



WHITEGATE AND MARTON PARISH COUNCIL



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November 2024

Your Parish Council met at Whitegate Primary School Hall for our ordinary parish council on Monday 11th November 2024. Seven members of the Parish Council were in attendance, and 9 members of the public attended.

Residents attended again to voice continued concerns regarding school parking problems. Representatives from Whitegate Station Community Group (Whitegate café) attended to discuss their proposals for extended opening times for a number of evening events and toilet block refurbishments which will be progressing as they have the funding in place.

Representatives attended a recent event where climate change for local councils was discussed, there is a toolkit for councils which we will explore further over the coming months.

Another meeting is scheduled with the public rights of way officer, this is a regular meeting where we have opportunity to engage with the officer and a representative of mid-cheshire footpath society to improve the many miles of public footpaths within our parish, although due to limited funding available this often falls to the parish council to fund.

Parish Council Vacancy – Due to the resignation of Cllr Rober Matthews who has moved out of the area, we have a vacancy on the parish council. If you are interested and would like more information please contact the clerk (contact details below). We would like to thank Robert for time and support on the parish council over the past few years.

Planning—the following applications were discussed: None. We also continue to pursue a number of enforcement matters within the parish.

Road Safety – Residents attended again to raise concerns about parking and traffic problems around the school vicinity (mounting pavements, obstruction driveways). A number of actions are being progressed further, our local neighbourhood police inspector attended our October meeting and a meeting with our MP was held in September and with highways officers in October. We are pleased to report that the long awaited zig zag lines have now been extended outside of school, the wig wag signs (flashing school signs) are defective and are scheduled for replacement this financial year by Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWAC). We are informed that a number of strategies to engage parents are being carried out by school with the support of the local PCSO and school road safety team. Residents have also been informed that they can apply directly to CWAC to have H-bars (also known as access protection markings or 'keep clear' markings, are white lines on the road, normally in front of driveways and garages) installed outside of their properties at their own cost, we are currently awaiting contact details for this.

A reminder, you can report road defects, public rights of way, grass cutting, fly-tipping and other matters directly with the local council using their online reporting tool which can be found here: [Report it \(cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk\)](https://cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/report-it) .

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.](#) The next Policy Surgery at Whitegate café is scheduled for Monday 25th November 2024 between 11:00 and 12:00 hours, future dates will be announced.

Advance dates for your diary— Our next ordinary meeting is Monday 9th December at 7.30pm at Whitegate Primary School Hall, all welcome.

Join us for our annual light switch on Saturday 7th December at 5.15pm on Church Green. We will be singing a few carols on the green before refreshments are served in the school hall. Decibels will also be performing for us again this year. This a lovely event, and everyone is welcome. We are supporting St Lukes Hospice this year should you wish to make a donation at the event.

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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