

April 2021

## Parish Council meetings

All meetings of the Parish Council will be held virtually until restrictions on face-to-face meetings due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak are lifted.

Members of the public are very welcome to join any of our virtual meetings. Please contact the Clerk on [clerk@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk) to request an invitation.

- **Planning Committee** – Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> April, 7.00 pm
- **Community Development Committee** – Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> April, 7.00 pm
- **Full Council Meeting** – Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> April, 7.00 pm
- **Annual Parish Meeting** – Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> April, time tbc

Meetings listed are correct at the time of printing but may be subject to change. Please check on the website for any updates or confirm by contacting [clerk@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## Community events

- There are no Community events this month

## NEWSLETTER No.20

**Parish Council Newsletter** Newsletters are posted on Noticeboards within the Parish and made available on the Parish Council website. If you would be interested in receiving the Parish Council Newsletter by email, please contact us on [clerk@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**COVID-19 support** There is a dedicated page on the Charlton Kings Parish Council website where we are posting information and useful contacts for individuals and community groups. <https://www.charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk/covid-19-corona-virus-support.html> This information is also being posted on our noticeboards and hard-copies can be requested by contacting [clerk@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**Parish Office – re-opening to members of the public** The Parish Office will re-open for visits by members of the public from Tuesday, 4th May 2021. If you have any questions or queries, please come in and see us after that date. In the meantime, you can contact all members of Parish Council staff by email or telephone. The opening hours for the Parish Officer from Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 are 10.00 am to 2.00 pm every weekday.

**Annual Parish Meeting – 29th April 2021** The Annual Parish Meeting provides an opportunity for residents to hear more about the work of the Parish Council. It has been agreed that a virtual Annual Parish Meeting will be held on the evening of Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and will include an Annual Report from the Chair, brief presentations by Parish Councillors leading on key projects and by recipients of Community Grants in 2020-21 and a public open session. The time of the meeting will be confirmed in due course. **If you are interested in attending, please contact [clerk@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk)**

It is hoped to hold a further Community Open Meeting later in summer 2021 which would focus on the work of CK Health Connect, specifically on work around young people's mental health.

**CKPC Community Grants** Our Community Grants scheme is again open for applications from local community groups and charities. Further information can be found on the Parish Council website at <https://www.charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk/community-grants.html> or by contacting [clerk@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**Allotments – “Easy Access” Allotment plot** Work has now been completed on our “easy access” allotment at the corner of the Sappercombe allotment site. The allotment has been provided to enable members of the community with issues relating to their mobility to join in with work at the site. It provides entry for wheelchair users directly from the car park off Little Herbert's Road onto paved pathways surrounding three raised beds. The allotment is directly adjacent to the Friends of Charlton Kings 'community allotment' and Friends of Charlton Kings will provide advice, assistance, or just a friendly chat as required. We hope that the new allotment will provide an

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opportunity for those taking part to work together and enjoy their collective efforts.

The provision of this allotment sits logically alongside the Council's recent work through CK Health Connect and will aid the work of the social prescribers and other organisations who have been involved in that project.

Initial allocation of the plot will take place in late April. If you are interested in the "easy access" plot and would like to submit a request for consideration in the initial allocation, please contact the Parish Council Office on [admin@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk) or 01242 250087 by **9.00 am on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021**. You will be asked to provide a brief outline of the reasons for your interest. A waiting list will be set up if demand for the "easy access" plot exceeds availability.

**Allotment bonfires – seasonal ban** Allotment tenants are reminded that, as of 1st April 2021, bonfires are prohibited on all our allotments sites. This seasonal ban will be in effect annually from 1st April until 30th September. Any breaches of this ban will be treated very seriously and may result in eviction. Any issues in relation to allotment bonfires during the summer period should be reported to Parish Council staff on [admin@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk) or 01242 250087.

**Allotments Competition – summer 2021** Following the disappointment of having to cancel last year's annual competition due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Allotments Committee is delighted to announce its intention to hold the competition this year. Shortlisting for the competition will be carried out in week commencing 21st June 2021. The shortlisted plots will then be judged by an independent panel in the first week of July. If COVID-19 restrictions at the time allow, we will aim to hold the awards ceremony in the Stanton Suite in September.

**CK HealthConnect – Health and Wellbeing survey of the community** On Monday 12th April 2021, the Parish Council is launching an online Health and Wellbeing survey to support the community to successfully transition out of COVID-19 restrictions. It is recognised that for many people, to a greater or lesser degree, there has been and will be an emotional, social, physical and financial impact as a result of the pandemic. With our local statutory and voluntary partners, we want to better understand the collective experience and needs of the Charlton Kings wider community as we move forward to the new 'normal'.

The short 5 question survey is available on the Parish Council website from 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and will be further circulated by our community health partners, including Sixways Clinic, Oakwell Health, Badhams and Charlton pharmacies, social prescribers, schools, faith groups and voluntary organisations, with a response deadline of **Monday, 10th May 2021**. Paper copies of the survey may be obtained from the Parish Council Office on request from [officer@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:officer@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk) or 01242 250087.

We hope that as many people as possible will be part of this important research, which later in the month will include a 2nd survey of local service & activity providers featured in our new Health & Well-Being Directory. The information you give us shall remain anonymous and will be shared only to support the goals of the CK Health Connect project. Find out more on the background to this project at the CK HealthConnect page on the Parish Council

## Your Councillors

Cllr Rob Williams (Chair)

Cllr Paul Cockwill

Cllr Ian Gosling

Cllr Katie Gosling

Cllr Russell Grimshaw

Cllr Penny Hall

Cllr Clive Hodges

Cllr Ned Holt

Cllr Janet Honeywill

Cllr Lynda Johnson

Cllr Andrew Lansley

Cllr Duncan Munro

Cllr Jim O'Sullivan

Cllr Pat Palmer

Cllr Felicity Parnham

Cllr Rob Reid

Cllr Ros Smith

website at <https://www.charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk/charlton-kings-health-connect.html>

### CK Futures – Carbon Footprint Challenge and EcoExchange

Charlton Kings is going to join millions of others worldwide to be part of Earth Day 2021 - the theme is 'Restore our Earth'. In preparation for this event on 22nd April 2021, Charlton Kings Parish Council will kick off the CK Futures Carbon Footprint Campaign by laying footprints in Church Piece and at Sixways on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021. These footprints will lead people to information on how to reduce their carbon footprint.

Linked to this there will be Carbon Reduction Guides available on the Parish Council website on Food, Travel, Consumption and more. We will also be inviting experts in home energy, electric vehicles and other topics to come and talk to us every month via a webinar. This will be an opportunity to gain relevant information on topics of interest, to ask questions and to engage with others on the same journey. Once restrictions are lifted, we hope to provide a space we can meet and listen to speakers face to face.

We will also be connecting with local schools through carbon footprint conversations and coordinating EcoExchanges with our twin towns across the

globe. The first EcoExchange will be between Balcarras, the Vision 21 Youth Ambassadors and the Sochi Biology Centre based in Sochi, Russia. This is planned for June/July. Others are in the pipeline for later in the year.

In the meantime, the carbon footprint campaign aims to visit Charlton Kings schools and through the teaching staff we would like to ask the children to talk to their parents about carbon reduction, to calculate their carbon footprint and start a climate conversation. To represent these actions, we will be asking the children to colour a footprint and place it in their window at home - it would be great to see Charlton Kings full of footprints!

We have registered our initiative with Earth Day 2021. We will represent not only Charlton Kings but also Gloucestershire in our efforts to raise the visibility of climate

change and demonstrate the importance of a resilient community working together to address changes in the way we live, travel, and enjoy our local environment.

Look out for more information on the Sustainable Charlton Kings Facebook page, the other Charlton Kings Facebook pages, and the CKPC web pages. We plan to produce a regular CK Futures newsletter for distribution to those who want to know more - watch this space! If you want more information or to get involved in CK Futures' work, please contact [ckfutures@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:ckfutures@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk)



## **CK Futures - A date for your diary “How Communities can change the future”**

On Wednesday, 28th April 2021 from 7pm - 8pm Raechel Kelly of The Liminality will engage us in the following talk: “Climate Change, Cheltenham and Charlton Kings - how communities can change the future”.

The talk will consider the following issues. What is climate change? How can I do anything about it? Even thinking about it all is overwhelming and the solutions are too expensive right?

Raechel Kelly is a local mother of three who works in the sustainability sector, helping organisations of all sizes tackle complex environmental and social issues. She is also working with local charity Vision 21 on an exciting new project 'Planet Cheltenham', which aims to empower Cheltenham's citizens to take meaningful action on climate change. Before setting up her sustainability consultancy The Liminality, Raechel spent 13 years working in sustainable finance.

Come along to this free informal online event to find out more about the climate crisis and how you can turbo charge your individual actions to create real change. To register for the event, please see our CK Futures Events Page at <https://www.charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk/ck-futures-events.html>

**Mobile police unit – Visits to Church Piece** The mobile police unit is scheduled to be in Church Piece, Charlton Kings at the following times: Thursday, 8th April 2021 from 4.30pm and Thursday, 22nd April between 10am and 2pm. As always, the visits may be cancelled if police officers are required for other duties which take precedence. For further information about the visits contact [admin@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk) or 01242 250087.

**Charlton Kings Historic Spring** Recently, passers-by noticed that work was in progress around the historic spring at Spring Bottom on School Road and there has been great concern that the future of the spring might be at risk. This unfailing spring that gives its name to Spring Bottom has provided, and continues to provide, pure drinking water to generations of Charltonians, and when the public water supply was cut off by the 2007 floods, it became the only source of water for many residents.

Until the 19th century, School Road was the original London Road, which went through the nearby ford, down Cudnall Street to the Holy Apostles junction, and the spring refreshed the horses that pulled the coaches and wagons.

In 1987, when the last of the three parish cottages, on what was then known as Hawthorn's Green, was demolished to make way for four new houses, Cheltenham Borough Council, into whose ownership the land had passed, identified the important heritage interest of the spring, and established legal protection for the ‘...purity or flow of the water...’ against it being ‘...obstructed, diminished, interfered with or polluted or otherwise damaged...’ Those familiar with the Victorian public drinking fountain by Holy Apostles, might recognise this carved inscription “The public are expected to protect from injury that which is erected for the public good”. In the case of our historic spring at Spring Bottom, the public has done just that.

Although the context of the spring has changed over the ten years, it remains accessible across what must be, at just a few metres in length, one of the shortest Public Footpaths in England, ZCK69.



The spring in 2011 can be seen in the photographs to the left and it is shown as it is in 2021 below.



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