



WHITEGATE AND MARTON PARISH COUNCIL



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June 2024

Your Parish Council met at Whitegate Primary School Hall for our ordinary parish council on Monday 10th June 2024. Four members of the Parish Council were in attendance, and five members of the public attended and Ward Councillor Gina Lewis.

Residents attended again to voice continued concerns regarding school parking problems.

Planning—the following applications were discussed:

Planning approvals—none

Planning rejection—none

Plans withdraw— none

24/01560/CAT, Manor Keep, Sutton Fields for 3 x Sycamore Trees - Felling and Snedding to a natural habitat due to large pieces falling off in high winds posing a danger to life – The Parish Council refers to CWAC Tree Officer as the expert and agreement between the two neighbours in Whitegate House and Manor Keep should be sought.

24/01315/S73, The Glen, Cassia Green for two storey extension to dwelling and garage (Removal of condition 3 (permitted development rights) of APP/2000/0675). The Parish Council objects to the removal of Condition 3 on the grounds that this would open the door to further development and is unlikely to comply with Policy 1 of the W&M Neighbourhood Plan which seeks to minimise the size of smaller properties.

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. A meeting has been arranged in early July including the Parish Council, residents and Headteacher. A speed survey has also been arranged through Cheshire Police as part of our efforts to try and reduce the speed limit outside the school to 20 mph, particularly as families have to walk on the busy road outside October Lodge / cross the road. We hope to invite the local neighbourhood Police Inspector to a future meeting to discuss our concerns. We are looking into the policy of speed limits adopted by CWAC and when that is due for renewal. We have deferred the issue of our 'special newsletter' in which we will be asking for your support to address our top road safety priorities in the parish until after the election on 4th July, due to purdah. At time of publishing this notice we can also confirm that the long awaited speed limit reduction at Chester Lane Brook on the A54 has been reduced to 40mph, this has taken 5 years of continuous requests to achieve this .

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](#). Forthcoming police surgery dates are 15/6 2-3pm; 21/6 1-2pm; 30/6 11-1.30pm (including bike marking event); 6/7 1-2pm all held at Whitegate Café.



The new wooden seat on Church Green to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day has been installed. A ceremony hosted by St Mary's PCC took place on Saturday 15th June, Cllr Keith Rayner can be seen cutting the ribbon. We hope you enjoy a sit down, watching the world go by!

Advance dates for your diary— Our next ordinary meeting is Monday 8th July at 7.30pm 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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