



NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

Date: 5 August 2026.

To all members of Lydiat Parish Council.

You are hereby summoned to attend an Extraordinary Meeting of Lydiat Parish Council to be held at Lydiat Village Centre on Monday 10 August 2026, commencing at 6.pm.

Cllr Liam Stoddart – Chair to Parish Clerk

AGENDA

- 1 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2 **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
- 3 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
Adjournment for public participation.
- 4 **PADLE IN LYDIAT**
 - a. To consider additional information brought to the attention of the Chair of the Council in respect of installing Padle in Lydiat.
 - b. To reconsider the most appropriate location for padel in light of new information brought to the Council.
 - c. To agree a process to identify non-profit partner(s) with a solid track record in delivering Padel in the UK to work in partnership with the Parish Council to deliver padle in Lydiat.
 - d. To look at applying for planning permission for Padle in Lydiat subject to a-c above.
 - e. To agree any further actions required.
- 5 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**
 - Tuesday 22 September 2026 at 6.00 pm.



Discussion Paper to: Extraordinary meeting of Lydiat Parish Council.

Date: 10 August 2026

Prepared by: Cllr Stoddart, Chair of the Council
Cllr A Wilson, Vice Chair of the Council
Carol Farquhar, Clerk to the Council

Subject: PADDLE COURTS IN LYDIAT.

1. Purpose

- a. To consider additional information brought to the attention of the Chair of the Council regarding the provision of Padel in Lydiat.
- b. To reconsider the most appropriate location for padel in light of new information brought to the Council.
- c. To agree a process to identify a non-profit partner(s) with a solid track record in delivering Padel in the UK to work in partnership with the Parish Council to deliver padel in Lydiat.
- d. To look at applying for planning permission for Padel in Lydiat subject to a-c above.
- e. To agree any further actions required.

2 Background

- a. Members will be aware that a report was presented to the July 2026 meeting outlining the impact Padel could have if installed in Lydiat.
- b. The minutes represented below are currently in draft form and will be presented for approval to the September meeting.
- c. The draft resolutions from that meeting need to be reconsidered in light new information coming to light in particular items b and c below.

129/2026 PADDLE, IN LYDIAT

It was resolved that:-

- a. *Padel should be further investigated as an additional facility in Lydiat.*
- b. *Oak Hill Park was identified as the preferred location should Padel be introduced to Lydiat.*
- c. *The preferred model for paddle in Lydiat was agreed as a partnership approach.*

- d. Cllr, Crompton, I. Wilson, Stoddart and Nixon to further investigate the approach.
- e. A further report be presented at the September meeting.

3. Update on Original Findings

A. Preferred location

Draft Minute 129/2026b *Oak Hill Park was identified as the preferred location should Padle be introduced to Lydiate*

Oak Hill Park was identified as the preferred location. However, it has now been brought to the attention of the Chair that planning permission may be an issue at the site, due to the close proximity of housing and potential objections from residents.

There are no changing facilities at the site, no onsite parking and the site would need to be extended beyond the boundary of the current bowling greens to accommodate three padle courts. Additionally access for construction vehicles would be difficult.

In comparison

Sandy Lane Park already has planning permission for tennis, padel is a similar sport to tennis hence a full planning application may not be required, but in any event is likely to be easier

Sandy Lane Park has new changing rooms, showers, facilities for refreshments and parking on site.

The current tennis courts need significant investment to make them fit for purpose. Very few people use the tennis courts as there are other, better facilities in the area. The tennis courts have also experienced anti-social behaviour and had to be locked for a period of time.

Some years ago when the new changing rooms were being approved and installed, the Tennis courts had been identified for conversion to a 4G/5G football pitch. The Parish Council has not been able to identify the resources to match fund "Football Foundation Grant" and it is unclear when and if this money can be identified in the short term to medium term.

Identifying Sandy Lane as the preferred location for padle will significantly enhance the offer at the park. The conversion of tennis courts to padle would be a more straightforward process. Current facilities at Sandy Lane would require a lower investment than at Oak Hill Park, and more staff are on site throughout periods of the day when activities will take place. Additionally, there is good access to the site for large construction vehicles.

as a consequence of the above it is recommended that Sandy Lane be identified as the preferred site for Padle in Lydiate.

B. Models to consider when setting up a Paddle Courts in Lydiate

Draft Minute 129/2026 *The preferred model for paddle in Lydiate was agreed as a partnership approach.*

After further investigation, a process to deliver padle with minimum risk to the Parish Council should be agreed. Local companies will be given priority. The Partnership must be not for profit, with reinvestment in Lydiate Parish facilities.

A process to identify a suitable partner(s) has been drafted below.

A social media campaign will be launched to advertise the need for a partner.

This information will also be sent to Sefton CVS who work with all non-profit organisations in Sefton who may be interested in a partnership arrangement with Lydiate Parish Council.

A minimum of three councillors plus the Clerk, be nominated to join the panel to assess applicants. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to present their offer to the Parish Council.

Legal advice be obtained to ensure all laws and guidance are followed when a partner has been identified.

Partner requirements which must be met: -

1. Be a none-for-profit organisation, not an individual or private sector company.
2. Able to evidence a plan to secure up to £800,000 funding required to deliver the project.
3. Can evidence their experience in the application process for obtaining planning permission for a padel court(s)
4. Can evidence experience in project managing the delivery of capital builds including padel.
5. Preferably be a local organisation that will give back to the Lydiate Community.

4. Conclusions

Members are asked to consider the following: -

- a. To agree to Sandy Lane being a more appropriate location for Padel in Lydiate.
- b. To invite applications to form a partnership arrangement with the Parish Council.
- c. To commence discussions with Sefton Council regarding a change of use for the existing tennis courts at Sandy Lane.
- d. To seek professional assistance in the establishment of a partnership arrangement with a potential not for profit community interest company
- e. To receive a further report on progress to the scheduled September meeting