



WHITEGATE AND MARTON PARISH COUNCIL



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

February 2025

Your Parish Council met at Whitegate Primary School Hall for our ordinary parish council on Monday 10th February 2025. Seven members of the Parish Council were in attendance, and three members of the public attended and Ward Councillor Stuart Bingham.

Parish Council Vacancy – We are pleased to welcome Paul Cronin who has been co-opted to the Parish Council, Paul has lived in the parish for 26 years.

Planning—the following applications were discussed:

24/03772/FUL & 24/03773/LBC Land at Vale Royal Drive for demolition of existing building and replacement with new single storey dwelling. No objection from the Parish Council. This applications meet the requirements of CWAC Local Plan STRAT 9 (Replacement buildings) as well as W&M Neighbourhood Plan (Policy 1). The reuse of an existing rural building meets the need for smaller properties. The character of the area will be enhanced and is within the 30% increase of floor area of the existing building.

24/03760/FUL Land at Nova Scotia Lane for construction of mixed use building (agricultural general storage and equine stable building). The Parish Council objects to this application. Proposed building (9m x 9m x 6m) is too high to house a tractor and stable horses and the floor area is excessive. The building should be designated as 100% equestrian as the case for agricultural use is non-existent. Also suggest a planning condition to paint the grey surfaces with an appropriate neutral colour would reduce its visual impact.

23/02307/FUL Poachers Pocket Dalefords Lane for demolition of existing house and erection of new dwelling. The Parish council object, the proposed development is an over development for the site (significant increase of internal area) and is out of character for the plot size and neighbouring houses. The design does not comply with the adopted Whitegate & Marton Neighbourhood Plan (Policy 1 -exceeds 30% increase in floor area).

Broadband and mobile connectivity – We have been liaising with the CWAC Digital Sector Specialist regarding connectivity issues in the parish, we hope to invite the officer to a future meeting.

Road Safety – We continue to regularly report defects to the local authority, and request the support of our ward councillors on occasions with matters of particular concern. We have asked our ward councillor to follow up on previously reported street lights not working on Cinder Hill. Unfortunately the parish council is only one voice and we urge you to report defects directly yourselves. **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) .

We have been alerted to large tankers reversing without warning signs to motorists on Whitegate Lane, we have written to the company directly and informed our local PCSO. Sadly there has been one fatality and another serious accident both just outside our parish over recent weeks, we are not aware that these accidents are as a result of road safety issues with the highway.

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 - Wednesday 26th February 2025 between 11:00 and 12:00 hours.

Advance dates for your diary

- Our ordinary meeting is Monday 10th March at 7.30pm at Whitegate Primary School Hall, all welcome.
- Annual litter pick will take place on Sunday 9th March meeting at 9.30am meeting at the recreation room, all welcome and equipment is provided.
- Annual village meeting will be held on Thursday 24th April 7.30pm – 8.30pm at Whitegate Primary School Hall. Find out what is happening in your parish and updates from local community groups, PC/PCSO.

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/>

Julie Ellis (Parish Clerk) On behalf of the Parish Council, (Tel 01606 888530) or email clerk@whitegatemartonparish.uk