

September 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, 13th September 7.00 pm
- Planning Committee – Thursday, 23rd September, 7.00 pm
- Full Council meeting – Monday, 27th 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

- CKPC Autumn Fayre – Saturday, 18th September, 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm on Grange Field.
- FREE Bicycle security marking – Saturday, 18th September, 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm on Grange Field

NEWSLETTER No.25

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

CKPC Autumn Fayre at Grange Field and Church Piece on Saturday, 18th September 2021, 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm We look forward to welcoming residents to a free, family fun event, which is taking place later than usual this year following the opening-up after Covid restrictions.

In addition to Scarrotts Funfair, a professional children's entertainer, a much-requested return visit from the amazing falconry display and performances from Cheltenham Silver Band, there will be some new attractions this year. There will also be the opportunity to bring bicycles along for identification naming to police standard. Produce from local allotments will be on sale, with funds raised going towards maintenance of the easy access plot, and any surplus at the end of the day will be given to the local food bank.



Visitors will be able to meet Parish Councillors and experts from various fields at both the CK Health Connect and CK Futures stands.

Through conversation and participation in innovative activities they will learn more about the progress being made towards better mental and physical health after the pandemic, and how we are taking steps to help people understand what they can do to tackle climate change for our own and future generations. Food and drink outlets in Church Piece, a bar from the Merryfellow Inn and some specialist stalls will be on hand to provide refreshments throughout.

STOP PRESS: We are delighted that Cheltenham's Lady Mayoress and the Mayor's Consort will be joining us to celebrate the opening of the Fayre and the completion of refurbishment to Church Piece and our lovely mosaic rill feature. The rill has been expertly restored to the original design by local schoolchildren, and the mosaicists Oliver Budd and Paul Bull will be travelling from some distance to see how very well this painstaking work has been received.

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FREE Bicycle security marking at Autumn Fayre, 18th September 2021 On Saturday, 18th September 2021, from 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm, we have arranged for Neighbourhood Watch and Crime Prevention Officers to carry out a further FREE Bicycle security marking session at the CKPC Autumn Fayre at Grange Field in Charlton Kings. Bicycles will also be registered on the National Cycle Data Base, again FREE of charge. Please tell all your friends and neighbours, as everyone is welcome.

CKPC Christmas Event at Sixways Residents may remember that last year CKPC encouraged a community effort to promote the businesses at Sixways over the Christmas period, assisted by the Friends of Charlton Kings. This saw an increase in festive decoration and the commitment of local businesses to support local charities. This December, the Parish Council is hoping to build on that experience, which was restricted last year by the Covid pandemic. Look out for a launch event on Friday December 10th and activities for all the family in the run-up to Christmas. Any residents or businesses keen to become involved, please contact community@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk or 01242 250087 or by calling into the Parish Office.

Survey of flooding on Grange Field At its meeting on 23rd August 2021, the Parish Council agreed to fund an initial investigation in order to ascertain the causes of flooding on Grange Field. Further updates will be provided in due course once the survey has been completed.

Grants from the Parish Council for community projects The Parish Council has funding available to support projects, run by charities or community groups, that will improve the lives of Charlton Kings residents or the environment in which they live. Grants will generally range from £100 to £500. Past recipients of grants have included Friends of Charlton Kings, Friends of Leckhampton and Charlton Kings Common, CK in Bloom and Neighbourhood Watch.

The application process is very straightforward. First you should read our guidelines for applicants and then you should complete our application form. Copies of both documents can be downloaded from our website at <https://www.charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk/community-grants1.html> or can be collected from the Parish Office.

If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk by email on clerk@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk, by telephone on 01242 250087 or by visiting the Parish Office.

North and West Gloucestershire Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) The CAB has suspended all drop-in services but is giving advice either by telephone or email. They provide advice on many issues including employment, housing, debt and benefits. For further information see their website at <http://gloscab.org.uk/> or contact them on 01452 527202 or info@gloscab.org.uk

Affordable meeting spaces for hire The Parish Council has newly-decorated and affordable meeting spaces, with kitchen facilities and an accessible toilet, in the Stanton Suite in Church Piece, Charlton Kings, which are available for hire to community groups and to individuals. Further information is available on our website at <https://www.charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk/halls-for-hire.html>. If you have any questions or would like to make a booking, please contact us

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

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Cllr Pat Palmer

Cllr Felicity Parnham

Cllr Rob Reid

Cllr Ros Smith

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Report on visit from the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner on 13th August 2021

We were pleased to welcome Nick Evans, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner on a visit to Grange Field and Church Piece. This was in response to a promise we made following consultation meetings with local residents. They had expressed serious concerns about Anti Social Behaviour for some time, and Nick was here to represent the newly elected Police and Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire.

He stayed with us for over 2 hours while we explained how we had been attempting to address this in partnership with colleagues at Cheltenham Borough Council and other local bodies including churches, schools etc. He was aware of the Inspire to Aspire project.

We spent considerable time discussing the overt drug taking and possible dealing which residents observe on a regular basis, and we walked around with him showing all of the usual places that the suspicious behaviour took place. During this time, he was able to observe some young people gathered together and he approached and chatted to them himself. Several residents came along and joined in the discussions, and we felt that he had taken the situation seriously and listened carefully to our concerns.

Nick informed us about the imminent recruitment of 100 new support staff which should help with problems encountered in contacting the 101 police service, and he assured us that he would be following up on a list of items noted. Parish Councillors felt that this had been a most successful meeting and residents reported that they believed their concerns had been given proper consideration.

Update on CK Futures

- **CK Futures stall at Autumn Fayre** CK Futures looks forward to welcoming you to its stand at the CKPC Autumn Fayre on 18th September. There will be number of activities for children and an opportunity to ask questions and find out more about what CK Futures is planning in the next few months. If you want to know more about living sustainably, have a conversation about climate or just want to have a chat then come and find us on Grange Field.
- **Car Free Day** Did you know it is Car Free Day on 22 September? Clean Air Cheltenham are hosting a webinar about the Workplace Parking Levy, pioneered by Nottingham City Council on Car Free Day. For more information take a look at the Clean Air Cheltenham web pages or click on this link <https://www.cleanaircheltenham.org/workplace-parking-levy-webinar/>
- **Presentation by Chief Climate Change Advisor to the National Farmers' Union (NFU)** Charlton Kings Parish Council and CK Futures are pleased to invite residents to a presentation by Dr Jonathan Scurlock - Chief Climate Change Advisor to the NFU on Wednesday 29 September at 7pm in the Stanton Hall. It will be an opportunity to hear about the approach being taken by the NFU and whether it is possible to achieve net zero carbon emissions across the whole of agricultural production by 2040 - an ambitious target set by the National Farmers Union in 2019. There will be time for discussion and questions. Please sign to register: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ck-futures-seminar-carbon-emissions-and-agriculture-tickets-167872510197>

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