# Stamford Mercury – Monthly Report from Ketton

The monthly Parish Council Meeting of Ketton Parish Council was held in the Congregational Hall on Wednesday, 16th June, and was attended by five councillors, County Councillors Brown & Payne & the Clerk.

There were no members of the public present.

**Police report**

PC Peter Icke sent an area crime report for the past month, dated 15 June. During the last month there has been reported in the Rutland South Beat:

One person has been arrested for a public order offence; North Luffenham civic amenities site was broken into and batteries were stolen; Empingham Rd Ketton, owner saw 3 persons jacking her car up, to steal the catalytic convertor - persons drove off in silver Audi A4 on false plates; a garden shed was broken into & a number of items were taken; one theft of a Land Rover Defender from a driveway; one incident of damage to a motor vehicle (deep scratch); one common assault reported in Ketton; Normanton carpark – a bicycle was stolen; one garage broken into & a mountain bike was stolen; one burglary dwelling – entry gained via side door - window smashed; one theft of a cycle left at a location; 2 mountain bikes were stolen from a garden shed; one theft of tools reported - suspect caught on CCTV and to be interviewed by police; Rutland water - vehicle parked up had window smashed and items stolen. (Please remove items prior to arriving as perpetrator may be watching you); one theft of items from driveway. (If you leave it on show it will go); Ketton resident woken after hearing her car windows being smashed and car driving off, & one person has been dealt with for possession of cannabis.

Thefts of catalytic convertors (part of the exhaust system) from certain makes of cars are on the increase due to the increase in price of the precious metals they contain. Thieves can jack the vehicle up and cut them off in a couple of minutes. They cost hundreds of pounds to replace and will leave you with an expensive bill or excess insurance claim. Marking the catalytic convertor devalues it to thieves and makes it more difficult to sell on. Many car dealerships sell locking devices that cover the catalytic convertor to make it time consuming for thieves to steal it. Check with your dealership for more info.

Wherever possible, park your vehicle in a locked garage, as close to your home as possible or in a parking spot overlooked by neighbours. Avoid parking your vehicle half on the pavement and half on the road, as this makes it easier for thieves to access the catalytic convertor. If parking in a carpark, always park alongside other cars and drive into the space as the catalytic convertor is positioned to the front of your vehicle. This will make it harder for thieves to get close enough to steal it. If possible, use car parks that are accredited with CCTV. Consider installing alarms that activate if the vehicle is lifted or tilted.

As for other vehicle crime, please continue to remove all property – remember ’if you leave it on show it will go’. Look to park your vehicle in a well-lit area, look to 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.

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 the neighbourhood team and provide feedback via surveys.

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

C.Cllr Karen Payne confirmed that Rutland County & Hanson are working together to address safety concerns regarding the new bridge on Empingham Road, & that a metal mesh will be fitted to the sides of the bridge to improve public safety. Concerns have been expressed by residents and the parish council regarding the size of the gap between the spars on the bridge, which a child or adult could potentially climb through.

C.Cllr Karen Payne updated cllrs on the Future Rutland Conversation, which has now moved to next stage. More than 4,500 responses were received across multiple surveys including: ‘Your life in Rutland’, ‘Environment and climate change’, ‘Health and wellbeing’, ‘Getting around’ and ‘Learning and skills’. There were also dedicated surveys for children and young people, visitors and business owners. Alongside these surveys, more than 1,000 contributions were made via forums and discussion events.

All of the feedback gathered as part of Future Rutland is being reviewed and analysed and will be published at the end of June, together with a summary report, to invite further feedback. The findings will then be used to develop a draft vision for Rutland, which will be published in the summer to invite even more discussion and feedback. By autumn, it is hoped this can lead to the creation and adoption of a final shared vision for Rutland.

C.Cllr Gordon Brown gave council an update on the St Georges Garden Community Project.

C.Cllr Gordon Brown has been liaising with RCC Planning regarding a number of issues raised by the parish council Planning committee, and updated cllrs on the recent discussions.

The Highways &Open Spaces Committee previously examined 5 quotes received for outdoor gym equipment for the play area in Hall Close & agreed that the quote from FLP was the preferred quote, as it offered better value for money. Concerns were expressed at that committee meeting about whether installing gym equipment would exacerbate the parking issues being experienced in Aldgate, due to the increasing number of visitors to Hall Close and the lack of parking for visitors. Although it was also stated that the population in Ketton would be increasing in the future, due to new housing developments and residents shouldn’t be disadvantaged due to the lack of available parking. Full Council has already approved an allocation of £1000 from the extra Covid monies, and the Whitebread Trust has also agreed to provide £1000 match funding – both subject to partnership funding. Cllrs approved in principle the FLP quote for adult fitness equipment & agreed that an application for charitable grant funding for £11,500 should now be made, on the understanding that the project is wholly dependent on obtaining a grant to pay for the equipment, & that no final decision would be made until funding has been secured.

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/>

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

Useful contacts/information:

Ketton Good Neighbours Scheme: for help or support, call Rachael on 07517793397, between 9am and 6pm.

Tuesdays, 12.30 to 5pm, Ketton Library is open for collection of Covid 19 self-test kits (lateral flow) RCC’s Covid 19 Crisis helpline: 01572 722577, and information at www.rutland.gov.uk/coronavirus

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The Hub meets every Thursday from 10am to 11.45am at KSCC. Come and have a coffee and a catch up with friends.

**Dates for your diary:**

**Sat July 3rd** 10 to 11am County Councillors’ Surgery to be held remotely. Please contact Gordon Gbrown@rutland.gov.uk or Karen Kpayne@rutland.gov.uk by Fri July 2nd to arrange a slot. **Mon July 12th** Deadline for applications for occupancy of a Molesworth Eventide Home (bungalow). Phone 01780 764145 for details. **Tues July 20th** copy date for Chatterbox (editor John Collier 7blackdog7@gmail.com) **Wed July 21st**7.30pm Full Council Meeting