

August 2021

Parish Council meetings

All meetings of the Parish Council will be face-to-face only from 7th May 2021 onwards. Members of the public are very welcome to attend any of our meetings which will be held in compliance with COVID-19 social distancing procedures.

- **Planning Committee** – Monday, 9th August, 7.00 pm
- **Allotments Committee** – Wednesday, 11th August, 7.00 pm
- **Full Council meeting** – Monday, 23rd August, 7.00 pm
- **Planning Committee** – Thursday, 26th 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

Community events

- **Autumn Fayre** – Saturday, 18th September, 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm on Grange Field.

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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 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

CK Health Connect – Postponement of Digibus project to autumn 2021 – IT Schools Africa has been in touch with us to say that due to unforeseen delays, the launch of their exciting Digibus project in Charlton Kings on 26th August is postponed until the Autumn. We are informed that there have been some technical issues in designing the power management system and that the initial conversion work has taken longer than initially thought. The good news



is that the conversion from bus to digital lab is now fully underway, with a projected completion date of the end of September. Local residents will then have the opportunity to sign up and make the most of digital technology in 1-1 sessions and small group workshops. IT Schools Africa has sent us their sincere apologies for any inconvenience caused by this delay. They look forward to welcoming our project volunteers and the public aboard the Digibus, once the bus is ready and road tested to 'go live' in Charlton Kings. Details of the revised schedule will be confirmed by Digibus later this month and posted on our website. For any queries, please contact digibus@itschoolsafrica.org

Autumn Fayre - Grange Field and Church Piece on Saturday, 18th September 2021, from 2 - 6 pm - The Parish Council looks forward to welcoming residents to a free, family fun event, which is taking place later than usual this year following the opening up after COVID-19 restrictions.

In addition to Scarrotts Funfair, a professional children's entertainer, a much requested return visit from the amazing falconry display and performances from Cheltenham Silver Band, there will be some new attractions this year. Visitors will be able to meet local Councillors and experts from various fields at both the CK Health Connect and CK Futures stands. Through conversation and participation in innovative activities they will learn more about the progress being made towards better mental and physical health after the pandemic, and how we are taking steps to help people understand what they can do to tackle climate change for our own and future generations.

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Food and drink outlets in Church Piece, a bar from the Merryfellow Inn and some specialist stalls will be on hand to provide refreshments throughout. Some pitches for stands are still available for charities and businesses to come along and join in to show the public what they have to offer. Please apply to admin@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk for further detail.

Charlton Kings Youth Work Stakeholders' Group meeting - We reported last month on the creation of a group of influential stakeholders that would work with Gemma Hall, the leader of the programme of street-based youth work in Cheltenham over the next twelve months.

The group met in the Stanton Hall on 15th July, with 16 representatives drawn from the Parish Council, Borough Council, police, churches, Friends of Charlton Kings, and a specialist educational psychologist. The purpose of the group is to provide local context and local networking of key connections, to support the street-based youth work in Charlton Kings as part of the wider project in Cheltenham.

Participants shared a wide range of insights gained from practical experience in Charlton Kings over the last few years. Gemma Hall will follow these up with individual discussions in the next few weeks. A clear priority was identified to reinstate some form of youth club, and this will be investigated by the Parish Council, although at present there is no organisation to lead it and no funds. Inspire to Aspire will provide a monthly report of their work in our community which will be disseminated to the group and made available on our website. The group will reconvene in September/October, or earlier if necessary.

Dedicated youth work page on Charlton Kings Parish Council website - We now have a page on our website dedicated to youth work in Charlton Kings <https://www.charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk/ck-youth.html> If you are running any events or activities for young people in Charlton Kings, please contact us on clerk@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk and we would be happy to consider advertising them on this website page and through our other communications channels (social media, Parish Newsletter and Parish Noticeboards). If you have your own website or Facebook page, we would be happy to include a link on this page too.

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

Community Development Officer – new staff role at Charlton Kings Parish Council The appointment of a new staff member was formally approved at our Full Council meeting on 26th August 2021. Anna MacFadzean, the successful candidate, is due to start work as our Community Development Officer in September 2021. She will be instrumental in developing our engagement with local residents and working with them to strengthen and improve our local community. Further information about the Community Development Officer's role will be included in future Newsletters.

Update on CK Futures Thank you to Charlton Kings resident Dr Peter Boait, a Research Fellow at De Montfort University who delivered our July webinar. His presentation 'Local Community and Climate Change - why sharing solutions and parish policies are needed to get to net zero' was well received and

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provided the opportunity for plenty of questions and discussion. Peter shared how we can make the changes needed to our homes and modes of travel to respond to climate change through collective solutions that can work for multiple households, including shared loop heat pumps, a heating scheme for part of Cheltenham, and sharing a solar powered car! You can access listen to a recording of Peter's talk at <https://youtu.be/cPWYSZM8tJE>

Class 6L at the Richard Pate School engaged in a climate conversation with their families and friends. They provided over 40 ways they could reduce their carbon footprint. Our thanks to the school for getting involved and to the young people for their ideas and enthusiasm! The Balcarras-Sochi EcoExchange is underway. Students from Balcarras in Cheltenham and the Ecological and Biological Institute in Sochi, Russia have shared eco-stories



and agreed on two joint projects to work on over the summer: CO₂ monitoring in Sochi & Charlton Kings and to produce a joint recipe book using sustainably sourced ingredients. A great start and we are planning another exchange with Pates and Annecy, France plus we are talking to other schools and home educated young people about getting involved with our other Cheltenham twin

and friendship towns in China, Kenya, the Netherlands, Germany and the USA. The Vision21 Youth Ambassadors are taking an active role in CK Futures and have created an inspiring "A-Z of Sustainability" which can be found on the our website at <https://www.charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk/knowledge-and-tools.html>. They have also produced a short video which gives a clear message why climate change is important - please take a look at <https://megmarsland.com/2021/07/climate-conference/>

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