

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held at Whitegate Primary School Hall on Monday 13th April 2026 at 7.30pm

Members of the public present: DW, Cllr Gina Lewis.

Members of the Council present: Cllr Haigh (Chair), Cllr Campbell, Cllr Cotterill, Cllr Cronin.

1.1 Apologise for absence.

Cllr Heath & Cllr Baldini – work;
Cllr Leech – family commitment
Cllr Rayner – Holiday; Clerk - holiday

Declarations of interest.

None

2.1 To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council 9th March 2026. 1551/26 resolved that the Council approved the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th March 2026, subject to modification of wording on The Dingle planning enforcement matter.

3.1 Matters arising from the minutes of the Ordinary meeting on Monday 9th March 2026.

3.2 Action Log:

- Plaque installed at agreed location Marton Sands; installed by Cllr Leech and Cllr Rayner.
- Wig Wag signs still not working; Cllr Lewis agreed to escalate. Action GL
- Trees - the beech and oak purchased and planting date agreed 18/4.
- Footpath Officer – no response Cllr Lewis to follow-up. Cllr Haigh to follow-up with Mid-Cheshire Footpaths.

Cllr Rayner arrived 7.45

- Young Person nominated for awarded confirmed attending our annual meeting; and clerk to purchase award.
- Resurfacing quote still awaiting second quote. Cllr Rayner indicated the urgency of the second quote so work can progress. Cllr Cotterill to follow-up with Cllr Baldini.
- Solar Panels – to discuss at Recreation Room's April meeting.
- Infra-red camera – Cllr Rayner working on the user manual.
- Conservation Group – Cllr Rayner to contact KG.
- Speeding in the 20mph – Cllr Lewis to follow up. Clerk to forward PCSO details to her.
- No update on interactive signs.

4. Clerk's report and correspondence

4.1 Discussed and agreed action to Clerk's report and correspondence: actions complete or on the agenda. None

5. Planning

5.1 1552/26 resolved the following planning application responses:

26/00869/PDR	Agricultural Building At Vale Farm Whitegate Lane Winsford	Change of use of agricultural building to flexible commercial use (B8)	Whitegate & Marton Parish council has no objections to this PDR application for an agricultural building change of use with no building operations involved.
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Noted a retrospective application has been submitted for Hunters Retreat following their appeal dismissal.

5.2 Appeals:

- Rushmere lodge have formally appeal removal of 1.8m fence along the highway. Planning Inspector ref: APP/A0665/C/25/3375569 no update.
- Land at Vale Royal Drive for a conversion of a small workshop into a one-bedroom accommodation . Inspector ref: 6003063. Awaiting appeal decision.

5.3 Planning enforcements:

- The mosses – awaiting outcome of planning application; Clerk has requested an update on application.
- Static Caravan, land on Clay Lane – Clerk followed up with planning enforcement who has confirmed that the static caravan will be removed once repairs to tac room roof have been completed along with the container. Leave on list until removed.
- Folley Cottage – aware resident has had a letter from enforcement stating they should not have put fence and laurels on agricultural land.
- Covert Farm – building works appear to be more substantial than the planning permission originally granted in 2021 for alterations to roof of barns 2 and 3. Looks like a substantial rebuilding on the same footprint. Clerk has reported it, no further update.
- The Dingle, Foxwist Green. Concerns were raised with the Parish Council relating to the permitted development and these have been passed to the CWAC planning enforcement.
- Received correspondence regarding a development at Green Vale, Foxwist Green. Clerk to forward to CWAC planning enforcement for review.

DW left the meeting.

6. Finances

6.1 The bank statements remain unchanged. Barclays account showed a balance remaining of £101,987.79. The total account balances is £105,015.75 (including savings accounts). 1553/26 agreed:

6.2 Pay Zurich insurance £309.50.

6.3 Pay Cllr Leech – reimbursement for trees £tbc

6.4 Noted receipt of £1448.15 CIL

6.5 Note draft accounts for submission to Auditor; wording for reserves to be agreed with Cllr Rayner and Clerk. Action: KR / Clerk

7. Road Safety update

7.1 Resident raised concerns about the condition of the road surface between Cassia Green and Cassia Corner, Clerk to report. (NB clerk has reported several times, including recently and all no action by CWAC).

Cllr Lewis felt now is a good opportunity to reduce the speed limit from Hartford to Whitegate from 50mph to 40 mph, now we have a 20mph through the village and other roads are 40mph, Cllr Lewis will make enquiries. Noted the work on the Whitegate Way bridge have been extended. Action: GL

8. Parish Issues

8.1 The Beeches - see action log above.

8.2 United Utilities – Work at Marton Sands almost complete. Tree planting has been carried out, resident of Grange Lane has a site meeting with United Utilities on 20/4/26.

8.3 Young person nomination – see action above.

8.4 Footpath action log – no update.

8.5 Climate action plan - Solar Panels – Cllr Lewis advised that money is available from Members budget so apply as soon as possible, include photographs to show room usage.

8.6 Tree planning discussed above.

8.7 Annual village meeting – Cllr Cotterill / Clerk to put signs up. Action: VC/Clerk

8.8 Wild flower sale and planting – ChALC has advised against as very difficult to grow. Noted that the daffodils along Mill Lane and end of Sandy Lane had looked lovely, thank you to the planters.

9. Items for information and discussion only.

9.1 None.

There being no further business meeting was closed by the chairman at 8.50pm.

Signed by the Chairman Dated

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Date of next meeting 11th May 2026.

Outstanding actions (if removed they are complete)

Ref	Date	Action Log	Responsible
3.2	Mar / Apr 26	Wig Wag signs; GL to escalate as no action. GL to follow up with PCSO re 20mph enforcement and enquire about 50-40 mph reduction between Hartford and the village	GL
3.2	Jan/Feb / April 26	Footpath enforcement report – ask GL to chase up where this is at. GL to chase	Clerk
8.1	Feb / April 26	Resurfacing quote awaiting second quote	PB / VC
8.4	Feb / April 26	Arrange footpath officer meeting April/May – SH to contact Mid Cheshire Footpath Society / GL to chase footpath officer	SH / GL
8.5	April 26	Young volunteer award –purchase voucher	Clerk
8.6	Feb 26	Explore solar panel options and quotes – RR to discuss	RR committee
8.6	Mar / April 26	Purchase infra-red camera – user notes to be drafted	KR
8.7	Feb / April 26	Whitegate conservation group – chase up proposals	KR
6.0	Mar 26	140 th School anniversary - £250 donation	Clerk / VC
8.7	April 26	Put up sign for annual meeting	Clerk / VC
5.3	April 26	Report structure at Vale Green, Cassia Green	Clerk

Agenda Call forward

Ref	Call forward date	Description
	Tbc	VRA re gritting, nuns grave
	Feb 27	Littler pick date
	Sep 26	Purchase bulbs for The Beeches

Notes: