

August 2020

Forthcoming events

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 to request an invitation.

- Planning Committee – Monday, 17th August, 7.00 pm
- Full Council Meeting – Monday, 24th August, 7.00 pm

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

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PLEASE NOTE - The best way to contact the Parish Office staff during the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak is by email.

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NEWSLETTER No.12

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

COVID-19 information and support There is now 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

Re-opening the Parish Office and Stanton Suite The Parish Council is working towards re-opening its various facilities as the COVID-19 "lockdown" starts to ease. The public toilets at Church Piece were re-opened in July 2020. We are now planning the re-opening of the Parish Office to members of the public who wish to speak to staff members and the re-opening of the Stanton Hall and Conference room for hire by organisations. We are aiming to open both the Parish Office and the Stanton Hall and Conference Room in September 2020. Full risk assessments and safety protocols will be in place prior to re-opening. In order to support community groups and small businesses, we will offer a 50% reduction in hire charges for both the Stanton Hall and Conference Room to the end of the calendar year 2020 in the first instance. **Further details about the re-opening will be included in our September 2020 Newsletter. However, if you are interested in hiring our facilities, please contact the Parish Office.**

CK Futures Climate Change Strategy At our Full Council meeting on 27th July 2020 the Parish Council endorsed the CK Futures Climate Change Strategy. This is the next stage in the Parish Council's environmental journey to take action in support of Cheltenham Borough Council's Climate Emergency Declaration. The CK Futures Climate Change Strategy has 6 main themes: Localness, Less Waste, Transport, People, Energy and Buildings and the Natural and Built Environment. Each theme has a number of goals which will guide our activities between now and March 2022. At that stage a new Parish Council will be elected and the goals will be revised for a further four years - all with the aim of reducing the carbon footprint of Charlton Kings.

A group of hardworking committed individuals have got us this far but it is only the start. Behind the scenes we have done some early planning and over the next few months we aim to get this initiative up and running. The next step involves engaging and collaboration with individuals, groups and organisations. We need people with a range of skills, interest in climate and the community to join us and support this activity. We work voluntarily for the community, with the community. **If you are interested in being involved in this project or would like further information about it, please contact Cllr Felicity Parnham via the Parish Office by email or telephone. Further details can also be found on the Charlton Kings Parish Council website at the following link: <https://www.charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk/environment-working-group.html>**

Your Councillors

Cllr Rob Williams (Chair)

Cllr Jessica Diamond

Cllr Russell Grimshaw

Cllr Penny Hall

Cllr Sandra Henley

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

New Community Allotment project Charlton Kings Parish Council Allotments Committee is pleased to be able to let two adjacent vacant plots on its Sappercombe site to the Friends of Charlton Kings to develop as a community allotment. This joint initiative meets the desire of both organisations to offer practical opportunities for improving community mental and physical health by supporting and encouraging people who may never have had the opportunity to grow plants or produce some of their own food. The Friends of Charlton Kings plan to manage this initiative with a team of volunteers. **Contact the Parish Office for further information.**

Charlton Kings Parish Council Community Grant Scheme Our Community Grants scheme is currently open for applications from local community groups and charities. Further information can be found on our website at <https://www.charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk/community-grants.html> or by contacting clerk@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk

Cleaning Bus Shelters Charlton Kings Parish Council has agreed a contract for quarterly cleaning of the 11 bus shelters in the Parish for which we have responsibility, and the first clean was completed in July 2020. Members of the public have appreciated the improvement in their experience when waiting for buses. The shelters under our care display a sticker to this effect, and any concerns about them should be reported to the Parish Office.

Bicycle Coding event The Parish Council teamed up with Gloucestershire Constabulary Neighbourhood Watch in Church Piece on Saturday 11th July to sponsor the 3rd free bicycle coding and registration event within the parish over the last 18 months. It was a great community and crime prevention occasion, which attracted over 200 bicycle owners (all social distancing) and set a Gloucestershire record for a single session. Many thanks from the Parish Council to all those attending - you helped to make the day a huge success!



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