



WHITEGATE AND MARTON PARISH COUNCIL



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February 2026

Your Parish Council met at Whitegate Primary School Hall for our ordinary parish council on Monday 9th February 2026. Seven members of the Parish Council were in attendance and two members of the public attended.

Planning - the following applications were discussed:

26/00099/TPO 23 Vale Royal Drive for T1 Sycamore - Tree is in decline and we are looking at completing a full pollard to remove several decaying/dead branches, and the existing canopy. T2 Beech tree - Reduce overall canopy of tree by approx. 30% or 3-5m to bring back into shape and keep tree appropriate size for roadside location in the corner of the front garden. T3 Sycamore (on boundary of TPO area) - This tree has been pollarded/topped out before. Repollard top of tree and allow it to regenerate - **The Parish Council does not have the expertise to comment and we defer to the recommendation of the CWAC Tree Officer.**

26/00059/PDR Land at Whitegate Lane Winsford for change of use of agricultural building into flexible commercial use. **The Parish Council has no objections to this PDR application for an agricultural building change of use with no building operations involved.**

26/00125/FUL Lunesdale, Grange Lane for single storey front extension, double and single storey rear extensions, replacement doors and windows and application of render to entire property. Alterations to rear garden including erection of patio and installation of steps to lower level garden. - **The Parish Council object to this application on the ground of overdevelopment of the site which does not comply with the adopted Whitegate & Marton Neighbourhood Plan (Policy 1) as the proposed floor area exceeds 30% of the floor space of the original dwelling. The ground floor of the two storey extension (extending by 4 metres) will adversely impact neighbouring properties which are situated closely together and will suffer loss of day light.**

26/00146/FUL Freshfield Cassia Green Marton for erection of a pergola in garden. - **No objection**

25/04008/FUL Land Off Dalefords Lane Marton Winsford Erection of agricultural building for the storage of machinery and livestock housing. - **The Parish Council objects to this application as the proposed agricultural building (30m x 16m x 7m) is too large for the agricultural needs of the approx. 12acre site. The operation of a commercial business in an agricultural building should be refused. The application does not comply with the adopted Whitegate & Marton Neighbourhood Plan (Policy 4) as the large building would have a significant detrimental impact on the rural character of the parish.**

26/00351/TPO Marton North WwTW Cassia Green Marton for 3 No. Oak (T8, T10, T12) and 2 No. Sycamore (T9, T11) - Crown lift to 5m above ground level, to provide sufficient clearance along track for vehicular access to WwTW. - **The Parish Council does not have the expertise to comment and we defer to the recommendation of the CWAC Tree Officer.**

There are three planning inspectorate appeals ongoing within the parish:

APP/A0665/X/24/3356072 Hunters Retreat Cassia Green Farm Cassia Green Marton -Certificate of lawfulness for the existing use of the land, stables and equestrian facilities at Hunters Retreat have and continue to be used as part of a livery yard, for a period in excess of 10 years. In addition, a hardcore track has been in place from the yard area to the muck heap to assist with the collection and removal of the muck all year round. **Appeal dismissed.**

APP/A0665/C/25/3375569 Rushmere Lodge for fencing to be replaced – no update.

Planning Inspector ref: 6003063 Land At Vale Royal Drive Whitegate Winsford Demolition of existing building and erection of single storey dwelling – no update.

Road Safety – We were advised of a serious RTC on Dalefords Lane, just outside the parish boundary. We are pleased to observe that resurfacing of Cinder Hill is scheduled for half-term week. Details of the TRO road closure notice now available along with signs visible on Cinder Hill. We are informed the 20mph will be implemented at the same time or if not soon after!

The parish council continue to report numerous defects withing the parish, **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/).** Please don't ignore potholes or other defects, we all need to take an active role in reporting them. If you suffer a flat tyre as a result of potholes; to ensure a successful claim you have to demonstrate that the council were negligent and were aware of the road defect. Can I therefore encourage everyone to report!

Advance dates for your diary

- Our ordinary meeting is Monday 9th March 2026 at 7.30pm at Whitegate Primary School Hall, all welcome.
- Our annual litter pick will take place on Sunday 8th March meeting at 9.30am at the Recreation Room.
- Policy Surgeries at Whitegate café: Friday 20th February 2026 between 11:00 and 12:00 hours; Tuesday 31st March 2026 between 11:00 and 12:00 hours

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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