

May 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, 10th May, 7.00 pm
- Planning Committee – Monday, 17th May, 7.00 pm
- Annual Meeting of the Parish Council – Monday, 23rd May, 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

- There are no Community events this month

NEWSLETTER No.21

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

Face-to-face meetings of the Full Council and Standing Committees

The legislation that permitted virtual meetings ends on 7th May 2021 so we are now required to hold face-to-face meetings for Full Council and all Standing Committees as from that date. Further information for those who wish to attend one of our meetings, is given below.

- The COVID-19 socially-distanced capacity for the venue is assessed for each meeting, taking into account the number of Councillors and staff members who will be attending, and stated on the agenda. Access for members of the public is given on a “first-come-first-served” basis and we cannot admit more than the stated number to the meeting.
- Members of the public who wish to attend meetings must form a socially-distanced queue at the main entrance to the Stanton Hall (by the Library) until they are given access to the building by a Councillor or member of staff immediately prior to the start of the meeting.
- Members of the public must wear face masks at all times, unless exempt from doing so under current government legislation, and use the hand-sanitizer provided at the entrance. They will be asked to provide their name and contact details on entry.
- Members of the public must proceed as directed to their seat at the meeting and remain in it until the end of the meeting.
- A Councillor or member of staff will direct members of the public to leave, one-by-one, in a socially-distanced way at the end of the meeting.
- MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO FEEL UNWELL MUST NOT ENTER THE BUILDING. You must return home and follow government guidance.
- IF YOU ARE IN A VULNERABLE CATEGORY, OR OVER 70, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT YOU ENTER THIS BUILDING AT YOUR OWN RISK.
- If members of the public do not feel comfortable attending a face-to-face meeting they may submit any questions or comments in advance by 12.00 noon on the day of the meeting to the lead member of staff using contact details provided on the agenda.

Contact details

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New staff role at Charlton Kings Parish Council On 10th May 2021, we will be advertising a new part-time role for a Community Development Officer at the Parish Council. For further information about this interesting and rewarding role supporting residents of Charlton Kings, and how to apply for it, have a look at our website on <https://www.charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk/vacancies.html> or contact us on clerk@charltonkingparishcouncil.gov.uk or 01242 250087.

Annual Parish Meeting 2021 The Annual Parish Meeting was held remotely on Thursday 29th April. Twelve Parish Councillors attended but disappointingly, despite several members of the public requesting a Webex link to the meeting, only two attended.

The Chair's report for 2020/21 was read by Cllr Rob Williams and is posted on the Parish Council's website at: <https://www.charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-plan.html> along with the three presentations by our major project leads, and the minute of the meeting, including public discussion topics.

Cllr Pat Palmer outlined the background to the proposals that the Parish Council has brought forward to improve the look and public use of Grange Field, acknowledging that more work needs to be done before some projects could be taken forward.

Cllr Felicity Parnham presented an overview of the first full year of CK Futures, the Council's environment programme whose main activities are focussed on bringing opportunities to take personal action to combat Climate Change into people's lives.

Cllr Katie Gosling presented Cllr Lynda Johnson's report on the development and publication of CK Health Connect's Health and Wellbeing Directory and outlined the current and vital work that is being done to look at what residents and health service providers will need as Covid restrictions ease.

CK Health Connect - Post Covid-19 Survey continues until Monday, 10th May You still have time to complete our short post-Covid-19 Health & Well-Being survey, which closes on Monday May 10th. You can access the online survey by clicking on the following link:

<https://freeonlinesurveys.com/s/bmN7HCW4>

Paper copies of the survey are now available on request from the library, Sixways Clinic, Oakwell Health, Badhams and Charlton pharmacies. You can also contact the Parish Council Office to collect a copy by phoning our admin team on 01242 250087. Many thanks to all those who have completed the survey so far. Later this month we will be conducting a follow-up survey of all our local service & activity providers featured in our new Health & Well-Being Directory. Both surveys will allow us to focus on the health & well-being needs of the Charlton Kings community as we emerge from lockdown.

CK Futures update

- In April 2021, CK Futures launched the **Carbon Footprint Challenge** by laying footprints at Sixways and Church Piece. These provide some footprint facts and guide residents to the noticeboards and banners which promote the WWF carbon calculator <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/#/>. What is your carbon footprint?
- To support this initiative, we have produced **CK Futures News** which can be accessed 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/news/2021/04/ck-futures-newsletter-april-2021>. Take a look. Someone in your family might also like to colour in the footprint on the back and place it into a window to show their support for reducing our carbon footprints. We have some hard copies at the Parish Office if you want to pick one up.

- There are also tools and information available on the Parish Council webpages including our **Carbon Reduction Guides** on topics such as food, travel and stuff we buy plus some helpful FAQs. They can be accessed at: <https://www.charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk/knowledge-and-tools.html>
- We will also be hosting a **monthly webinar** to provide more information and guidance on climate change, Electric vehicles, home energy etc. On 26th May at 7pm we welcome **Justine Mallinson from Severn Wye** (Energy) who will share ideas on **how to reduce our carbon footprint of our homes**.
- Please take a look at our web pages to keep up to date. Contact us on ckfutures@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk us if you have any questions or want to get involved.

Regenerative Horticulture At the 2015 Paris Climate conference, the UK was one of many countries that signed up to the '4 in a 1000' initiative. The purpose of this initiative was to increase the soil carbon content by 4% per year. One of our Ryeworth allotment holders, Mr Bob Lawson, has written a paper investigating how we can all do our bit towards achieving this goal. Bob discusses how we can manage our allotment plots and gardens to be productive, while improving soil structure, its water holding capacity and storage of carbon?

If you would like to read Bob's paper, please visit our website as below; <https://www.charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk/regenerative-horticulture.html> Keep a look out for posters illustrating Bob's best practice guide on soil regeneration and carbon storage, in noticeboards across the Parish.



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