



WHITEGATE AND MARTON PARISH COUNCIL



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May 2024

We saw a great turnout at our annual village meeting on 29th April (hopefully the banners around the parish sufficiently advertised the event). Thank you to those community groups who took time to update us on what's they've been doing over the past 12 months, always lovely to hear what they have been doing and such a lot going on in our small but very active parish.

Your Parish Council met at Whitegate Primary School Hall for our ordinary parish council on Monday 13th May 2024. Five members of the Parish Council were in attendance, and twenty-four members of the public attended and Ward Councillor Stuart Bingham.

Many residents from Whitegate Village and café directors attended. Residents attended to voice concerns regarding school parking problems as a result increased numbers at school. We listened to their concerns and actions include to arrange a meeting with Headteacher, contact the Police Inspector responsible for neighbourhood policing. A resident also attended in relation to a planning enforcement matter on Cinder Hill in relation to a breach of planning conditions at two barn conversions use as Airbnb type holiday lets for large groups (for parties). The Café Directors attended to observe the meeting but did not comment further other than to comment that no evening events were currently planned at the café.

Planning—the following applications were discussed:

Planning approvals—none

Planning rejection—none

Plans withdraw— none

24/00897/FUL - Spanns Garage Dalefords Lane for demolition of rear lean to building, conversion of existing garage/ workshop to residential dwelling. Use of existing building, same footprint, will enhance the site and visual aspect of village— no objections

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24/01129/ful - Land at Blakeden Cottage for retrospective application COU of land to storage and distribution for animal feed supply business – no objection

24/01259/TPO - 1 Abbots Barn Vale Royal Courtyard Vale Royal Drive for Pedunculate oak tree 1003. The Parish Council does not have the expertise to comment and we defer to the recommendation of the CWAC Tree Officer.

The applications at Hunters Retreat are current under appeal with the planning inspectorate.

Road Safety – Residents attended to raise concerns about parking and traffic problems around the school vicinity (mounting pavements, obstruction driveways) particularly as a result of increased numbers on roll. Cllr Rayner has suggested a meeting is arrange with Headteacher and resident representative to discuss action. Highways are also un-supportive of reducing the speed limit outside the school. We are currently preparing a 'special newsletter' in which we will be asking for your support to address our top 4 road safety priorities in the parish, details to follow.

A reminder, to raise the profile of our defect roads and footpaths we need your help to report them, the more reports the better chance we have of them being repaired. We know how frustrating it is to have one pot hole repaired whilst another just along the road is not! 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://cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/report-it) . We meet regularly with the Public Rights of Way Officer to agree actions within our parish and we are pleased to report that they have been pro-active in visiting landowners to ensure footpaths are accessible and not overgrown.

Don't forget an alternative option to calling 101 is going online, often this will save waiting on the telephone and your call can be appropriately triage to the correct department responsible efficiently. Here is the link to 'single online home' [Report | Cheshire Constabulary](https://cheshireconstabulary.co.uk/report-a-problem)

The parish council has ordered a wooden seat to be installed on Church Green, with permission of St Marys PCC to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day, The PCC will have an unveiling of the bench on Saturday 15th June at 10am (King's Birthday).

Advance dates for your diary— Our next ordinary meeting is Monday 10th June at Whitegate Primary School Hall, 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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