

February 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, 1<sup>st</sup> February, 7.00 pm
- **Community Development Committee** – Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> February, 7.00 pm
- **Allotments Committee** – Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> February, 7.00 pm
- **Planning Committee** – Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> February, 7.00 pm
- **Full Council Meeting** – Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 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](mailto:clerk@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk)

### Community events

- **Friends of Grange Field Working Party (initial meeting)** – Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> February, 6.30 pm (*Contact the Clerk for an invitation to this virtual meeting*)



Grange Field, Charlton Kings: Doug Cruden

**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)

**Friends of Grange Field Working Party meeting – 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021** The first meeting of the Friends of Grange Field Working Party will take place virtually at 6.30 pm on Thursday, 4th February 2021.

Residents are warmly invited to join the meeting to find out more about the Friends of Grange Field Working Party and consider whether they wish to become members of it.

The purpose of the initial meeting is to:

- introduce those who are interested in providing input regarding Grange Field to each other;
- share the ideas put forward by the community as part of our survey of residents in November 2020 and identify their priorities e.g. seating, children play equipment, table tennis table, natural planting.
- explain the plan for developing Grange Field including the proposed timeline for 2021;
- set out a number of principles to help shape the group and its actions.

## Contact details

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If you are unable to attend the initial meeting but would like to be involved in the Friends of Grange Field Working Party, please contact the Clerk by email or by telephone on 01242 250087 or in writing to the Parish Office at 26 Church Street, Charlton Kings, GL53 8AR. Further information about our strategy for Grange Field can be found on our website at: <https://www.charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk/grange-field.html>

**Community Support Group Meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021** From time to time, the Parish Council calls together representatives of our schools, churches, the police, Borough and Parish Councillors, to co-ordinate support for young people and to decrease incidents of antisocial behaviour. The fourth meeting of this group, chaired by Borough Councillor Paul McCloskey, was held on 19th January.

Schools reported on the intense amount of work they were doing to keep schooling as 'normal' as possible for students but emphasised the increase in pastoral care that had been put in place. The police reported that, unsurprisingly, burglary and theft crimes were at an all-time low in Cheltenham, but that increased mental health problem for many people had required their interventions. Too much of their time had to be spent cautioning and fining people for breaking lockdown rules.

Meetings with the Borough Council's Cabinet member for Healthy Lifestyles, Cllr Flo Clucas, were reported. These had sown the seeds of the possibility of creating a youth service for Cheltenham which is now sadly lacking as a result of the steady draining of all national and local funding over the past decade. The Parish Council has set aside £10,000 in its 2021/22 budget to address these matters if a comprehensive, resilient, and professionally based solution can be developed.

**CK Health Connect** Having published and circulated the Health & Well-Being Directory of support services and activities last month, the project has now moved on to look at how the Parish Council can work in partnership with other agencies and voluntary groups to address some of the gaps in services that have been identified. We recognise that Covid-19 has highlighted the need across the UK to build resilience for our communities and that we have a role in coming together with our partners to do what we can to help with the 'fight-back' for the residents of Charlton Kings.

Over the coming months, the project will look more closely at how the Parish Council can play its part in the development of actions around 5 key focus areas, which were identified in research conducted by our community development worker in 2020:

1. Promoting opportunities to improve physical health & well-being
2. Developing further community understanding around mental health issues
3. Analysing transport challenges for senior citizens
4. Addressing the inequalities of access to digital technology
5. Resourcing of initiatives and supports for young people.

As we work to develop the programme, we would love to hear from you with any comments, input or questions you might have. You can email us at [ckhealthconnect@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:ckhealthconnect@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk) or find further details of our CK Health Connect project on the Parish Council website at:

## 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

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

**CK Futures Survey - Carbon Footprint** Thank you to everyone who completed the CK Futures survey. In December we reported the initial findings which stood out. Of the 162 people who responded, 78% stated they had not yet calculated their carbon footprint, and 48% would like to try to reduce their carbon emissions in 2021, with 38% saying they would consider giving it a go. In response: CK Futures is currently exploring ways to help those residents who would like to know their carbon footprint and identifying areas which can support people to make changes to reduce carbon emissions. We are reviewing carbon calculators, and looking at how to provide information/guidance as needed. Look out for information on the Sustainable Charlton Kings Facebook page and on the Parish Council website at:

<https://www.charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk/charlton-kings-environment.html>

**CK Futures Survey - Community Groups** You also told us: the majority of respondents have some awareness and experience of local groups in Charlton Kings, however there were a small number who felt they were on the outer rim of the parish and didn't feel the benefit and weren't always aware of what was happening or felt part of the community.

In response: Charlton Kings Parish Council is currently reviewing its approach to community engagement. It has also just published the first ever Health Directory for Charlton Kings which can be accessed on the Parish Council website at: <https://www.charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk/charlton-kings-health-connect.html>

**Cox's Meadow – seating** Several residents have expressed a desire for more seats to be provided at Cox's Meadow. Cheltenham Borough Council, which has responsibility for managing Cox's Meadow, has a scheme which allows seats, and trees, to be sponsored by local residents. If any residents are interested in sponsoring a seat at Cox's Meadow or elsewhere in the Parish, they should contact [greenspacedevelopment@cheltenham.gov.uk](mailto:greenspacedevelopment@cheltenham.gov.uk) We have been advised by Cheltenham Borough Council's Green Space Manager that the Environment Agency has stated that no benches or similar furniture must be placed on top or sides of the flood bund. Effectively this limits the space available at Cox's Meadow for seating mainly to the cycle path edge, and area abutting Old Bath Road, where there is already seating.

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