



WHITEGATE AND MARTON PARISH COUNCIL



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May 2026

Your Parish Council met at Whitegate Primary School Hall for our ordinary parish council on Monday 11th May 2026. Five members of the Parish Council were in attendance. No members of the public attended.

Planning - the following applications were discussed: 26/01008/FUL The Saddlers for single storey rear extension, the parish council has no objection.

Appeal Ref: APP/A0665/C/25/3375569 Land at Rushmere Lodge for 1.8 meter fence, the planning inspectorate confirms the appeal is dismissed and the enforcement notice is upheld.

Parish Council elections - in 2027 we will be holding elections as the current four year term of office comes to an end. Several councillors have expressed that they will not be standing next year for re-election. As part of our succession planning, we are looking for people who may be interested in joining the parish council next year.

What does a Parish Councillor do? As a councillor, you will take part in our monthly full council meetings to make decisions on what enhancements should be made to the village, where money should be spent and what policies should be implemented. You may also choose to get involved with committee meetings, training sessions and community events. Before meetings, you will be expected to read the agenda and any papers, so that you can take part in discussions and decision-making.

There are lots of ways you can get stuck in as a councillor, for example:

- Shaping local facilities and community projects
- Commenting to Cheshire West and Chester Council on local planning applications and developments
- Planning our community events
- Working with local groups, charities and volunteers
- Raising issues and concerns on behalf of residents
- You may also want to put yourself forward for a role within the council, such as Chair or Vice-Chair, for the full council, or for a committee.

As a councillor, you will commit to abiding by the Code of Conduct, and to disclose any pecuniary interests that may affect your impartiality, e.g. employment, ownership of land or property, and business interests.

Are Parish Councillors paid for their work? Parish Councillors are unpaid volunteers. We do reimburse some expenses, such as mileage to travel outside of the village on council business, but we are unable (by law) to reimburse care costs.

Who can become a Parish Councillor? To be a Parish Councillor, you do not need any special qualifications or previous experience. What you do need is a willingness to get involved, listen to others, and work as part of a team. To be eligible, you must meet the criteria outlined on the Electoral Commission website [Qualifications | Electoral Commission](#)

How do you become a Councillor? Councillors are usually elected every four years at an ordinary Parish Council election. This is when all seats on the council are up for election. Councillors serve a four-year term. If a seat becomes vacant between elections, it may be filled by a by-election or by co-option. The elected or co-opted Councillor will serve the remainder of the term and retire with other Councillors at the next ordinary election.

If you are interested and would like to find out more, either come and visit us at one of our meetings, or email the clerk for more information.

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 8th June 2026 at 7.30pm at Whitegate Primary School Hall, all welcome.
- School 140th celebrations – 17th July 2026 – more details to follow.

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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