

May 2020

Forthcoming events

This month

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.

- **CANCELLED - Finance and General Purposes Committee** - Thursday, 7th May, 7.00 pm
- **CANCELLED – Parish Meeting and Community Open Meeting** – Monday, 11th May. **We have had to cancel this meeting as it is not feasible to hold it as a virtual meeting. We hope to reschedule this meeting once COVID-19 outbreak restrictions are lifted.**
- **Planning Committee** – Thursday, 14th May, 7.30 pm
- **Annual Meeting of the Parish Council** – Monday, 18th May, 7.00 pm
- **Planning Committee** – Thursday, 21st May, 7.30 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

NEWSLETTER No.9

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-coronavirus-support.html> This information is also being posted on our noticeboards and hard-copies can be requested by contacting clerk@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk

Parish Councillor vacancy There is currently one vacancy on the Parish Council. Being a Councillor is a varied and interesting role which allows residents to have a positive impact on their community. **For more information see the Parish Council website.**

Coronavirus and Friends of Charlton Kings As soon as the pandemic began to make itself known in mid-March, FoCK developed its COVID-19 response team that has transformed the coordination of support actions



across the whole of Charlton Kings parish (and beyond where there is no other assistance readily available). With strong leadership, a comprehensive range of professional skills and the active participation of large

number of volunteers, 28 local hubs have been established covering 200-500 houses each. Their role is to deliver food supplies, be a phone contact, facilitate free gardening supplies and care parcels for those in isolation, and much, much more. FoCK is linked closely to the coordinating role that Cheltenham Borough Council is playing across the town and the Parish Council is immensely grateful to every last person who is helping us all to survive and prosper in these demanding circumstances. The Parish Council has been able to provide financial assistance plus advice, guidance and support and will continue to work closely with FoCK and CBC throughout this crisis and beyond. The Parish Council's website has a dedicated Covid-19 page that links to their contact addresses.

CK Health Connect For the past three months, Dr Amanda Wragg, our CK Health Connect Community Development Worker has been visiting different community groups and having conversations with business people; churches; schools; pubs and cafes; and, people who run or attend health and well-being activities for all ages in the Parish. Her aim is to

Your Councillors

Cllr Rob Williams (Chair)

Cllr Christopher Bryant

Cllr Jessica Diamond

Cllr Russell Grimshaw

Cllr Penny Hall

Cllr Clive Hodges

Cllr Ned Holt

Cllr Janet Honeywill

Cllr Joanna Hughes

Cllr John Hughes

Cllr Lynda Johnson

Cllr Andrew Lansley

Cllr Duncan Munro

Cllr Pat Palmer

Cllr Felicity Parnham

Cllr Rob Reid

Contact details

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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 or letter.

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look at what already goes on, what local people feel there should be more of, and to listen to ideas for new activities or services that the Parish Council can recommend to agencies and organisations who work in the Parish. A questionnaire has gone out to people through the local pharmacies to find out people's views on the opportunities and services in the Parish. **If you would like to contribute your own experience and ideas by 15th May 2020, you can download the questionnaire from the CK Health Connect page on the Parish Council website or you can CKHealthConnect@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk to request a copy.**

Cleaning the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) Most of us walk past this games area without giving it another thought, but it is an important part of our provision for young people and is very well used by day and of an evening. It is now in the care of the Parish Council as part of the area of Grange Field that we lease from the Borough Council. It is a while since it has had a spruce-up, so last year we gave the attractive Beech hedge some TLC and removed all the other trees and plants that were starting to ruin its appearance. We have now



contracted our wonderful handyman, Adrian Czirle, to clean up and sweep the whole area, repair the fencing and restore some damaged paintwork. We are also making sure that the floodlights remain pointed where they should be, all ready for use when we are able to open up these facilities again.

ChatShak We were delighted to install our new ChatShak shelter on Grange Field, aimed specifically for use by young people, in April 2020. It



is a bench with a weatherproof "roof". Unfortunately it cannot currently be used due to COVID-19 restrictions but we hope that it will become a very popular meeting spot in due course. We received a generous grant from the Gloucestershire Police Commissioner's Fund in order to purchase the ChatShak.

Mowing of allotments and St Mary's Churchyard Residents may have noticed that St Mary's Churchyard and the allotments have recently been mown. The Parish Council has arranged for them to be mowed regularly throughout the summer by Ricky's Happy Gardens.

CKPC Community Grants Our Community Grants scheme is again 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

