**Ketton**

The monthly Full Council Meeting of Ketton Parish Council was held remotely on Wednesday,

16th September, due to the current Corvid-19 situation. All parish council meeting will be held remotely for the foreseeable future, until we are advised by the government that physical meetings can resume. Provision has been made for members of the public to participate in virtual councils meetings and they will be able to view and hear the meetings, but will be only be able to speak during Public Questions time.

The virtual meeting was attended by ten councillors, County Councillors Brown & Payne & the Clerk.

There were two members of the public present.

Cllr S.Rogers announced that Cllr Brian Pick has resigned. Council thanked Cllr Pick for his contribution to the parish council. The Clerk has notified Rutland County Council and the process to co-opt a new councillor will commence soon.

Former Ketton Parish Councillor and Chairman Vic Henry very sadly died recently. He was a member of the Chatterbox editorial team and the Stamford Mercury Ketton correspondent, as well as being actively involved with Ketton Horticultural Society and many other village groups. Condolences go to his wife Bernice & family. He will be sadly missed by many friends and residents.

Alistair Stirling has resigned as a co-opted non-voting member of the Planning Committee. Alastair has played an active role on the committee for a number of years. Councillors thanked Alastair for this valuable contribution towards the parish council.

Councillors voted & elected James Robinson, by majority vote as a new councillor & approved his allocation to the PR&M Committee.

Councillors agreed to allocate Dave Phillips to the Planning Committee as a non-voting member, to replace Alastair Stirling, who has recently resigned.

Councillors welcomed both James and Dave to the parish council.

**Police report**

No police were present at the meeting, but PC Peter Icke sent an area crime report for the past month, dated 7 September. During the last month there has been reported in the Rutland South Beat;

one incident where a driver crashed into a house – driver charged with drink drive and due care and attention; one van was broken into via side door and tools were stolen; one incident reported of damage to a fence where sheep got out; one theft of umbrellas from a business in Ketton reported & one theft of car number plates. Although there were no burglaries to report in the South of Rutland this month, with the easing up of restrictions and people returning to work the joint Rutland North and Rutland South priority will remain as Rural Crime in relation to Burglaries, car crime and theft from farms.. The police want to remind residents that the usual Modus Operandi is entry by forcing rear garden doors or windows, as these areas are isolated and out of sight. Please make sure all doors are locked whether you’re in or not, windows are locked and secure and look at your security measures on any lockups, garages, sheds or outbuilding. If you can make it difficult for anyone to get into the rear garden, even better as this is the preferred point of entry for burglars. Preferred items for criminals to steal are jewellery and cash, so please keep these safe. Please continue to remove all property from your vehicle – remember ‘if you leave it on show it will go’. Try and park your vehicle in a well-lit area, & manoeuvre your van to make it difficult to open any side or rear doors. Please remember when you park up the perpetrators could be watching you, so remove your valuables out of site, prior to arrival.

The police are running a vehicle enforcement campaign throughout Rutland for speed and anti-social driving & will be out in villages and towns with the speed laser gun. They will update Twitter and

Facebook with the results.

The police will continue to work closely with the local residents and will alert residents as soon as a crime is reported. If anything suspicious is seen, please report it through either 999 or 101.

Neighbourhood Link is a free email messaging service from Leicestershire Police, Neighbourhood Watch and other partner organisations, providing news and updates on policing matters that are relevant to residents.

Residents can sign up and receive email alerts about policing activity and initiatives in our local area as well as crime prevention advice and information. They will also have the opportunity to reply directly to our neighbourhood team and provide feedback via surveys.

<https://www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk/#signup-section>

C.Cllr Karen Payne confirmed that RCC’s Parking Review Consultation on a parking ban near

Ketton School has been completed and RCC has now signed it off. Residents were thanked for taking part in the consultation and submitting comments on the proposals to RCC.

Concerns have been expressed by residents and the parish council regarding the new bridge on Empingham Road, due to the size of the gap between the spars on the bridge, which a child or adult could potentially climb through. The drop from the bridge to the quarry road below is 16 metres.

C.Cllrs Brown & Payne will continue to liaise with RCC on this matter. Cllr J.Rogers reported that residents have also expressed concern that drivers were speeding out of Ketton on the new section of road.

The parish council’s Highways & Open Spaces Committee will review the height of the new flood sign recently installed on Geeston Road, to give drivers advance warning if Collyweston Road is closed due to the river Welland flooding. It has been reported that the sign was too tall. C.Cllr Payne confirmed that RCC’s view is that the sign is designed to be read by drivers of all vehicles, including lorries, and the parish council will have to bear the cost of lowering the sign, if they decide on this course of action.

C.Cllr Brown outlined the importance of two current government consultations: Housing Allocation Policy

& the RCC Local Plan. The parish council’s Planning Committee are currently drafting responses to both consultations.

At The Highways & Open Spaces Committee meeting on 2 September, C.Cllrs Brown and Payne discussed with councillors the drafting of a request to RCC for traffic calming measures to slow down traffic leaving and entering Ketton, via Luffenham Road. Different options were explored and Cllr Wright agreed to draft the proposal, in consultation with Cllr Warrington.

Councillors analysed data from a traffic speed survey undertaken in October 2018, which confirmed that 25% of all vehicle driving along Luffenham Road were exceeding the speed limit. The Clerk will contact RCC and request that traffic surveys are undertaken at both Park Road/Luffenham Road & Stamford Road, Ketton, to record vehicle speed & number of vehicles entering and exiting the village on these roads.

Planning application 2020/0942/OUT - Land Off Park Road Ketton, will be discussed by the parish council’s Planning Committee on 23 September. The proposal is an: Outline application with all matters except for means of access, for residential development of up to 75 no. dwellings with associated public open space, landscaping and infrastructure. The application can be viewed on RCC’s website and residents can also view a paper copy of the developers design & access statement documents in the Parish Office.

The closing date for residents to submit their comments to RCC is 1 October 2020.

Cllr Edis Payne raised concerns regarding parking in Aldgate, where residents’ access has been blocked by parked vehicles, on more than one occasion recently. The H&OS Committee will be discussing this issue at their next meeting.

Cllr Cade gave an update on the Ketton & Tinwell Neighbourhood Plan steering group, which met on

8 September. This was their first ‘Public Access’ meeting where they were joined for the first (public) half of the Zoom meeting by 2 members of the public. The guests had no specific questions, but the steering group asked them how they had heard of the NP and the meeting. It seemed that Nextdoor was a good way to communicate with the public.

In view of this it was decided that the steering group would post information about forthcoming meetings (now being held on the third Thursday of every month) on Nextdoor, KPC website and Facebook, their website and social media, and on the noticeboards, and invite questions from the public via email.

The group aim to hold 3 or 4 public access meetings a year & is currently working on developing policies, and associated evidence, based on the results of the survey carried out earlier this year (survey results are on their website https://ket2tin.wixsite.com/kettinnp

The steering group has started the process of tendering for consultants to help get the plan ‘into shape’ and legally secure & will be making responses to public consultations for RCC’s Local Plan and the Government’s proposed changes to the planning system.

Due to delays caused by the pandemic and with the new Local Plan, the steering group has revised their completion timetable, and now aims to present the public referendum in 2022.

St Mary's Church is open for prayer or quiet time Tuesday and Saturday, 2pm to 4pm.

Ketton Library is open one day a week on Thursdays, 9.30am to 2.00pm. The opening hours are currently reduced due to Covid-19.

The NHS offers an online service which includes ordering repeat prescriptions, contacting a GP or emergency dentist, managing long term conditions and monitoring physical and mental well being <https://www.nhs.uk/health-at-home/>

The large conifer hedge surrounding the ex-recycling centre on the corner of Northwick Road & Empingham Road has been removed. This has been done to improve visibility and to encourage residents to use the area as a car park, & alleviate parking on Empingham Road.

You can sign up for a monthly 'Your Rutland' e newsletter by registering on Rutland County Council's website [**www.rutland.gov.uk**](http://www.rutland.gov.uk)

The Whitebread Trust is a charity for the support of individuals and organisations within the parish of Ketton. Applications for support should be addressed to the Chairman of the trust, Glenis Southern, via the Parish Clerk kettonpc@btinternet.com

C.Cllrs Karen Payne & Gordon Brown would like to remind residents that they hold a monthly surgery. This was previously held in Ketton Library but is currently being held remotely. The public can come and talk to Karen & Gordon on the first Saturday of every month from 10.00 -11.00 am, via Zoom. Councillor Mary Cade from Ketton Parish Council will also be available to answer questions and provide assistance. The next surgery will be on Saturday October 3rd.

The Community Hub is meeting once again at Ketton Sports & Community Centre, offering coffee, biscuits and a chance to meet up with old and new friends, every Thursday, 10am to 12 noon. Everybody welcome. Covid-19 safety measures are in place.