

WHITEGATE & MARTON PARISH COUNCIL

An Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be held at Whitegate Primary School Hall on
Monday 13th April 2026 at 7.30pm

AGENDA

Press and Public Welcome

Open Forum – Members of the public will be invited to comment on any of the items on the agenda
before the meeting convenes (5 mins)

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.

2. Minutes

2.1 To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on
Monday 9th March 2026.

3. Matters arising

3.1 Matters arising from the Ordinary meeting held 9th March 2026.

3.2 Note updates from 'Action log'.

4. Councillors are invited to ask questions about the Clerk report. To receive list of Correspondence and make any comments as necessary.

4.1 Discuss and agree action to Clerk's report and correspondence.

5. Planning.

5.1 To consider the responses to the applications listed on planning list (attached) and late
applications received after publication of agenda.

5.2 To discuss enforcement/complaints (attached).

5.3 Updates: Granted/declined/public speaking/enforcement.

6. Finances.

6.1 To receive the bank statement and agree the figures with the Bank Reconciliation.

6.2 Pay Zurich insurance £309.50

6.3 Pay Cllr Leech – reimbursement for trees £tbc

8. Road Safety

8.1 To discuss road safety issues.

9. Parish Issues

9.1 The Beeches.

9.2 United Utilities.

9.3 Discuss any general parish issues

9.4 Footpath action log & next meeting date.

9.5 Climate action update – infra-red camera, Solar Panel quotes for the Recreation Room.

9.6 Tree planting

9.7 Whitegate Conservation Group.

9.8 Annual Parish Meeting Monday 27th April.

10. Items for information and discussion only.

Signed by the clerk Mrs Julie Ellis THIS AGENDA WAS ISSUED on 8th April 2026

Date of next meeting Monday 11th May 2026, please notify clerk of any absences.

**CLERKS REPORT
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FOR THE MEETING ON MONDAY 13th April 2026

1. Made payments as per last month agenda.
2. Emailed plans and updated Planning portal with sub-committee comments, for those received.
3. Emailed planning enforcement for updates.
4. Circulated by email the month's correspondence.
5. Received confirmation that 'young person' will attend the annual village meeting, to be recognised for his efforts volunteering in community. Clerk to purchase voucher.
6. Sent emails to community groups regarding annual village meeting. Confirmation of attendance received from Cllr Stuart Bingham, Cllr Gina Lewis PC Daisy Churchill / PCSO Jorge Ferroira, Church Wood, WI. Café to confirm availability. No replies from Scouts, school, Whitegate Football club, Vicar unable to attend. Sign dates have been amended and will be put up few days before the meeting. Clerk to purchase tea/coffee and biscuits. Have put the date on Facebook and X, will do another reminder nearer the date.
7. Asked PC / PCSO to carry out speed monitoring, confirmed they would.
8. Confirmed to school PC support for their 140th Birthday celebrations, to be confirmed if we provide a donation or VC purchase on their behalf.
9. Email highways again 21/3 and 8/4 regarding wig-wag signs, have copied in Head of Highways so hopefully we will get a response soon.
10. Reminded Cllr Lewis regarding the Footpath enforcement plan in progress, asking for an update, not received a response.
11. Reported to Highways edge deterioration near Earnslow Grange, Whitegate Lane – confirmed no action. Reported several other pot holes and edge deterioration around the parish including, Clay Lane, and Cassia Green all no action, except the channel across road on Clay Lane.
12. Julia Roscher has agreed to audit the accounts. Clerk to update the accounts for review before May meeting. Note we cannot use the exemption certificate as our income is over £25k.
13. Received correspondence from resident regarding wording of our minutes in relation to planning enforcement matter; Cllr Rayner provided wording for response.
14. Received email from Caroline Mackensie, headteacher to confirm Mike Thomas will deputise for for her whilst on secondment from April 2026 to December 2026.
15. Confirmed Defibs at school and recreation room are on our asset register. To add Infra-red camera to the asset register.
16. Emailed grass cutting contract to R Jackson.

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CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2026

Headteacher secondment	emailed 10/3
Marton Bridget	emailed 11/3
Social value – concept to action	emailed 17/3
T&PC online – nature recovery toolkit	emailed 21/3
Northwich LPU update meeting 1 st April	emailed 26/3
CIL payment	emailed 2/4

Minutes	emailed 8/4
Church Wood Minutes	emailed

NEWS LETTERS / LEAFLETS, ETC.

CWAC Briefings *	emailed various dates
NALC finding and grants bulletin	emailed various dates
Altogether Weekly updates	emailed various dates
Home Watch updates	emailed various dates
Health Watch	emailed various dates
VRDS newsflash & newsletters	emailed various dates
Weekly email digest	emailed various dates
CPALC parish news	emailed various dates
What's new in Public Sector today	emailed various dates
Public Sector Executive newsletter	emailed various dates
ChALC bulletins	emailed various dates
E bulletin	emailed various dates
ICO bulletin	emailed various dates
Stakeholder Bulletin	emailed various dates
Public Health Monthly	emailed various dates
Licence applications	emailed various dates
Police Crime commissioner stakeholder bulletin	emailed various dates
Funding Bulletin	emailed various dates
Cheshire Community Action	emailed various dates

Items in **Blue** are paper items which would normally be included in blue box circulation. Since there is very little for circulation in blue box at present, Chairman has agreed that blue box items should be available for view at meeting and to take away if anyone is interested. Only when there are important items will the blue box be circulated.

* The briefings are useful to keep up to speed on local / national changes.

Items in bold to be looked at, at the meeting.

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LIST OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR THE MONTH – APRIL 2026

26/00869/PDR	Agricultural Building At Vale Farm Whitegate Lane Winsford	Change of use of agricultural building to flexible commercial use (B8)
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Parish Councillors are reminded to declare any interest under the following categories:

- **Disclosable Interest (as defined in your code of conduct)**
- **Outside Bodies Interest (where relevant to the application)**
- **Family and Friends or Close Associate Interest (where relevant to the application)**

GRANT PLANNING PERMISSION. List updated Jan 26

REFUSAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION. List updated Jan 26

PUBLIC SPEAKING AT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING. NA

PLANS WITHDRAWN. List updated Jan 26

APPEAL

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, have asked for clarification from planning enforcement how this will be enforced following appeal dismissal.

Fencing to be replaced Rushmere Lodge appeal lodged Planning or Enforcement ref: 21/00517/EOPDEV Planning Inspector ref: APP/A0665/C/25/3375569, no update.

Land At Vale Royal Drive Whitegate Winsford Demolition of existing building and erection of single storey dwelling. Planning or Enforcement ref: 24/03772/FUL Planning Inspector ref: 6003063

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION :

The mosses - lodge home - LDC applicated received and commented upon awaiting decision. Chased for update.

Static Caravan land corner of Clay Lane / Dalefords Lane – Enforcement confirm caravan and storage to remain on site until roof repairs completed.

Building on agricultural land at Folley Cottage – owner has received correspondence from planning enforcement.

Covert Farm – building works appear to be more substantial than planning permission granted – reported to enforcement for review.

The Dingle, Foxwist Green – works appear to be more substantial than permitted development rights allow – reported to enforcement for review. Confirmed awaiting allocation as previous person has left.

PLANNING COMPLAINTS / MATTERS RAISED BY RESIDENTS

Late agenda items - The Parish Council will review any additional planning applications/complaints received after publication of the Agenda.