



WHITEGATE AND MARTON PARISH COUNCIL



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March 2026

Your Parish Council met at Whitegate Primary School Hall for our ordinary parish council on Monday 9th March 2026. Seven members of the Parish Council were in attendance/remote and three members of the public attended including Ward Councillor Stuart Bingham and the Head of Planning who attended to give oversight on implications of the Local Plan for our parish and advise around when to update our Neighbourhood plan.

Planning - the following applications were discussed:

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.

26/00240/FUL 35 Beauty Bank for rear extension at first floor, and single storey front and side extensions. The Parish Council has no objection, subject to the approval of neighbour as the property is close to the proposed building line of side extension

26/00291/FUL Land At Nova Scotia Lane Marton Winsford for construction of agricultural general storage and equine stable building. The Parish Council objects to this application for the following reasons: The proposed buildings (Barn: 4.7m x 4.8m and Stable: 14.4m x 3.6m and 5m x 3.6m) have a floor area which is excessive being over 90sq m for a declared requirement of 70sq m. It is not considered that the proposed buildings are essential to the operational need of the existing equine or proposed agricultural use.

The buildings should be designated as 100% equestrian as the case for agricultural use is non existent. Parking at the junction of Nova Scotia Lane and Sandy Lane is currently hazardous due to a narrow highway at the existing field gate access. The proposed development therefore fails to comply with Policy STRAT9 of the Local Plan and the adopted Whitegate & Marton Neighbourhood Plan.

We currently have no further update on planning appeals within the parish.

Road Safety – We are pleased to finally report that the 20mph speed limit outside the school has been introduced. The road surface on Cinder Hill has also been repaired, however we are now sadly seeing an increase of speeding vehicles down Cinder Hill due to the new road surface and drivers ignoring the new 20 mph speed limit introduced to protect families and residents crossing the road safely. We have reported this to our local neighbourhood policing unit and we hope they can carry out some speed enforcement. Please drive carefully through our village.

We carried out our annual litter pick on Sunday 8th March, thank you to the few regulars who joined us. It would be much more effective if more people joined us, please consider helping next year! Thanks as always to those who give up their time on a regular basis to carry out litter picking and to our young volunteers too! We must also thank Cllr Bingham who took the opportunity of the extended road closure to litter pick on Whitegate Lane.

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/report-it)**. 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 13th April 2026 at 7.30pm at Whitegate Primary School Hall, all welcome.
- Our annual village meeting will take place on Monday 27th April at 7.30pm.
- Policy Surgeries at Whitegate café: 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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