



WHITEGATE AND MARTON PARISH COUNCIL



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June 2023

Your Parish Council met at Whitegate Primary School Hall for our ordinary parish council on Monday 12th June 2023. Six members of the Parish Council were in attendance and Ward Councillor Stuart Bingham. No members of the public attended.

Planning—the following applications were discussed:

23/01483/FUL Beechfield for single storey rear extension and first floor side extension, replacement glazing. The Parish Council object to this application as the proposal does not comply with the adopted W&M Neighbourhood Plan (Policy 1) with expansion to 4 bedrooms and (Policy 2) extension with full height windows on both ground and first floor is out of character with the existing dwelling (architectural guidelines Village Design Statement VDS). Roof windows on the public facing extension elevation does not comply with the VDS guidelines. There are no dimensions given on the proposed extension, however a rough calculation indicates that the extension is just within the permitted 30% limit.

23/01498/TPO Rustlings, Vale Royal Drive for oak Tree on rear boundary with neighbour - Minor prune back of the lowest overhanging branches that are touching the greenhouse to prevent damage to the building. This application is to partially prune a tree with TPO. The Parish Council does not have the expertise to comment and defer to the recommendation from the CWAC Tree Officer.

23/01475/TPO Jade House, Sandy Lane for oak at the front of Jade House, to be crown lifted to 5.5m house side, to match and balance crown as road side has already been carried out due to phone wires. Dead wooding of rest of canopy for health of the tree and good practice. The Parish Council does not have the expertise to comment and we defer to the recommendation of the CWAC Tree Officer.

23/01348/FUL Marton Hall Farm, Daleford Lane for retrospective Agricultural Grain storage unit. This retrospective application for a large agricultural building has a significant detrimental visual impact on the rural character of the parish given its size (30m x 18m x 8.7 m), materials and colour. The application does not consider the requirements of the adopted Whitegate & Marton Neighbourhood Plan and specifically Policy 4, Landscape. The Parish Council recommends that as a condition of approval a Tree Plan is submitted for approval by CWAC Planning to provide screening from the public road and Whitegate Way a major tourist attraction for the parish.

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.

We discussed at length with Cllr Bingham some of the enforcement concerns within the parish. Cllr Bingham also updated the Parish Council on the plans for the centre of Winsford.

Planning approvals—none

Planning rejection—none

Plans withdraw— none

Road Safety – We noted an accident at the Beeches earlier in the evening, this being the first for quite a while.

We continue to wait for signage to be erected for the approved and fully funded speed reductions on A54 Chester Lane Brook (to 40mph) and Whitegate Lane (to 50mph). This has been promised by CWAC Highways but we have been waiting several months for this to be carried out. We continue to report potholes around the parish, some are slowly being filled!!

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) . We are also liaising with Highways regarding options for restricting parking on Cinder Hill, to improve road safety.

Advance dates for your diary— Our next meeting is Monday 10th July at 7.30pm in Whitegate School Hall.

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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