

July 2021

## Parish Council meetings

All meetings of the Parish Council will be face-to-face only from 7<sup>th</sup> 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, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 7.00 pm
- **Community Development Committee** – Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> July, 7.00 pm
- **Finance and General Purposes Committee** – Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> July, 4.00 pm
- **Planning Committee** – Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> July, 7.00 pm
- **Allotments Committee** – Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 7.00 pm
- **Full Council meeting** – Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> July, 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

- **Community Meeting regarding Grange Field** – Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> July, 7.00 pm in the Stanton Hall. All welcome.
- **Autumn Fayre – Saturday, 18th September on Grange Field.** Further information in due course.
- **Visit by DigiBus to Charlton Kings** – Thursday, 26th August to Saturday, 28th August. Further information in due course.

## NEWSLETTER No.23

**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)

**Refurbishment of the mosaic water rill at Church Piece** The Parish Council is delighted to announce that the mosaic water rill in Church Piece has reopened following a complete rebuild of the much-



loved centrepiece. The refurbishment of the rill has been managed and jointly funded by the Parish Council in partnership with Cheltenham Borough Council.

After a lengthy period of absence, the painstaking work began on reinstalling the mosaic, which was originally designed by a group of Balcarras students. After 3 days in the hot June sunshine, and attracting quite a lot of interest from passers-by, Oliver Budd, who was commissioned to recreate the piece of

art, installed the last piece of the mosaic.

The excitement increased further when the water was switched back on. Since then, the rill has re-established itself as the place to be for some paddling and splashing after school, tranquillity and artistic beauty and not least the colourful heart of the popular Charlton Kings precinct.

**Grange Field Open Meeting – Postponed** Due to the Government's announcement to delay the easing of Covid restrictions, we have had to make the difficult decision to postpone the Grange Field Open Meeting which had been scheduled to take place on 6th July.

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However, we have rescheduled the meeting for Wednesday 21st July at 7.00pm in the Stanton Hall, by which time we should hopefully be able to convene safely. All residents are warmly invited to join us on the 21st of July to discuss the way forward for the Grange Field. Please contact the office at [clerk@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk) if you have any queries or questions about the meeting.

### CK Health Connect - Volunteers needed to help more members of the CK community to 'Get online & stay online safely & securely'

CK Health Connect is working with IT Schools Africa to launch their DigiBus IT skills-building project in Church Piece,



**DigiBus**  
Connecting Communities

Charlton Kings from **Thursday, 26th August to Saturday, 28th August**. The DigiBus will be visiting community venues across Gloucestershire over the next few months in a converted double decker bus to help people acquire or build on their digital skills in a unique, low pressure environment.

Our recent post- Covid survey told us that during lockdown, some of our community were struggling to access information, support, and services, which are increasingly, and sometimes exclusively, accessible only online. We urgently need volunteers who, with the support of the DigiBus IT trainer, will help individuals to make the most of digital technology in a way that meets their very practical day to day needs.

**You do not need to be an IT whizz, but if you can show someone how to any of the following things, and you can spare a few hours of your time on one or more of the three days when the project will be in Charlton Kings, then then IT Schools Africa would really love to hear from you.**

Please email: [digibus@itschoolsafrica.org](mailto:digibus@itschoolsafrica.org) You can also email us with further queries at: [ckhealthconnect@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:ckhealthconnect@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk)

- Set up an online account, an email address and manage passwords
- Be aware of online security and the importance of safe practises
- Download apps (for your phone, your ipad, your computer)
- Order shopping online
- Book a GP appointment online
- Fill out digital forms
- Connect to family and friends through audio and video
- Recognise safe websites
- Create a document and a spreadsheet

**CK Futures update** Our thanks go to Matt Cleevly of Cleevly Motors Ltd for providing an insight into EVs, from owning and servicing to getting the best from an electric vehicle. He covered a lot of ground

## 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

and ably answered a range of questions from CK residents. A recording of the webinar can be found on the Parish Council website at <https://www.charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk/workshops.html>

Later this month we will welcome Dr Peter Boait a Research Fellow at De Montfort University's Institute of Energy and Sustainable Development. He is an engineer who has been working on low carbon domestic energy for 20 years. He will be presenting "Local Community and Climate Change - why sharing solutions and parish policies are needed to get to net zero". The date, time and location to be confirmed. June 2021 saw two virtual 'eco' exchanges between young people at Balcarras, Cheltenham and the Ecological and Biological Institute in Sochi, Russia. This is the first of what we hope are a number of exchanges between Cheltenham schools and our twin towns that focus on climate and the environment. It is an opportunity for young people to hear what is happening in other countries, how they are tackling climate change and to work together on projects which will benefit us all. See Pupils Talk Eco on Cheltenham Twinning Association site <https://cheltenhamtwinning.wordpress.com/category/cheltenham-uk-news/>

**Supporting our young people** It is widely acknowledged that, even more than older age groups, young people have had their lives disrupted most severely over the last 15 months. This came at a time when almost all local authority support for youth work had been withdrawn and in Charlton Kings, with the closure of the Youth Club in the Kings Hall, it has been the churches and schools that have been left to provide some youth services.

Charlton Kings Parish Council has contributed £5,000 to a joint initiative between Cheltenham's Parish Councils and Cheltenham Borough Council to create a fund that will support outreach youth work across Cheltenham this year. *Inspire to Aspire* is the Community Interest Company chosen to deliver these services and it is crucial that we work with them to advise on our needs in Charlton Kings.

We have created a Youth Work Stakeholder Group to support this approach, including County, Borough and Parish Councillors, and representatives from the churches, schools, police, Friends of Charlton Kings, and individuals with particular skills and experience. The Group will be meeting with Gemma Hall from Inspire to Aspire on 15<sup>th</sup> July when an engagement plan for meeting young people will be worked out. For their sakes, we must ensure that this initiative can be sustained in future years.

**Restoring Cheltenham's Escarpment Grasslands project** In Spring 2019, we were made aware of an opportunity to tap into the National Grid's 'Landscape Enhancement Initiative' grant fund. After many twists and turns, our partnership has finally secured a grant of £175,000 from National Grid to fund works over 3 years that will enhance the landscape and biodiversity of the limestone grassland

slopes that provide the southern backdrop to Cheltenham. Including some cash and volunteer time, the project amounts to £250,000.

The Partnership is led and managed by Charlton Kings Parish Council (the Custodian of Ravensgate Common) and Cheltenham Borough Council (the owner of Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common). The Friends of Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common (FOLK) are key partners who carry out much voluntary management work for the Borough Council.

Cotswold National landscape (AONB) is facilitating the project, and our aims are to clear much scrub and gorse on the steepest slopes, remove dead and dying Ash trees, restore the landscape blighted by ill-advised planting of Larch trees in 1970 on Leckhampton Hill, renovate nationally important industrial archaeology associated with the quarrying of limestone underneath the Devil's Chimney, rebuild derelict dry stone walls, secure the long term grazing of grasslands and, most importantly, to improve and encourage public access to enjoy Cheltenham's best and most extensive views and wildlife.

A dedicated page that will carry updates as the project progresses will be added to the Parish Council's website in the next few weeks.

**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 at <https://www.charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk/community-grants.html> or by contacting [clerk@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**Autumn Fayre** Charlton Kings Parish Council is running an Autumn Fayre on Grange Field on Saturday, 18th September. This is in place of our usual Summer Fayre which has not been possible this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. If you represent a community group or business that might be interested in having a stall at the Fayre, please contact [admin@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk)

