



NOTICE OF MEETING

Date: 19 May 2026.

To all Members of Lydiate Parish Council.

You are hereby summoned to the Annual Meeting of Lydiate Parish Council, to be held on Tuesday 26 May 2026, at Lydiate Village Centre, commencing at 6pm.

Carol Farquhar – Parish Clerk

AGENDA

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

To elect a chairperson to hold office until the next Annual Meeting, and to receive their Declaration of Acceptance of Office by signing the Acceptance of Office book at the earliest opportunity.

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

To appoint a Vice Chairperson to hold office until the next Annual Meeting, and to receive their Declaration of Acceptance of Office by signing the Acceptance of Office book at the earliest opportunity.

3. COMMITTEES

To consider the requirement for any committees to be established and appoint members and a Chair, if applicable.

4. OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

To appoint representatives to outside organisations as agreed by the Parish Council.

5. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

6. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28 April 2026 and authorise the Chairperson to sign them as a correct record.

7. UPDATE ON MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

8. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Adjournment for public participation.

10. REPORTS OF MEETINGS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

11. RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

- a. To review, update and approve the Parish Councils Risk Management Strategy.
- b. To note that delegated powers remain in place to the Clerk during any period of restricted activity declared by the Government.
- c. To note that the General Power of Competence remains in place for the Parish Council, as the Parish Council continues to satisfy the conditions as set out in the Localism Act 2011.

12. ANNUAL RETURN – INTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT

To receive the annual Internal Auditors Report for the year ended 31 March 2026 - should they be signed off by the internal Auditor.

13. ANNUAL RETURN - GOVERNANCE STATEMENT SECTION 1

To approve the annual Governance Statement for the year ended 31 March 2026 and authorise the Chairperson to sign Section 1 of the Annual Return - should they be signed off by the internal Auditor.

14. ANNUAL RETURN – ACCOUNTING STATEMENT SECTION 2

To approve the Accounting Statements for 2025/26 and authorise the Chairperson to sign Section 2 of the Annual Return - should they be signed off by the internal Auditor.

15. EXERCISE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

To note the dates set for the Exercise of Public Rights: Monday 3 June 2026 - Friday 14 July 2026 - should they be signed off by the internal Auditor.

16. PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

To re-confirm the dates for the Annual Calendar of Meetings for 2026-27.

LYDIATE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2026/27

Month 2026	Date	Time
May	26th	18:00- Annual General meeting
June	23rd	18:00
July	28th	18:00
August	No meeting	
September	22nd	18:00
October	27th	18:00
November	24th	18:00
December	No meeting	

Month 2027	Date	Time
January	26th	18:00
February	23rd	18:00
March	23rd	18:00

April 27th 18:00 Annual Assembly followed by Parish Council Meeting

17. STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

- a. To note that Parish Council Standing Orders and Financial Regulations have been reviewed and updated in line with National Policy.
- b. To note the current documents can be found on the Parish Council Website under Policies.

18. 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

19. LYDIATE ABBEY UPDATE

- a. To receive an oral update on progress made regarding Lydiate Abbey.
- b. To agree any actions required.

20. UPDATE ON BOWLS AGREEMENT

- a. To consider any update regarding The Lydiate and Maghull Federation of Bowlers.
- b. To agree any actions required.

21. UPDATE ON DEFIBRILLATOR MAPPING

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

22. UPDATE REGARDING - PROPOSED 'LAMBSHEAR LANE' HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

- a. To consider any update received.
- b. To agree any actions required.

23. ISSUES REPORTED TO COUNCILLORS

To discuss and agree any actions relating to issues reported to Councillors since the last meeting.

24. PLANNING MATTERS

- To the planning portal is currently not available to the public.
- To consider any additional planning application received after dispatch of the agenda.
- To agree any actions required.

25A CLERK'S REPORT

To agree any actions required in respect of:-

- a. The community consultation event regarding Kenyons Lane play area.
- b. Christmas 2027 Activities.
- c. Staffing update.
- d. Pitch Power report.
- e. Update on cycle racks Liverpool Road shops and Weld Blundel shops
- f. Quotes for green space works.
- g. Weeds growing through Sandy Lane play area, play grass.

25B CORRESPONDENCE

- h. To consider any issues brought to the attention of the Clerk since the last meeting.
- i. To agree any actions required

Item	From	Issue
1	Friends of Lydiate Abbey	April Newsletter received
2	Community Foundation	Request for end of project report – John Goores Funding for Maghull and Lydiate Advice Centre. – provided
3	Resident	<p>Sefton Council advised I contact yourselves regarding a possible temporary access request via Ridgeway Park.</p> <p>I'm looking to have some work carried out at my property which would require a small micro digger for a short period. Unfortunately access down the side of the property is too restricted for machinery, so I wanted to enquire whether temporary access across part of the park may be possible purely to get the digger on site into the rear garden and then back off site again once the work is complete, all within the same day.</p> <p>The intention would be for this to be carried out carefully and responsibly, with suitable ground protection used if required to minimise any disruption or damage to the grassed area.</p> <p>At this stage I'm simply looking to understand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - whether this would be considered, - what permissions may be required, - and whether there are any conditions, insurance requirements or restrictions involved.
4	Resident	<p>I am getting in touch to ask about the use of local outdoor spaces for a small community fitness group. The sessions would involve a group of local women taking part in bodyweight-only exercise classes, with no large equipment, weights, or structures being used.</p> <p>Before moving forward, I wanted to check whether there are any restrictions, barriers, permits, or specific areas that we would not be allowed to use. We would of course ensure the sessions are respectful of other park users and keep the area clean and safe.</p>

		<p>I would appreciate any guidance you can provide regarding approved locations, permissions required, or any rules we should be aware of.</p> <p>I just wanted to share a little more about the purpose behind the group. This has grown from a small local women’s walking group, Step Together Liverpool, which has become a really positive source of support, connection, and wellbeing for the women attending. Many of the ladies joined simply to get out of the house, improve their confidence, meet others locally, and become more active in a welcoming environment. The exercise sessions we hope to introduce would remain very small, informal, and community-focused, involving only gentle bodyweight exercises alongside our walks. The sessions would take place on Saturday mornings at 9am for approximately 45 minutes. There would never be large numbers, loud music, equipment, or anything that would disrupt other park users. We are very mindful of keeping the park clean, safe, and respectful for everyone using the space.</p> <p>I also hold public liability insurance, and attendance would remain capped at a maximum of 10 women to ensure the sessions are manageable, safe, and low impact.</p> <p>I truly believe this could be a positive addition to the local community by encouraging health, wellbeing, social connection, and outdoor activity among local women in a safe and supportive setting.</p> <p>I would be incredibly grateful for the council's support and consideration, and I am more than happy to comply with any guidance, conditions, or recommendations the council may have.</p> <p>Thank you again and the councillors need any further information or would like to discuss anything further, please feel free to contact me.</p>
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25C FINANCE

i) Accounts Payable

- a. To consider the accounts payable in May 2026 as detailed in the table below.
- b. To consider and accept any further accounts payable received after dispatch of the agenda.
- c. To agree to the annual contractual and statutory payments for staffing costs, office costs, grounds maintenance costs, professional costs and premises costs, as detailed in the approved budget.

Accounts payable May 2026				
Contractual/ Statutory payments made – For information (FIXED)				
METH OD	PAYEE	DETAILS	AMOUNT £	STATUTORY PROVISION
DD	Unity E-Payment	Salaries - May 2026	£ 13,808.29	LGA 1972 s.111
DD	N.E.S.T	Pensions - May 2026	£ 1,331.85	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	£ 15,162.21	
Contractual / Statutory payments made – For information (VARIABLE)				
DD	Unity E-payment	Salaries - May 2026	£ 163.88	LGA 1972 s.111
DD	Virgin Media	Telephone and Broadband	Waiting for invoice	LGA 1972 s.111
DD	O ₂	Mobile Phone Charges	£ 56.59	LGA 1972 s.111
DD	Allstar	April 2026 Fuel Charges	£ 171.46	OSA 1906 s.10
DD	Water Plus	Sandy	£ 56.78	LGA 1972 s.111
DD	Water Plus	Bowls	£ 66.68	LGA 1972 s.111
DD	Water Plus	LVC	£ 78.56	LGA 1972 s.111
DD	British Gas	LVC Electricity - April	£ 297.07	LGA 1972 s.111
DD	British Gas	Sandy Electricity - April	£ 234.13	LGA 1972 s.111
DD	British Gas	Bowls Electricity - April	£ 27.91	LGA 1972 s.111
DD	British Gas	Gas LVC - April	£ 236.82	LGA 1972 s.111
		Total	£ 1,389.88	
Contractual/ Statutory payments – For approval				
METH OD	PAYEE	DETAILS	AMOUNT £	STATUTORY PROVISION
BACS	HMRC	Tax/NI	£ 2,909.07	LGA 1972 s.111
		Total	£ 2,909.07	
Invoice payments- For approval				
BACS	Cloud Next	Annual Domain Hosting	£ 119.98	LGA 1972 s.111
BACS	Amazon = £410.07	Printer and Ink	£ 125.85	LGA 1972 s.111
		Sprinklers for bowls	£ 272.23	OSA 1906 s.10
		Charger	£ 11.99	LGA 1972 s.111
BACS	T&H Power Products = £289.54	Honda Strimmer Repairs	£ 236.53	OSA 1906 s.10
		Replacement strimmer chain	£ 53.01	OSA 1906 s.10
BACS	Total Timber	Red sand, timber, screws and brown plugs	£ 63.91	OSA 1906 s.10
		Total	£ 883.50	
		Contractual Fixed	£ 15,162.21	
		Contractual Variable	£ 1,389.88	
		Contractual for Approval	£ 2,909.07	
		Invoices	£ 883.50	
		Total	£ 20,344.66	

ii) Bank Balances

Bank Reconciliation as at April 2026

Unity Trust

Balance at end of previous month	£63,401.43
plus income	£130,276.89
less expenditure	£27,319.28
Equals Balance at end of month	£166,359.04

Bank balance per statements:

Unity Trust Bank	£168,107.46
less presented	£1,748.42
Equals bank balance at end of month	£166,359.04

Unity Trust Savings	£36,570.20
Interest	TBC
equals Balance at end of month	£36,570.20

Barclays Bank	
Balance at end March	£ 378.79
Barclays bank income	£0.00
Transfer to Nationwide	£0.00
Expenditure	£0.00
Barclays Balance end April	£ 378.79

Nationwide	£85,445.46
interest	TBC
Total Bank Balance	£85,445.46

Total Bank Balance April 2026 **£288,753.49**

26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 23 June 2026 - Parish Council Meeting at 6:00 pm.



Lydiate Parish Council Meeting
Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28 April 2026 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: Chair – Councillor Stoddart
Councillors, Crompton, Bailey, Nixon, Bull, McCord, Hart, I Wilson
and Bailey.

IN ATTENDANCE: Carol Farquhar Clerk to Lydiate Parish Council

56/2026 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Wilson

57/2026 MINUTES OF MEETINGS

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

58/2026 UPDATE ON MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (for information only)

None

59/2026 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

60/2026 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a. Request from a member of the public to install Cycle Racks outside the shops at Liverpool Road and Weld Blundell Road Shops.
- b. Request from member of the public to hold a dog show at Sandy Lane dog park – request for a detailed proposal to a future meeting of the Parish Council.

61/2026 REPORTS OF MEETINGS

Cllr McCord facilitated a residents meeting regarding the Dodds Lane Road Improvement's. Over 40 residents attended the meeting. Residents felt the options proposed were not appropriate. Work will continue after the Elections. Members are concerned that these works, although in Maghull will have a significant impact on Lydiate Residents.

62/2026 SAVILLE ROAD DEVELOPMENT

It was resolved that:-

- a. an update be brought to the June 2026 meeting when the outcomes of the High Court Appeal is known.

63/2026 UPDATE ON A59 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

It was resolved to note:-

- a. Sefton Council are to provide costing for upgrades to the play area at Kenyons Lane. This information will form part of a community consultation event.
- b. A further report will be presented to the next meeting.

64/2026 LYDIATE ABBEY UPDATED

It was resolved to note:-

- a. Historic England inspected the site on 27 March 2026. They requested an update report on the condition of the Abbey and a 3D aerial view of the site.
- b. The archdiocese is still awaiting quotes for this work.
- c. The next meeting of the working group is 12th June 2026.
- d. A meeting was held With Neil Gibson Development Officer at Sefton CVS, who is going to assist with identifying available, relevant grants that we could bid for.

65/2026 UPDATE ON BOWLS MEETING

It was resolved to:-

- a. Note Cllr I Wilson and Crompton will be working with the Federation to try to increase their membership and public bowling.
- b. An update report was requested for the next meeting.

66/2026 UPDATE ON DEFIBRILLATOR MAPPING

It was resolved to note: -

- a. Work is continuing by Cllrs I Wilson and Bull to map the defibrillators in Lydiate.
- b. A defibrillator has been added to the list, located at Hartley's Nursery.
- c. An update was requested for the next meeting.
- d. An updated report was requested for the next meeting.

67/2026 UPDATE REPORT REGARDING - PROPOSED 'LAMBSHEAR LANE' HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

- a. It was resolved to note that no further action has taken place since the last meeting.
- b. Any update was requested for the next meeting.

68/2026 QUARTER FOUR CASH FLOW 2025/26

It was resolved to

- a. Agree and Accept the Quarter Four Cash Flow.
- b. Note the internal audit for 2025/26 is currently taking place.
- c. Request a report for the next meeting regarding the findings of the internal audit.

69/2026 ISSUES REPORTED TO COUNCILLORS

Cllr Nixon provided an update on antisocial behaviour along the canal. This will be reported to the Police Community Support Officers.

Cllr Nixon stated the first Memory Café will take place on 1st May 2026 at Lydiate Village centre. An update was requested for the next Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Crompton reported a Pothole in West mere, overgrown bushes at Sandy Lane opposite St Gregs school and fly tipping on Bridge Lane.

Cllr Crompton reported that she had spoken to the Head at Lydiate Primary School re-dangerous parking on Lambshear Lane by the school. Sefton Council have said that residents can have a wooden post added to the verge outside their property, however, there will be a cost to the resident.

70/2026 PLANNING MATTERS

It was resolved to note the following planning applications:-

- **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

71/2026A CLERK'S REPORT

It was resolved to:-

- a. Request more details regarding the proposed dog show at Sandy Lane dog park
- b. Consider the community consultation event at the next meeting.
- c. Consider Christmas Activities at the next meeting.
- d. Note the staffing update.
- e. Consider the Pitch Power report at the next meeting.

72/2026B CORRESPONDENCE

It was resolved to:-

	From	Issue	Action
1	PKF Littlejohn	Audit documents received (AGAR)	Noted
2	Unity Bank	BACs-1192 I can confirm your application to increase the BACS limit is now complete.	Noted
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 15 th May 2026. We would be delighted if the current Leader or a	Cllr Crompton to attend.

		<p>representative could attend this year with a guest?</p> <p><i>Friday 15th May 2026</i> <i>7.30pm for 8.00pm</i> <i>at</i> <i>Deyes High School, Deyes Lane, Maghull</i> <i>L31 6DE</i> <i>No1 Dress with Medals/Lounge Suit</i></p>	
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73/2026C FINANCE

I. Accounts Payable

It was resolved to: -

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

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 = £38.80	Fire Tablet Case	£ 12.48	LGA 1972 s.111
		Blue Centre Feed Roll	£ 14.39	LGA 1972 s.111
		Bingo Tickets	£ 11.93	LGA 1972 s.111
BACS	Sefton	Annual Trade Waste	£ 512.50	LGA 1972 s.111
BACS	Maghull Town Council	Contribution towards Maghull Advice Centre	£ 5,000.00	LGA 1972 s.111
		Total	£ 6,172.75	
		Contractual Fixed	£ 14,754.35	

Contractual Variable	£	2,429.97
Contractual for Approval	£	3,223.03
Invoices	£	6,172.75
Total	£	26,580.10

II. Bank Balance

Bank Reconciliation as at 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 March 2026- subject to Audit **£185,795.88**

74/2026 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 26 May 2026 Annual General Meeting at 6 pm at Lydiate Village Centre.

The meeting ended at 20.30pm