**Ketton**

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

18th November, 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 twelve councillors, County Councillors Brown & Payne & the Clerk.

There were no members of the public present.

**Police report**

Councillors welcomed Inspector Audrey Danvers from Leicestershire Police, Melton and Rutland Neighbourhood Policing Area (NPA) to the meeting. Cllrs raised residents’ concerns regarding speeding through Ketton and requested that more action is taken in Ketton regarding speed checks by both the police and Community Speed Watch. Cllrs also discussed with Inspector Danvers police engagement and community involvement with residents, including police support & responses to rural crime and thefts from farms. Cllrs asked that data collected through police speed enforcement in villages is fed back to parish councils, as councils need to know the outcome of any speed checks undertaken.

Cllr S.Rogers requested feedback from the police on Rutland crimes reported and the percentage investigated, solved and resulting prosecutions.

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

Three incidents where farmer’s gates were stolen; one incident of damage to a motor vehicle – offender dealt with; one report of a café broken into overnight; three sheds broken into at Rutland Water; one reported theft of a mini digger; one incident where unknown suspect(s) stole two antique high value lead statues from a garden; 4 persons found in possession of cannabis – two separate incidents; one theft of a catalytic convertor from a vehicle parked on the road, in Ketton; 3 mini digger buckets stolen from a resident’s garden.

There was one attempted house burglary and one break in to a business on the South Rutland beat this month, and there has seen a sharp increase (10) of farmer’s metal field gates being stolen in Rutland and Melton this month. 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.

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. Parking restrictions should be implemented in the New Year.

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 are continuing to liaise with RCC on this matter.

The parish council’s Highways & Open Spaces Committee reviewed the height of the new flood sign on Geeston Road, which gives drivers advance warning if Collyweston Road is closed due to the river Welland flooding. It had been reported that the sign was too tall. C.Cllr Payne confirmed that RCC has agreed to lower the sign.

C.Cllrs Brown confirmed that Empingham Road is a primary winter gritting route, as it is a bus route.

C.Cllr Brown is discussing with Highways RCC concerns raised by residents regarding the recent road resurfacing work in Kelthorpe Close.

The chairman thanked C.Cllrs Brown & Payne for their ongoing work in resolving issues on behalf of

Ketton residents.

The PR&M Committee updated the meeting on the Public Sector Bodies Accessibility Regulations & the current Ketton Village website, which is non-compliant. Andy Bullimore has been examining different options & advised council on who he thought is the best provider for our needs, offering the best value for money. Cllrs discussed whether it was necessary to have a .gov domain and agreed to defer a decision until next month, pending receipt of a revised quote.

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/>

Ketton Green Spaces Group <https://kettongreen.wixsite.com/kett/projects> has received permission from landowners Hanson, and from Trustees KSCC for tree planting, coppicing and other tree management activities at KSCC. So if you want some winter outdoor activity, do contact the group via its website.

Submissions by your Parish Council, together with those from RCC and other local councils, have helped to raise the profiles of 2 important issues in our area and initiate actions by our local MP Alicia Kearns – the need for upgrading the A1 between Peterborough and Blyth, and the lack of GP surgeries and other local NHS services.

The parish council thanked Tim Chapman at the Post Office, who has again offered to host the village Christmas tree in his front garden area.

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](mailto: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 Sinclair Rogers from Ketton Parish Council will also be available to answer questions and provide assistance. The next surgery will be on Saturday December 5th.