

September 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, 7th September, 7.00 pm
- Planning Committee – Monday, 21st September, 7.00 pm
- Full Council Meeting – Monday, 28th September, 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

- “Pop-up” Repair Shop – Saturday, 5th September, 10.30 am to 1.30 pm, Stanton Hall
- Community Basic Life-Saving and Defibrillator Awareness - Saturday, 24th October, 10.00 am, Stanton Hall
FREE TRAINING SESSION BUT PARTICIPANTS MUST BOOK WITH PARISH OFFICE IN ADVANCE

NEWSLETTER No.13

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-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

Re-opening the Parish Office – Monday, 7th September 2020

We made the difficult decision to close the Parish Office to members of the public in April 2020 in response to the COVID-19 safety guidance. Parish Office



staff have continued to work mainly from home while the office has been closed.

We are now very pleased to let local residents know that the Parish Office will be open to members of the public every weekday from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm from Monday, 7th September 2020. Please come in and see us if you have any questions or need assistance or advice in relation to the work of the Parish Council. We have implemented a number of safety precautions for visitors to the Parish Office in response to COVID-19 safety guidance. Only one member of the public at a time may enter the Parish Office. Those who are waiting to enter are asked

to wait outside, maintaining social distancing, until asked to enter by a member of Parish Office staff. All visitors are asked to wear a face covering. All Parish Council and Committee meetings will continue to be held virtually for the time-being. **Contact 01242 250087 or clerk@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk**

Re-opening of Stanton Suite for hire – Monday, 7th September

As well as re-opening the Parish Office, we shall also be making the Stanton Suite rooms available for hire from Monday, 7th September 2020.

In order to support community groups and local businesses, the Parish Council has agreed a temporary 50% reduction in hire charges which will be in place, in the first instance, to the end of the calendar year 2020. Therefore, the hourly rate for hire of the Stanton Hall will be £8 and the hourly rate for hire of the Conference Room will be £5. All hirers will need to sign a new hire agreement which sets out their responsibilities in complying with COVID-19 safety guidance. **Contact 01242 250087 or admin@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk if you are interested in hiring either the Stanton Hall or the Conference Room or would like any further information.**

Contact details

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CK Futures – environmental strategy for Charlton Kings

Charlton Kings Parish Council environmental strategy CK Futures was endorsed at the Full Council meeting in July 2020. Planning is now underway. There are six themes - Transport, Energy and Buildings, Our Natural and Built Environment, Less Waste, Localness and People. We will be sharing the plans and getting people involved in different activities over the next few months. The CK Futures team met with Alex Chalk MP last week and discussed a range of issues including ground and air source heat pumps, cycle paths in Cheltenham, planting trees "right tree, right place" and the importance of understanding our carbon footprint.

A "free-cycling" event was held in Charlton Park in August 2020 which was a real success. Lots of items were taken and are now being used and enjoyed in new homes in Charlton Kings. There will be a "Pop-up" Repair Shop in the Stanton Hall on Saturday, 5th September 2020 from 10.30 am to 1.30 pm. Please bring any electrical items that need repair, garments that need sewing, or knives/tools that need sharpening. COVID-19 safety precautions and social distancing rules will apply.

Contact ckfutures@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk if you want to know more about our work or would like to be involved in CK Futures.

New floodlights for the MUGA at Church Piece

The floodlights, which have served the MUGA (Multi-Use Game Area) for several years, have recently developed a fault. At the August 2020 Parish Council meeting funding was agreed for replacement lighting equipment to be installed.



This means that residents will again benefit by being able to use the facilities, for exercise, during the dark evenings. We have been assured that the lighting splay will be directed towards both goal areas to minimise any unnecessary illumination and that the lights will be turned off by 9 pm. The improvement will also provide enough soft ambient lighting for the Chat Shack area. Keeping the resource functioning over the winter period provides the potential for people to perhaps organise a variety of structured activities and an opportunity to link with other MUGAs across the Borough.

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Parish Council Mapping Project

One aim arising from the Parish Plan is to develop more awareness of the leisure opportunities our wonderful surrounding landscape provides. To support this objective, your Council has embarked on a project to place various maps, in strategic locations, illustrating Public Rights of Way.

Examples of these have been placed in the windows of the Stanton Suite between the Parish Office and the Library. Please note that they are still at the draft stage, but once completed, will be transferred to weatherproof boards and erected. Electronic versions can also be found and downloaded from our map page on our parish website.

The Parish rights of way team work very closely with the County Council, the authority who has responsibility for highways, bridleways and footpaths. Using

Your Councillors

Cllr Rob Williams (Chair)

Cllr Paul Cockwill

Cllr Jessica Diamond

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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

reports from local volunteers, we collate observations, prioritise actions that need to be taken and develop a program of improvements with our local County Officer. We also have a productive relationship with landowners and assist them in upgrading routes through their property. Some have kindly extended our network by agreeing to provide additional permissive paths. We are most grateful for the support of the local Cotswold Wardens, an experienced volunteer organisation, which has brought about numerous upgrades and improvements over the years.

“Easy access” allotment at Sappercombe

Work will shortly go ahead to establish an 'easy access allotment' at the Sappercombe Allotment site. The plot will be next to the path from Little Herberts Road, and have its own wheel chair friendly gate. The plot itself will be paved and comprise raised planting beds with space around them to allow a wheel chair to be manoeuvred without difficulty. Composting facilities and a water tap will be available at the plot. There will also be a simple shelter provided for protection from rain.

Contact 01242 250087 or admin@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk if you are interested in renting space at this allotment when it is completed. The Friends of Charlton Kings are hard at work developing the adjacent plot as a “community allotment”.

Community Basic Life-Saving and Defibrillator training – Saturday, 24th October 2020, Stanton Hall

This course is free and is run by the South Western Ambulance Service who sourced and maintain the defibrillator that is located on the exterior wall of the Parish Office in Church Piece, Charlton Kings. In order to comply with COVID-19 safety guidance, you must book in advance if you wish to attend this course. Numbers are limited and allocated on first come first served basis. **For more information and to book a place, contact 01242 250087 or admin@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk**



