

November 2020

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 to request an invitation.

- Planning Committee – Monday, 2nd November, 7.00 pm
- Finance & General Purposes Committee – Monday, 9th November, 3.00 pm
- Community Development Committee – Monday, 16th November, 7.00 pm
- Planning Committee – Monday, 23rd November, 7.00 pm
- Full Council Meeting – Monday, 30th November, 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 events planned for November 2020 due to the COVID-19 lockdown

NEWSLETTER No.15

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

Parish Councillor vacancies There are currently two vacancies on the Parish Council. Being a Councillor is a varied and interesting role which allows residents to have a positive impact on their community. **If you are interested in the role, or would like further information, please contact the Clerk by email on clerk@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk If you do not have access to email, you can write to her at the Parish Office address.**

COVID-19 Temporary closure of Stanton Suite from 5th November 2020 We very much regret that, due to the new COVID-19 lockdown, the Parish Office and Stanton Suite will be closed from Thursday, 5th November 2020 until the end of the lockdown period. During this period, the Stanton Hall and Conference Room will not be available for hire. The public toilets at Church Piece will remain open.

Parish Office staff will continue to work their usual hours but will primarily be based at home. Although we will be picking up telephone messages left on the Parish Office number, the best way to contact us is by email.

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

Grange Field consultation with residents – November 2020 Grange Field sits in the centre of Charlton Kings. It is used for dog walking, for games and as the location for the Summer Fayre. However, for many residents it is just an area people cross to get from one place to another. Charlton Kings Parish Council would like to encourage greater use of the Field and are planning some enhancements with a focus on wellbeing, health, fitness and nature.

In the last few weeks local volunteers from Charlton Kings in Bloom have planted spring bulbs around the trees and volunteers will plant a hornbeam hedge in the near future. The Parish Council would like your views on the ideas that have been put forward, and on how the Field could be used to the best effect.

By early November 2020 residents who live within half a mile of Grange Field will receive a leaflet through the door providing more detail and asking them to complete a survey and return it to the Charlton Kings Parish Council Office in Church Piece by 20th November 2020. For those who prefer to respond online, and residents living further away, please visit the Parish Council website on <https://www.charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk/grange-field.html> and complete the online copy. More information and a proposed timeline are also available on the website.

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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

New "Friends of Grange Field" group The Parish Council would like to create a Friends of Grange Field group to work in partnership with them on the management and development of Grange Field. This is a brilliant opportunity to be part of something which ensures Grange Field becomes and remains an important amenity for Charlton Kings. **Please contact the Parish Office, ideally by 20th November 2020, if you are interested in joining the Friend of Grange Field.**

Remembrance Day 2020 – Sunday, 8th November 2020

The annual Service of Remembrance will again be held at the War Memorial on Sunday 8th November, although it will have to be a very different event in this, dangerous, pandemic year.

As the Great War of 2014-18 fades into history, in 2020 we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, "The Greatest War", that was the most destructive in human experience and a testament to the folly of war itself.

At 09.50 at the War Memorial, Charlton Kings will again remember and respect the sacrifice of so many local people among the host of those who suffered and died. The service will be compliant with Covid-19 rules which means that many fewer people will be able to be present in person. We are therefore, with great reluctance and regret, asking people not to attend in person this year unless you have been specifically invited. By keeping numbers down and enforcing clear social distancing, we will be able to hold a safe and respectful event to maintain the long tradition of our Remembrance Day services.

The whole service will be broadcast live on the St. Mary's church website - follow this link if you would like to join the service remotely:

https://youtu.be/2_b7prmYOu4

Tree Charter Day 2020 - Saturday 28th November The Parish Council is one of many councils that have signed up to support the Woodland Trust's Tree Charter, which was launched on 6th November 2017, on the 800th anniversary of the 1217 Charter of the Forest.

This is an important year, as we will formally sign Charlton Kings Parish Council's Tree Strategy on Tree Charter Day. Our Tree Charter has been written for 'those who come after', as by planting a tree today, we are contributing to a better future only for succeeding generations. Tree planting is a crucial element of our CK Futures environment strategy.

Our events arranged to celebrate Tree Charter day are:

- ✓ Launching our Tree Strategy
- ✓ Planting two specimen trees on Grange Field – a beautiful Persian Silk Tree, and a weeping, white Mulberry
- ✓ Volunteers will plant a new landscaped hornbeam hedge on the edge of Grange Field
- ✓ Gloucestershire County Council will be improving the waymarking of the public footpaths that form a circular walk to Charlton Kings' oldest tree, the Great Oak on Welling Hill



- ✓ A very small part of the Woodland Trust's prime Ancient Woodland Nature Reserve lies in the parish and is a place that would make a wonderful visit on a fine autumn day.

Update on CK Futures - Charlton Kings Parish Council's response to the climate emergency

The Sustainable Charlton Kings Facebook group was launched in October for people interested in making a positive environmental impact; to swap ideas and knowledge on the many things we can do locally to reduce waste, protect local nature and reduce our carbon footprint.

Thank you to everyone who has joined and for your contributions. In a few weeks it has covered everything from climate change documentaries 'Kiss the Ground' to making the most of your pumpkins; soups and pies are the favourites. Enjoying our natural environment also comes out on top, trying to get a better understanding of where to recycle waste and a conversation on ethical banking. If you wish to join, search on Facebook - there are some rules so don't forget to accept them - we look forward to seeing you there.

In late November 2020 we will be asking Charlton Kings residents to provide their views on a range of subjects e.g. recycling, personal carbon footprints and the use of plastics via an online survey on the Parish Council website. Please take the time to complete - the information you provide will help to shape actions and initiatives in 2021. **If you want to get involved or to know more please contact Cllr Felicity Parnham on felicity.parnham@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk**

Update on CK Health Connect We are delighted to announce that the Parish Council's Health & Wellbeing Directory full-colour brochure will be published this month on the council website. The brochure will provide a comprehensive 'one-stop-shop' listing of support services and activities in the Charlton Kings area and beyond. A limited number of hard copies will also be distributed to various community hubs across Charlton Kings, including the parish council office, library, Sixways Clinic, local pharmacies, and churches.

We are also pleased to tell you that we have been working with the NHS Directory Services Team to customise the directory data as an online resource for our local doctors and frontline support workers. The resource will enable practitioners to signpost their patients and clients to the relevant community support services and activities in Charlton Kings, access to which will be even more critical as we continue to move through the challenges of Covid-19. This is an initiative that has worked very positively in other parts of the UK, resulting in improved rates of recovery, reduced hospital admissions and overall wellbeing. The NHS team is planning on using this online resource as a model for the wider Gloucestershire area.

This important work on the health and wellbeing of our community is part of a wider parish council project to combat loneliness and isolation, funded initially by Gloucestershire County Council's "Growing our Communities" Fund and supported by County Councillors Klara Sudbury and Matt Babbage. **Further information about CK Health Connect can be found on the Parish Council website at: <https://www.charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk/charlton-kings-health-connect.html>**

Parish Council Strategy Day – 10th October 2020 As for most people, 2020 has been hugely challenging for all of us. Charlton Kings Parish Council made a decision early on in lockdown that it would aim to operate as close to normal as

possible. The only significant changes were to close the Parish Office in Church Piece and to do our business online.

Despite having to work virtually the Parish Council has made progress in several areas, including CK Health Connect, Grange Field and also created a strategy for climate change - CK Futures - which was endorsed at the end of July. During this period the day to day running of the Parish did not slow down and it continued to focus on supporting local initiatives related to Covid-19 and youth work, plus planning, allotments, and meeting our statutory obligations. As a result, the demand on the Parish Council has grown and in early October the Parish Council and its staff met for the first time since February 2020 to review its activities, plans and projects to determine its priorities for the next 18 months and how it would deliver them.

A socially distanced Strategy Day was held at the Civil Service Club and by coming together the Parish Council made significant progress. It reinforced our commitment to the community, health and climate. It confirmed the Parish Council need to consider new ways to make things happen if it is to make a difference to the community it represents and it reignited the resolve to focus on the future of the Kings Hall.

The Parish Council took forward the actions from the Strategy Day at the October 2020 Full Council meeting and agreed to create a working group to shape our response the Kings Hall, and to take the next step in looking at how we operate and what changes are needed. More information will be available as this work progresses.



Grange Field, Charlton Kings

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