



WHITEGATE AND MARTON PARISH COUNCIL



<https://www.whitegatemarton-parishcouncil.org.uk/>

December 2023

Your Parish Council met at Whitegate Primary School Hall for our ordinary parish council on Monday 11th December 2023. Seven members of the Parish Council were in attendance and Ward Councillor Stuart Bingham and one member of the public.

Planning—the following applications were discussed:

23/03510/FUL 41 Beauty Bank for single storey front porch extension to replace existing canopy - No objection

23/03750/LBC 1 Abbots Barn for retrospective application retention of new entrance door and side Panels - No objection

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

This weekend we have planted six trees in the hedgerow alongside the football field as part of our ongoing project to protect our environment and promote sustainability.

Road Safety – The speed limit reduction to 50mph on Whitegate Lane has a scheduled date for implementation 15th Dec. The speed reduction to 40mph on the A54 Chester Lane Brook is progressing, but with no date for implementation yet. We have also asked CWAC to look into implementing an additional set of zig zag lines to recognise the 'rear' entrance of the school. **We have prepared a road safety survey and we ask that residents complete the survey to provide their view to support our priorities on our key six risk areas, the survey will be available to complete until 31st December. Our current Road Safety Risk Register can be found on our website, this sets out what we have achieved so far and what we continue to work towards. Please read that document before completing the road safety survey [click here to view our road safety risk register and complete our survey](#). If you are unable to complete the online survey and would like assistance, please contact the Clerk.**

The Parish Council precept has been set at £19,500 this has remained unchanged for a number of years.

A reminder, any Highways or Public Rights of Way (PROW) defects should be reported using CWAC online reporting tool which can be found here: [Report it \(cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk\)](https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/) . A new Public Rights of Way Officer has been employed, we have already had one meeting and agreed some actions to take forward.

The emergency services and Council are also promoting the free app 'What Three Words' which divides the whole world into 3m squares with three unique words, this is being effectively used to locate people in an emergency much quicker than conventional address/postcodes. Please can we encourage you to download the App and make a note of what three words for your house. The 'What Three Words' for our **defibrillators in the parish** are:

- Whitegate Primary school – **appointed.immune.identify**.
- Recreation Room: - **briefed.irrigated.dollars**
- Whitegate Station House Café (managed by WSCG) – **headrest.tugging.season**

The 6th June marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day, when allied forces mounted the largest amphibious invasion the world has ever witnessed. In 1944 Operation Overlord saw around 4000 ships and landing crafts set down about 132500 troops on five Normandy beaches in an action that would bring about the liberation of north-west Europe from Nazi occupation. Town and Parish Councils are encouraged to join with their local communities to take part in the D-Day 80 event, and we would like your suggestions of how we might mark this significant event? Please contact Clerk with your suggestions.

A Fantastic turnout for our annual lights switch on event, lots of mulled wine and mince pies consumed. Our thanks to 'Decibels' for their performance, the Year 6 children of Whitegate C of E Primary for switching on the lights and Headteacher, Mrs MacKenzie for playing keyboard for us to sing along to. £70 raised towards the school replacement classroom project.

Advance dates for your diary— Our next meeting is Monday 8th January 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/>

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas!

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