**

16A. UPDATES

To consider any relevant information brought to the attention of the Clerk since the last meeting and agree any actions required.

a. Request to hold a dog show at Lydiate Village Centre.
b. Community consultation event Lydiate Village Centre.
c. Christmas activities 2026.
d. Staffing update.
e. Pitch Power report

16B CORRESPONDENCE

- To consider any issues brought to the attention of the Clerk since the last meeting, including those included in the table below.
- To agree any actions required.

	From	Issue
1	PKF Littlejohn	Audit documents received (AGAR)
2	Unity Bank	BACs-1192 I can confirm your application to increase the BACS limit is now complete.
3	I Taylor, Flt Lt, OC 2348 SQN	Please find attached an invitation for the Leader of Lydiate Parish Council to our presentation evening to be held on Friday 15th May 2026. We would be delighted if the current Leader or a representative could attend this year with a guest? *Friday 15th May 2026* *7.30pm for 8.00pm* *at* *Deyes High School, Deyes Lane, Maghull* *L31 6DE* *No1 Dress with Medals/Lounge Suit*

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16C FINANCE

I. To consider the accounts payable in April 2026 as detailed in Table 1 below.
II. To consider and accept any further accounts payable received after dispatch of the agenda.

Accounts payable April 2026				
Contractual/ Statutory payments made – For information (FIXED)				
METHOD	**PAYEE**	**DETAILS**	**AMOUNT £**	**STATUTORY PROVISION**
DD	Unity E-Payment	Salaries - April 2026	£ 13,328.86	LGA 1972 s.111
DD	N.E.S.T	Pensions - April 2026	£ 1,403.42	LGA 1972 s.111
DD	Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges - Salary Processing	£ 19.07	LGA 1972 s.111
DD	Lloyds Card	Monthly Fee	£ 3.00	LGA 1972 s.111
		Total	**£ 14,754.35**	
Contractual / Statutory payments made – For information (VARIABLE)				
DD	Unity E-payment	Salaries - April 2026	£ 562.00	LGA 1972 s.111
DD	Virgin Media	Telephone and Broadband	£ 89.08	LGA 1972 s.111
DD	O_2	Mobile Phone Charges	£ 51.19	LGA 1972 s.111
DD	Allstar	March 2026 Fuel Charges	£ 110.43	OSA 1906 s.10
DD	Water Plus	Sandy	£ 52.53	LGA 1972 s.111
DD	Water Plus	Bowls	£ 61.27	LGA 1972 s.111
DD	Water Plus	LVC	£ 77.44	LGA 1972 s.111
DD	British Gas	LVC Electricity - March	£ 387.99	LGA 1972 s.111
DD	British Gas	Sandy Electricity - March	£ 217.36	LGA 1972 s.111
DD	British Gas	Bowls Electricity - March	£ 31.22	LGA 1972 s.111
DD	British Gas	Gas LVC - March	£ 789.46	LGA 1972 s.111
		Total	**£ 2,429.97**	
Contractual/ Statutory payments – For approval				
METHOD	**PAYEE**	**DETAILS**	**AMOUNT £**	**STATUTORY PROVISION**
BACS	HMRC	Tax/NI	£ 3,223.03	LGA 1972 s.111
		Total	**£ 3,223.03**	
Invoice payments- For approval				
BACS	1st Lydiate Scouts Group	Donation	£ 100.00	LGA 1972 s.111

BACS	Concept Hygiene	Annual Charge for the Sanitary and Nappy Bin	£ 230.95	LGA 1972 s.111
CC	Vehicle Tax	WV71MFN - vehicle	£ 200.50	OSA 1906 s.10
BACS	TCA	Quartely Payroll	£ 90.00	LGA 1972 s.111
BACS	Amazon	Fire Tablet Case	£ 12.48	LGA 1972 s.111
		Blue Centre Feed Roll	£ 14.69	LGA 1972 s.111
		Bingo Tickets	£ 11.93	LGA 1972 s.111
		Total	**£ 660.55**	
		Contractual Fixed	£ 14,754.35	
		Contractual Variable	£ 2,429.97	
		Contractual for Approval	£ 3,223.03	
		Invoices	£ 660.55	
		Total	**£ 21,067.90**	

III.

16D BANK BALANCES

- To note the bank balance as of the end of March 2026.

Bank Reconciliation as at 31 March 2026

Unity Trust	
Balance at end of previous month	£92,608.30
plus income	£5,087.13
less expenditure	£34,294.00
Equals Balance at end of month	**£63,401.43**
Bank balance per statements:	
Unity Trust Bank	£63,401.43
Equals bank balance at end month	**£63,401.43**
Unity Trust Savings	**£36,210.84**
Interest	**£359.36**
equals Balance at end of month	**£36,570.20**
Barclays Bank	
Balance at end March	£378.79
Barclays bank income	£0.00
Transfer to Unity Trust	£0.00
Expenditure	£0.00
Barclays Balance end Month	**£378.79**
Nationwide	£85,138.86
interest	306.6
Total Bank Balance	**£85,445.46**
Total Bank Balance 31 March 2026 (subject to Audit)	**£185,795.88**

17 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

- Annual General Meeting, Tuesday 26 May 2026 at 6.00 pm.

Lydiate Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 24 March 2026 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: Chair - A Wilson

Councillors, Crompton, Bailey, Nixon, Bull and McCord.

Cllr Gill Hart

IN ATTENDANCE: Carol Farquhar Clerk to Lydiate Parish Council

39/2026 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Stoddart and I Wilson

40/2026 MINUTES OF MEETINGS

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 24 February 2026 be approved and authorise the Chairperson to sign them as a true record.

41/2026 UPDATE ON MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (for information only)

It was observed that precept notification has been received from Sefton Council and sent to residents.

2/2026 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

43/2026 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A note was read out from a resident wanting to set up a community action project along the canal by the Running Horses. It is understood that Sefton Council have allocated section 106 monies for these works and a request will be made regarding the progress of said works.

44/2026 REPORTS OF MEETINGS

Cllr McCord and Crompton attended the drop-in session regarding road layouts at Dodds Lane. Situated in Maghull, however, the agreed layout will have a significant impact on Lydiate residents. There was some concern about the facilitation at the first session, and it was not clear if the presenter had visited the site during the peak times 8-9.30am and 3-6pm when the biggest challenges exist. The public who attended the session were unhappy with the current options and had agreed to draw up counter proposals for discussion. It was resolved to add this item to the next agenda for an update on progress. It was further resolved to invite Sefton Council to a future meeting of the Parish Council to provide an update on progress.

45/2026 UPDATE ON A59 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

It was resolved to note:-

a. That works are not yet completed and there is significant waste left on site that needs to be removed and the grass reinstated.
b. The gaps in the hedges along the A59 have not been replanted with trees.

c. up to £50,000 funding has been approved by Sefton Council for upgrades to the play equipment at Kenyons Lane Park.
d. A meeting will be held with the playground contractor on Thursday 26th March to discuss options available within the budget to update the play area.
e. A complaint has been received from residents about the uneven paths where pooling has occurred.

46/2026 LYDIATE ABBEY UPDATED

It was resolved to note:-

a. Historic England and members of the working group are meeting to look at ”At Risk” status on Friday 27 March @ 2.30pm.
b. The next meeting of the working group is scheduled for Friday 10th April 2026 at 2pm at Lydiate Village Centre.
c. The Archdiocese is meeting with a specialist consultant on 25th March to look at the costs of a programme of works based on the most recent survey of the Abbey.
d. Cllr Bull was thanked for his hard work in moving this project forward.

47/2026 UPDATE ON BOWLS MEETING

It was resolved to:-

a. Approve, accept and authorise the Clerk to sign the updated Bowls agreement between Lydiate Parish Council and The Federation of Lydiate and Maghull Bowlers.
b. Note that public bowling will be the subject of a further policy in the coming months.
c. Note Cllr Crompton will assist in communicating the bowls offer to Lydiate residents and schools.

48/2026 UPDATE ON DEFIBRILLATOR MAPPING

It was resolved to

a. Thank Cllr I Wilson for the work undertaken to move this project forward.
b. Note Cllr Bull has agreed to map the defibrillators via a mapping software product.
c. Note there is no coordinated approach to the installation of defibrillators. Location is normal based on who can secure funding for the equipment, decides where the defibrillator are placed.

49/2026 UPDATE REPORT REGARDING - PROPOSED ‘LAMBSHEAR LANE’ HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

It was resolved to:-

a. A summary of the objection to the application submitted to Sefton Council has been provided below.

Summary of objection letter

The Applicant seeks outline planning permission. The description of development refers to a ‘landscape led’ proposal for 450 dwellings and a local centre. However, approval is sought for means of site access only. Landscaping, layout, scale and appearance are all reserved for subsequent approval in a second application. No houses will be delivered and there is no evidence of deliverability has been provided or indeed requested. The reference to the proposal as ‘landscape led’ is particularly misleading to members of the public.

The proposal is predicated on Sefton Council's supply of deliverable housing sites which currently stands at 3.5 years. However, outline planning permissions have no impact on housing land supply in the absence of evidence of deliverability. Consequently, there is no justification for the application as proposed.

As proposed, the proposal does not constitute sustainable development and is in conflict with the adopted development comprising the Sefton Local Plan 2030 and Lydiate Neighbourhood Plan 2017-2030.

For the above reasons, it is respectfully requested that it that planning permission ought to be refused without delay.

b. It was noted that due to election in May 2026 the Parish Council is not able to hold public meetings as we are in a period of Purdah.
c. Public meetings will resume after the May 2026 elections.

50/2026 INTERNAL AUDIT TERMS OF REFERENCE

It was resolved to

a. Note that the internal Auditor Tom Carroll satisfies the Best Practice Guidance Criteria for an independent internal Auditor as set out in Section Four – of the Smaller Authorities Proper Practice Pannel (SAPPP).
b. Delegate the clerk to update the Internal Audit Terms of reference in line with the SAPPP Internal Audit Checklist pages 26-32.

51/2026 ASSET REGISTER

It was resolved to approve the Asset Register for 2025-26.

52/2026 ISSUES REPORTED TO COUNCILLORS

Cllr Nixon

- Reports of parking on grass verges in Lambshear Lane which is having a detrimental effect on the verges. – reported to Sefton Council.
- Has agreed to become a member of the board of the Thursday men's group new CIC as an individual and not as a Parish Councillor.
- 30 chairs with arms have been offered free to the Parish Council by Astra Zenica. Chairs to be assessed for suitability for the Alzheimer's group which begins on 1th May 2026.

Cllr Bailey met with resident who highlighted that a number of trees had been cut down on Sandy Lane. Landowners have a right to cut back their own trees unless there is a preservation order on them.

Cllr Crompton

- Church Road broken sign has now been fixed.
- Grass verges at the junction of Bells are in disrepair – reported to Sefton Council.

53/2026 PLANNING MATTERS

a. It was resolved to note the following planning application: -

Reference DC/2026/00315, Application Validated Mon 23 Feb 2026, Address Site Of Ambulance Station Kenyons Lane Lydiate, Proposal Variation of condition 12 persuant to planning permission DC/2017/00231 approved 24.04.2017 to alter the approved vehicle access for Plot 1 from the originally permitted conventional driveway to an in-and-out driveway. Status Registered, Appeal Status Unknow, Appeal Decision Not Available

54/2026A CLERK'S REPORT

It was resolved to: -

a. Note and thank the resident for the "Legacy in Will" contribution to the Parish Council.
b. Note the development of weekend table tennis at the Village Centre from 9th May 2026.
c. Grant applications are being prepared for the Federation of Bowling and the Table Tennis group to enable programs to be expanded.
d. Note staff absences.
e. Note the 4* food hygiene rating.

54/2026B CORRESPONDENCE

It was resolved to:-

	From	Issue	Action
1	Resident	Thank you for new paths at Kenyons Lane Park	Noted
2	Merseyside Police	Notification of support grant of £300 for Lydiate Parish Council and £300 for Thursday Men's group.	Noted with thanks
3	Clearway Group	Notification of increase in insurance fees by 6.2% from 1 April 2026.	Noted
4	Calbarrie	Notification of compliance with PAT testing.	Noted
5	Sefton Council	Sefton Council are currently inviting all residents, businesses and other interested parties to comment on three draft Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) and a draft Information Note: • Control of Hot Food Takeaways and Fast Food Outlets SPD • Nature SPD • Open Space SPD • Health Impact Assessment Toolkit Information Note. These will support policies in the Sefton Local Plan and will be used in determining planning applications. The draft SPDs and draft Information Note and further details are available at www.sefton.gov.uk/newspd. You can also view paper copies in all six Sefton Libraries and at Magdalen House, Trinity Road, Bootle, L20 3NJ. Send written comments to us: • Email us at local.plan@sefton.gov.uk • By post to Planning Department, Ground Floor, Magdalen House, Trinity Road, Bootle L20 3NJ. **The consultation will run until Sunday 19th April 2026.**	Noted
6	Resident	Request for public meeting to discuss Lambshear Lane outline Planning application.	See minute 49b/2026

7	Resident	I am a resident of Nursery Road in Lydiate, and I would like to make a complaint about the destruction of the grass verges along Sandy Lane, mainly due to the thoughtless parking from the parents of St Gregory's School. I walk my dog every morning and witness the parents' parking along the verges, rather than in the Sandy Lane car park, when the car park is virtually empty. It has destroyed the grass, and is impacting on the pavement and drains (please see attached photos). I know parking from the football has also contributed to this, but they do seem to use the car park, and the road is just overflow. My family has lived in Nursery Road for over 40 years and I have never seen it this bad! I will be contacting the Headmistress of St Gregory's School about this, to request that she send a note to parents asking them to use the car park. I would like to request that you do the same, as it may hold more weight coming from the local Parish Council. Even in the summer when schools are on holiday and after the football has finished, the verges are still used for parking, so it's not as if they ever have a chance to grow back. I know the verges are part of Sefton Highways, but I would like to ask what the Parish Council intends to do about the current state of the verges? Is a possible solution to have them paved over?	Noted and reported to Sefton Council

54/2026C FINANCE

I. Accounts Payable

It was resolved to: -

a. Agree the accounts for payment due in March 2026 as detailed in the table below.

Accounts payable March 2026				
Contractual/ Statutory payments made – For information (FIXED)				
METHOD	**PAYEE**	**DETAILS**	**AMOUNT £**	**STATUTORY PROVISION**
DD	Unity E-Payment	Salaries - March 2026	£ 13,328.86	LGA 1972 s.111
DD	N.E.S.T	Pensions - March 2026	£ 1,282.40	LGA 1972 s.111
DD	Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges - Salary Processing	£ 19.07	LGA 1972 s.111
DD	Lloyds Card	Monthly Fee	£ 3.00	LGA 1972 s.111
		Total	**£ 14,633.33**	
Contractual / Statutory payments made – For information (VARIABLE)				
DD	Unity E-payment	Salaries - March 2026	£ 488.90	LGA 1972 s.111

DD	Virgin Media	Telephone and Broadband	£ 127.17	LGA 1972 s.111
DD	O_2	Mobile Phone Charges	£ 51.19	LGA 1972 s.111
DD	Allstar	February 2026 Fuel Charges	£ 65.08	OSA 1906 s.10
DD	Water Plus	Sandy		LGA 1972 s.111
DD	Water Plus	Bowls	£ 193.74	LGA 1972 s.111
DD	Water Plus	LVC	£ 68.70	LGA 1972 s.111
DD	British Gas	LVC Electricity - February	£ 450.11	LGA 1972 s.111
DD	British Gas	Sandy Electricity - February	£ 630.09	LGA 1972 s.111
DD	British Gas	Bowls Electricity - February	£ 35.37	LGA 1972 s.111
DD	British Gas	Gas LVC - February	No invoice	LGA 1972 s.111
		Total	**£ 2,110.35**	
Contractual/ Statutory payments – For approval				
METHOD	**PAYEE**	**DETAILS**	**AMOUNT £**	**STATUTORY PROVISION**
BACS	HMRC	Tax/NI	£ 4,806.45	LGA 1972 s.111
		Total	**£ 4,806.45**	
Invoice payments- For approval				
DD	PWLB	Loan Repayment	£ 3,862.22	LGA 1972 s.111
DD	ICO	Data Protection Fee	£ 52.00	LGA 1972 s.111
BACS	Tower Heating	7 thermostats, pump and 4 actuators	£ 1,694.64	LGA 1972 s.111
BACS	Massams	Green Velvet Turf	£ 99.99	OSA 1906 s.10
BACS	Wrights Landscape Services ltd = **£3180**	Fell 2 trees in Nedens	£ 600.00	OSA 1906 s.10
		Tree works	£ 2,580.00	OSA 1906 s.10
BACS	Landor Planning Consultants	Prepare written representations for proposed development of 450 dwellings at Lambshear Lane	£ 2,520.00	LGA 1972 s.111
BACS	Amazon Business = **£359.90**	Blue bags for litter pickers	£ 36.64	LGA 1972 s.111
		Printer Ink	£ 37.82	LGA 1972 s.111
		Charger for tablet	£ 14.48	LGA 1972 s.111
		Clear compactor bags x 2	£ 80.98	OSA 1906 s.10
		Office Tablets x 2	£ 189.98	LGA 1972 s.111
BACS	Amazon Business	Office Tablet Cases x 2	£ 12.48	LGA 1972 s.111
BACS	Calbarrie = **£237.30**	PAT Lydiate village centre	£ 105.30	LGA 1972 s.111
		PAT Sandy Lane	£ 66.00	LGA 1972 s.111
		PAT Bowling greens	£ 66.00	LGA 1972 s.111
		Total	**£ 12,018.53**	
		Contractual Fixed	£ 14,633.33	
		Contractual Variable	£ 2,110.35	
		Contractual for Approval	£ 4,806.45	
		Invoices	£ 12,018.53	
		Total	**£ 33,568.66**	

II. Bank Balance

Bank Reconciliation as February 2026

Unity Trust	
Balance at end of previous month	£44,549.56
plus income	£9,003.04
less expenditure	£20,944.30
Transfer from saving account *	£60,000.00
Equals Balance at end of month	**£92,608.30**
Bank balance per statements:	
Unity Trust Bank	£93,890.60
less presented	£1,282.30
Equals bank balance at end month	**£92,608.30**
Unity Trust Savings	**£96,210.84**
transfer to current account *	**£60,000.00**
Interest	
equals Balance at end of month	**£36,210.84**
Barclays Bank	
Balance at end March	£ 378.79
Barclays bank income	£0.00
Transfer to Unity Trust	£0.00
Expenditure	£0.00
Barclays Balance end Month	**£ 378.79**
Nationwide	£85,044.27
interest	94.59
Total Bank Balance	**£85,138.86**
Total Bank Balance February 2026	**£214,336.79**

55/2026 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 28 April 2026 Parish Assembly at 6 pm, followed by Parish Council meeting at Lydiate Village Centre.

The meeting ended at 19.45pm

Agenda Item 7

Discussion Paper to: Lydiate Parish Council Meeting

Date: 28 April 2026

Prepared by: Michael and Patricia O'Hanlon

Subject: Saville Road Development

1 Purpose

a. Members will recall that the Parish Council invited Mr and Mrs O'Hanlon to present a report to a Parish Council meeting regarding The Saville Road development. Minute 22/2026b.

b. The report attached at Annex 1 presented by Mr & Mrs O'Hanlon sets out the challenges in relation to the site.

2 Conclusion

a. Members need to consider what, if any, support the Parish Council can provide to Mr & Mrs O'Hanlon.

Annex 1

Saville Road, Lydiate

BBC national news has reported recently that there are now more than 500 illegal waste sites operating across England where waste, including construction waste is being dumped by organised crime gangs. Our evidence proves this is far more serious than just dumping waste across the countryside and we can go back to 2003 It's what this waste contains. Within this construction waste are life-threatening contaminants, including asbestos which cause all sorts of cancers including mesothelioma. It is the result of the enforcing authorities (Environment Agency, HSE and local councils) allowing dangerous developers of contaminated land sites, such as Saville Road, to bypass statutory legislation in force to keep us all safe and then covering up for these developers and themselves. Legislation such as Part IIA of the Environmental Protection Act (Part IIA), The Control of Asbestos Regulations, HSE's Construction (Design and Management) Regulations, The Health and Safety at Work Act, regulations governing the transport of hazardous waste and demolition procedures under the Building Act. The very people the public pay to enforce this legislation and rely upon for their safety are themselves contravening legislation for not enforcing that legislation and covering up for these developers' environmental crimes. The enforcing authorities have become expensive, useless, dangerous white elephants. Our hospitals are overwhelmed and by the time cancer patients receive a diagnosis in some cases it is too late.

Saville Road (enabled by Sefton Council and HSE) is just one of many contaminated land sites which feed into a national illegal waste industry. Contaminated waste is being spread everywhere throughout the country. Every one of us is at high risk of being contaminated. Contaminated waste containing asbestos and other very harmful contaminants is taken off site without any hazardous waste consignment notes, travelling down our public roads in open top lorries, spreading contamination still further on its journey to illegal waste sites. At these illegal waste sites, contaminated waste/asbestos is crushed down and separated into soil and aggregates and sold on with the contamination still in it. What is left over is illegally dumped as reported by the BBC. We have tried to obtain hazardous waste consignment notes for Saville Road but have been told by HSE and the Environment Agency that there are none when it is a legal requirement to produce hazardous waste consignment notes.

On 9th June 2026 we will be attending the Court of Appeal in London to fight for HSE notices of contravention dated 15th May 2020 and 26th August 2020 served on AMARK, a bogus asbestos clearance company employed by the Saville Road site developer. HSE and Sefton Council had allowed AMARK to operate unlawfully on a contaminated land development site at Saville Road, Lydiate when he was not a licensed asbestos removal contractor (LARC) and not authorised to sign asbestos site clearance certificates. HSE had deliberately concealed and not declared these AMARK contravention notices to us or the information rights bodies (Information Commissioner (ICO) and First-tier Tribunal (FTT) and HSE are now alleging these contravention notices are out of scope of our information request to enable them to continue concealment. It was only by a mistake made by HSE's Disclosure Manger that we discovered the existence of these contravention notices.

We are at the Court of Appeal stage because these AMARK notices of contravention, together with other information/documents we have managed to prise out of HSE over a period of 6 years going through first HSE's information systems on 27th April 2020 and then the various information rights bodies (ICO, FTT and the Upper Tribunal (UT) do prove and will prove HSE and Sefton Council are involved in environmental crimes.

We have now been fortunate in being able to obtain the legal services of Leigh Day, one of our country's prominent solicitors and trusted legal experts because we realise we do not have the legal expertise to defend what has now become a national issue. It is imperative that the Court of Appeal Judges see and act upon the evidence that is put before them because their decision has grave implications on the public's health and safety and the public's rights to obtain information relating to their health and safety. A public body (HSE) is using public money to suppress evidence which will prove their involvement in propping up an illegal waste industry in this country.

We are asking for your help in funding our legal costs. Your contribution would be greatly appreciated.

We have been trying to obtain information relating to Saville Road since 27th April 2020. Under the Environmental Information Regulations a public body (in this case HSE) must declare to the requester all information it holds. HSE have never made a full and honest declaration of what information they held and the onus has always been on us to discover the existence of deliberately concealed information and seek its release through the information rights bodies. We can prove the information rights bodies are geared towards protection of public bodies.

In 2020 complainants were being fed blatant lies over their health and safety by HSE and Sefton Council, the very people charged with enforcing legislation which should protect residents and the general public. These two enforcing authorities allowed a reckless, dangerous developer who was unqualified to be working with asbestos to contravene all legislation imposed on this contaminated site.

On 27th March 2020 when HSE and Sefton Council were allowing this site to proceed unlawfully and were ignoring our pleas to stop the site and make it safe, we commissioned our own Asbestos Report undertaken by Fibre Safe, using residents' photographs and asbestos samples taken from outside the site perimeter, dropped by lorries with grabbers loading hazardous waste. Fibre Safe's Report confirmed our worst fears of just how dangerous this contaminated site had become.

Unknown to us on 24th March 2020, Asset Ltd had produced a report for the developer who had been instructed by a HSE inspector to obtain a "*reassurance survey"* in view of the many complaints. We quote from the survey *"asbestos cement debris and loose asbestos fibre (present as dust) was confirmed to be present to the ground across the site …….. The asbestos cement debris is in poor condition hence poses an increased risk of fibre release. Asbestos dust poses a high risk of fibre release. The asbestos cement dust and debris is amongst sand and soil, present to the ground of the site, which is also contaminated."* HSE were expecting the report to show a clear site but when it confirmed complainants' allegations of a very dangerous site, HSE concealed its existence from us. This was just one of the many concealed documents we forced HSE to release to us.

On 6th April 2020 HSE served a Prohibition Notice on the developer which should have stopped the site and made it safe but he was allowed by the enforcing authorities to continue operating unlawfully. We quote from the HSE Prohibition Notice: *"Persons, including employees, operatives and members of the public are at risk of exposure to asbestos fibres which may result in mesothelioma or cancer."*

There had been many opportunities for Sefton Council and HSE to stop the site and make it safe but having allowed the site to start and progress unlawfully, Sefton Council and HSE could not proceed to prosecution. The costs to bring in experts to make the site safe would render the site no longer viable. The developer would lose his planning approval for contravening legislation. These are the reasons why complainants were kept in the dark over residents' and the general public's safety.

We can now prove that the information fed to us all by Alan McGing, a Sefton Council Env Protection Officer, via Bill Esterson's office concerning 10th and 11th February 2020 was a pack of lies. Alan McGing had said Sefton didn't know if it was asbestos and weren't sure if HSE had visited the site. We have evidence which shows that HSE sent out one of their inspectors on 10th February 2020 after our complaint letter of 5th February 2020 to HSE's Chief Executive, counter-signed by Sefton Borough and Lydiate Parish Councillors. This inspector met with the developer and Sefton Council officers. The HSE inspector wanted to take severe enforcement action by issuing a Prohibition Notice for lack of a pre-demolition asbestos survey and improvement notices in relation to the Control of Asbestos Regulations and HSE's Construction (Design and Management) Regulations. This would have stopped the site and made it safe.

On 10th February the site was in its most dangerous condition, contrary to the picture painted by Alan McGing of a site being managed appropriately. Residents' photographs show two-thirds of the buildings had been allowed by HSE and Sefton Council to be unlawfully demolished and the remaining one-third stood dangerously with the asbestos still in and on them. Asbestos debris littered the site, mixed with the blocks and bricks from the garage structures and the contaminative contents of the garages.

HSE ignored their inspector's proposed severe enforcement action, terminating his contract and allowing unlawful work to continue knowing the developer had not complied with any legislation imposed on him and this contaminated site and fully aware of the life-threatening consequences to the general public. Having been made aware by their own HSE inspector of the dangers the site posed, HSE should not have ignored his findings but they were so entrenched in covering up not only for the developer but also their own involvement.

Our evidence shows that on 17th March 2020, HSE inspectors had a telephone conversation with the Asset surveyor when chasing up a long overdue reassurance survey. He told them when he arrived at site he could see asbestos debris covered the site. He was stopped from taking samples on 2 different occasions because the developer wanted a report to show a site clear of asbestos. Later that day HSE insisted to us in an email that the site posed no danger. This was after we had complained about workmen brushing up asbestos debris on this site, shovelling it into a wheelbarrow and then emptying the wheelbarrow contents into an open skip. HSE ignored our complaints and this dangerous situation and allowed the site to proceed unlawfully through March and into April.

HSE have not prosecuted Amark, alleging he has disappeared when HSE had his home address and had hand delivered letters to that address. Amark was advertising his services on Yell nationally and is now free to operate illegally under a different name if he so wishes. HSE have also not prosecuted the developer.

Michael and Patricia O'Hanlon

20th April 2026

Agenda Item 13

Discussion Paper to: **Lydiate Parish Council Meeting**

Date: **28 April 2026**

Prepared by: **Carol Farquhar, Clerk to the Council**

Subject: **Cash Flow Statement Quarter Four 2025/26**

1 Purpose

a. To provide an update on cash flow during quarter four of 2025/26.

b. Members are asked to review and approve the cash flow for the period ending 31 March 2026.

2 Information

a. The cash flow to 31 March 2026 can be found at table 1 below.

b. Income is 98.86% of the approved budget. This is within the 15% parameter. Please note that £5,656.74 of reserves are required to balance the budget. This figure may change after internal and external audits have been undertaken.

c. Expenditure is 98.86% of the approved budget which is within the 15% parameter.

d. The accounts are currently the subject of an internal audit, the outcome of which will be reported to a future meeting.

3 Conclusions

Members are asked to review, provide comment, and approve the quarter four cash flow for the period to 31 March 2026, noting that the Internal Audit is currently taking place and these figures may change as consequence.

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			Approved Budget 28th January 2025. 2025-26	Q4 Budget	Actual Income Q4		Above 15%	Below 15%	Explanation
	Income								
INCOME	**Sefton MBC payments**		£237,000.00	£237,000.00	£237,000.00		£272,550.00	£201,450.00	
	Hiring's	Village Centre (net)	£20,000.00	£20,000.00	£22,958.47		£26,402.24	£19,514.70	
		Village Centre (VAT)	£4,000.00	£4,000.00	£4,649.17		£5,346.55	£3,951.79	
		Football Pitches	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	£8,087.50		£9,300.63	£6,874.38	
		Bowling Greens	£4,258.00	£4,258.00	£4,258.00		£4,896.70	£3,619.30	
	VAT Refund		£3,500.00	£3,500.00	£5,860.93		£6,740.07	£4,981.79	
	Feed-In Tariff		£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£8,518.79		£9,796.61	£7,240.97	
	Grants		£2,000.00	£2,000.00	10931		£12,570.65	£9,291.35	
	Sundry/ Donations		£5,000.00	£5,000.00	£11,258.92		£12,947.76	£9,570.08	
	Bank Interest		£1,000.00	£1,000.00	2915.69		£3,353.04	£2,478.34	
	Reserves/Capital Expenditure	Deficit from reserves	£42,142.00	£42,142.00	5651.74		£6,499.50	£4,803.98	
	Summary	**TOTAL**	**325,900**	**325,900**	**£322,090.21**		**£370,403.74**	**£273,776.68**	**within Parameters**
				98.83%	**of budget**				
	Expenditure		**28th January 2025 updated 25/26 draft budget**	**Q4 Budget**	**Actual Expenditure Q4**		**Above 15%**	**Below 15%**	**Changes**
EXPENDITURE	**Employee Costs**	Salaries - Net Salaries	£173,000.00	£173,000.00	£155,429.47		£181,379.47	£147,050.00	
		Salaries - Tax & NI	£57,000.00	£57,000.00	£46,652.33		£55,202.33	£48,450.00	
		Salaries - Pension Contributions	£14,000.00	£14,000.00	£15,360.91		£17,460.91	£11,900.00	
		Training	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£177.51		£327.51	£850.00	
		Expenses	£200.00	£200.00	0		£30.00	£170.00	
		Recruitment	£500.00	£500.00	0		£75.00	£425.00	
		Workwear	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£129.73		£279.73	£850.00	
		Summary	**246,700**	**246,700**	**£217,749.95**		£254,754.95	£209,695.00	**within Parameters**
	Office Costs	Phone & broadband	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£1,305.26		£1,530.26	£1,275.00	
		Postage, stationery & petty cash	£750.00	£750.00	£375.50		£488.00	£637.50	
		Office equipment - maintenance	£100.00	£100.00	0		£15.00	£85.00	
		Office equipment - purchase	£500.00	£500.00	0		£75.00	£425.00	
		PC & website costs	£600.00	£600.00	£694.69		£784.69	£510.00	

		Bank charges	£600.00	£600.00	£586.07		£676.07	£510.00	
		Marketing	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	0		£300.00	£1,700.00	
	Office Costs	**Summary**	**6,050**	**6,050**	**£2,961.52**		£3,869.02	£5,142.50	**below**
	Professional fees	Audit fees	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	2015		£2,315.00	£1,700.00	
		Payroll Services	£700.00	£700.00	£460.00		£565.00	£595.00	
		Insurance	£4,000.00	£4,000.00	3704.07		£4,304.07	£3,400.00	
		Subscriptions	£500.00	£500.00			£75.00	£425.00	
	Capital Works/Purchase	Consultancy			2100		£2,100.00	£0.00	
	Professional fees	**Summary**	**7,200**	**7,200**	**£8,279.07**		£9,359.07	£6,120.00	**within Parameters**
	Premises Costs	Utilities - Electric	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	£5,745.46		£6,495.46	£4,250.00	
		Utilities - Water	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	£2,245.04		£2,620.04	£2,125.00	
		Utilities - Gas	£4,500.00	£4,500.00	£2,697.59		£3,372.59	£3,825.00	
		Service contracts	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	752.75		£1,127.75	£2,125.00	
		Repair & maintenance	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	2931.55		£3,306.55	£2,125.00	
		Security	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£645.50		£795.50	£850.00	
		Cleaning	£1,250.00	£1,250.00	£1,198.44		£1,385.94	£1,062.50	
		Licences	£400.00	£400.00	336.56		£396.56	£340.00	
		Trade Waste	£1,200.00	£1,200.00	£986.50		£1,166.50	£1,020.00	
		Equipment	£600.00	£600.00	463.86		£553.86	£510.00	
		community groups	£500.00	£500.00	£3,410.95		£3,485.95	£425.00	
	Premises Costs	**Summary**	**21,950**	**21,950**	**£21,414.20**		£24,706.70	£18,657.50	**within Parameters**
EXPENDITURE	**Grounds Maintenance**	Vehicles	£5,500.00	£5,500.00	£3,324.20		£4,149.20	£4,675.00	
		Repair & maintenance	£2,400.00	£2,400.00	£13,969.33		£14,329.33	£2,040.00	
		Grass Cutting Contract	£6,000.00	£6,000.00	5906.42		£6,806.42	£5,100.00	
		Tree works	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	6840		£7,215.00	£2,125.00	
		Play Area Inspections	£400.00	£400.00	284.85		£344.85	£340.00	
		Tree Inspection	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	0		£300.00	£1,700.00	
		Equipment - purchases	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	375.85		£675.85	£1,700.00	
		Supplies	£4,000.00	£4,000.00	£4,190.81		£4,790.81	£3,400.00	
	Grounds Maintenance	**Summary**	**24,800**	**24,800**	**£34,891.46**		£38,611.46	£21,080.00	**within Parameters**
	Loan repayment		£8,000.00	£8,000.00	7766.72		£8,966.72	£6,800.00	
	Grants & Donations		£2,000.00	£2,000.00	5261.08		£5,561.08	£1,700.00	
	Civic Expenses		£200.00	£200.00	0		£30.00	£170.00	
	Grant expenditure		£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£13,787.07		£14,087.07	£1,700.00	
	VAT		£7,000.00	£7,000.00	£9,979.14		£11,029.14	£5,950.00	
							£0.00	£0.00	

		Summary	**19,200**	**19,200**	**£36,794.01**		£39,674.01	£16,320.00	**within Parameters**
		TOTAL	**325,900**	**325,900**	**£322,090.21**		£370,975.21	£277,015.00	**within parameters**
				98.83%	**of budget**				
		Income	325,900	325,900	£322,090.21				
		Expenditure	325,900	325,900	£322,090.21				