



WHITEGATE AND MARTON PARISH COUNCIL



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November 2022

Your Parish Council met at Whitegate Primary School Hall for our ordinary parish council on Monday 14th November 2022. Seven members of the parish council were in attendance and Ward Councillor's Mike Baynham and Gina Lewis. Three members of the public attended all of whom are prospective candidates for the ward councillor elections next May.

The Beeches Crossroads – We have undertaken risk assessments and are currently putting into place management plans. A small subgroup of the Parish Council will oversee the management of the Beeches. If you would like to volunteer on the working group please get in touch. Thanks to those who have already volunteered we will be in touch soon as there is something to do!

Planning—the following applications were discussed:

22/03844/ful *Wooded Dalefords Lane Whitegate for first Floor side extension - No objection*

22/03744/FUL *Abbots Moss Hall Tarporley Road Oakmere for side and rear extensions and change of use of mixed agricultural storage and garage/workshop (Barn A) and agricultural storage building (Barn B) to personal and domestic use – Retrospective - No objection on condition that the barns are not to be used as an independent residential property.*

As some of our objections are detailed responses, for full details of our comments please refer to the minutes available on our website, or under comments posted on the Cheshire West and Chester planning portal. Members of the public can make their own representation to any application on the planning portal.

Planning approvals—none Planning rejection—none Plans withdraw— none

Road Safety – our Ward Councillors are chasing up the reason for the delays on the speed limit reductions within the parish and other measures including line painting, which are taking a considerable amount of time to implement.

Vicarage Green (school safe drop off) - The Parish Council has decided to 'mothball' the proposed safe school drop off project to create a carpark due to the current economic climate which makes the project financially unviable. We intend to focus our efforts on other road safety measures outside school and elsewhere in the parish.

United Utilities – representatives from the Parish Council met with United Utilities and their contractors regarding the proposals for pipeline and pumping stations at Marton and Grange Lane, which form part of a national project. They are currently reviewing their planning application in light of the number of complaints received.

Tree planting – we are looking at locations to replant some trees along the highway.

Footpaths – representatives met with the footpath officer to discuss a number of improvements / repairs around the parish. If you notice anything which needs repairing, please use the online reporting tool 'report it' detailed below. Reports relating to Public Rights of Way are sent to the footpath officer.

Home watch—The position of home watch co-ordinator still remains vacant, if you are interested, please get in touch with us.

CWAC 'Report it' - we continue to report numerous defects within our parish and across the borough (including litter, fly-tipping, verges, footpaths, potholes and so on... The more reports they receive the better. Please help by also reporting them yourselves. CWAC have an online reporting tool which can be found here: [Report it \(cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk\)](https://cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/report-it)

Advance dates for your diary— Parish Council meetings 12th December. **Our Christmas lights switch on even will take place on Saturday 3rd December at 5.15pm. There will be carols around the tree and refreshments in the school hall afterwards, all welcome.**

Remember that your Parish Council is on Twitter, Next Door and Facebook, this is the quickest and easiest way we can keep you up to date on matters within our parish, or visit our website <https://www.whitegatemarton-parishcouncil.org.uk/>

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