**Ketton**

The Full Council Meeting of Ketton Parish Council was held on Wednesday, October 197th, in the Parish Office, Stocks Hill Lane. The meeting was attended by seven councillors, County Cllr Brown & the Clerk. Apologies were received from Cllrs Allan, Southern, Couzens, Langley, Warrington & County Cllr Conde’ & approved. There were three members of the public present.

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An update was received regarding the shrubbery on both approaches to Collyweston Bridge, which was so overgrown, that it was affecting driver’s visibility on approaching the bridge. Cllrs Andrews & Allan have cut back the vegetation on the Ketton side of the bridge, & the Clerk confirmed that Burghley Estate Office has cut their overgrown hedge, on the Collyweston approach to the bridge. The meeting thanked Cllrs Andrew & Allan.

C.Cllr Brown updated councillors on highway matters which he is currently pursuing with RCC, such as the application submitted by Ketton Parish Council proposing Barrowden Road traffic safety improvements. C.Cllr Brown is discussing the proposal & the ongoing issues relating to the Stamford Road layby, Empingham Road/Chuch Road parking & the Ketton to Tinwell cycle path further with RCC.

C.Cllr Brown confirmed that the sub-contractor who repaired the damaged Collyweston bridge has accepted full responsibility for the unsatisfactory repairs to the bridge, and has undertaken to complete a full rebuild of the previously damaged parapet wall, from the carriageway level, to the coping stones. The remedial works will be undertaken by the gang currently working on Wakerley Bridge, under the approval of Historic England. These works will hopefully be undertaken in November (weather permitting), once the requisite road closures have been processed, and should take around 2-3 weeks to complete.

C.Cllr Brown is also liaising with the Diocese regarding the piece of land behind Ketton Library & the west boundary wall to the Library, which requires immediate repair to ensure its safety.

The councillors thanked C.Cllr Brown for his ongoing work in resolving issues on behalf of Ketton residents.

Two members of the public present raised questions about Ketton Sports & Community Centre &

Ketton Cricket Club. Cllr McGilvray confirmed that anyone who wants to play cricket at the Ketton Sports & Community Centre can play with Ketton Sports Cricket Club, and that the goals and cricket nets are available for all people to use, as long as they don’t interfere with activities ongoing at the time.

Cllr Charge acknowledged that Ketton Cricket Club made a presentation to the KSCC Trustees, at their August meeting, but their proposals regarding running cricket at Ketton Sports & Community Centre weren’t economically viable, as they had no finance in place to support a business plan.

**Police report**

No police were present at the meeting, but PC Peter Icke sent an area crime report for the past month, dated 16 October. During the last 31 days there has been reported in the Rutland South Beat; one theft of two vintage tractors, one fraud – suspect impersonating a police officer over the phone: has fraudulently made arrangements for the victim to hand over money. One theft from a store by unknown person, overnight theft of sheep pen hurdles, unknown person entered church and stole charity money from secure location, one attempted theft from a van, theft of a tractor from a barn, one theft of property left in the porch area of a property, in Ketton, one theft from motor vehicle parked on driveway, in Ketton, one theft of front and rear registration plates, in Ketton, one vehicle stolen from driveway outside home address, in Ketton, one incident of persons breaking into containers and stealing tools/plant equipment & one works van had tools stolen during the course of the working day.

Residents are advised not to leave personal belongings, including baby changing bags on display in vehicles, as these are being targeted by thieves. The joint Rutland North and Rutland South priority remains as Rural Crime in relation to burglaries, car crime and theft. Although we are at the end of summer the police are still seeing an increase in reported incidents of theft from vehicles parked in isolated spots, where property has been taken, and ask that local residents do not leave any valuables in their vehicles. Residents are advised to move the valuable property to the boot area, prior to their arrival, as perpetrators may be watching. The police are working closely with Northants and Cambridgeshire police, who are having similar issues to identify the suspects.

The police continue to utilise the ANPR camera in Rutland to identify vehicles travelling through the County either with no driving documents, or linked to crime. They will continue to work closely with the local residents and will alert you as soon as crime is reported and ask that if anything suspicious is seen to report through 101.

Up-to-date police alerts, news and traffic information, and key contacts are now available on a free app launched by Rutland Neighbourhood Watch (available on Google play or from the App Store).

PCSO Di Freeman has now moved onto the Rutland North Beat & has been replaced by PCSO Andy Whylie. The councillors thanked PCSO Freeman for her support & assistance with policing n Ketton.

The stone mason has completed the maintenance work in the cemetery on the major wall repair. The handymen have repaired the chain link boundary fence to prevent dog walkers from cutting through the cemetery into the adjacent field to walk their dogs, by creating a dead hedge, using the brash cut from the avenue of conifers. The canopy on the conifers has been lifted, to improve the appearance of the conifers and to prevent the lower branches from covering graves. The memorial garden has also been pruned.

The Committee thanked the handymen for their hard work.

Cllr Cade gave an update on the Ketton & Tinwell Neighbourhood Plan steering group, which will next meet on 1st November. Two sub groups have been created to undertake research & gather data, & to look at community engagement with residents, businesses & other stakeholders. Introductory leaflets will be issued to all households in Ketton & Tinwell, in December. The steering group are looking to recruit more residents from Ketton & Tinwell, who would like to get involved in helping to formulate a Neighbourhood Plan, & will start the community engagement & information gathering process in spring 2019.

The Ketton & Tinwell Neighbourhood Plan steering group is independent of Ketton Parish Council, which supports the group, but is not directly involved, as this is a community initiative.

Rutland County Council (RCC) and the Ministry of Defence (MOD) are working closely with a range of local partners to explore possible options for the future use of St George’s Barracks, which is earmarked for closure in 2020/21.

Cllr Cade represents Ketton Parish Council on the St George's Advisory Group. The group is made up of representatives from the MOD, the Council and interested parties from the wider community of Rutland. The group is tasked with identifying issues and concerns during the planning and development process. It also serves as a voice of the community throughout the redevelopment. RCC recognises the comments made during the public consultation, & will be making revisions to the plan. Cllr Cade updated the meeting on progress made at the meetings on 27 September. The next meeting will be

on 25 October. Further information on the informal consultation has been published on RCC’s website & [www.stgeorgesrutland.co.uk](http://www.stgeorgesrutland.co.uk)

Cllr Andrew will attend The Rutland Poppy Project opening display at Oakham Castle on Sunday

21 October 2018. He will receive a commemorative horseshoe, (one is being given to each parish), for our Remembrance Sunday Service on 11 November. Cllr McGilvray will lay the commemorative horseshoe on the war memorial during the Remembrance Sunday Service

A current or ex-service person is needed to lay a wreath on behalf of Ketton residents at the war memorial, at the Remembrance Service on Sunday November 11th. If you are interested please contact Sarah Ayling (Clerk).

Dates for your diary: Friday November 2nd Ketton Showtime - Iyatra Quartet - at the Northwick Hall (book early for a 'meal deal' ); Saturday November 3rd County Councillors' Surgery, 10.15am to 11.15am in the library; Sunday November 11th 100 years since the end of WW1 - Remembrance Service and wreath laying at St.Mary's, with church bells rung and a beacon lit at 7pm in the evening; Tuesday November 13th Whitebread Trust meeting (please submit funding requests in good time ); Thursday November 15th copy deadline for Chatterbox ( editor, John Collier, email: 7blackdog7@gmail.com ); Monday November 19th Geeston Road closed for resurfacing, Ketton Surgery closes; Saturday December 1st PTA Christmas wreath making workshop; Friday December 14th 10.30am to 12.30pm, coffee morning in aid of Save the Children at the Northwick Arms, followed by a Gin and (Christmas) Jumper evening; Tuesday 18th December, Ketton Community Choir Concert, 7.30pm in the Northwick Hall; Saturday January 26th 2019 Wassail in Hall Close.

For details of all village events, please check the noticeboards or the official Parish Council and village websites www.kettonpc.org.uk and www.ketton.org.uk, or our Facebook page 'Ketton News'.

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 Office.

If you are struggling with your smartphone, tablet, or laptop then why not sign up with Sarah at the Parish Office for free one-to-one IT training sessions on a Monday between 1.30pm and 4,30pm, with Berni, our very patient and dedicated volunteer trainer?.

Don't forget that the Community hub, at Ketton Library, offers coffee, biscuits and a chance to meet up with old and new friends, every Tuesday and Thursday, 9.30am to 11.45am.

C.Cllrs Gary Conde’ & Gordon Brown would like to remind residents that they hold a monthly surgery in Ketton. The public can come and talk to Gary & Gordon on the first Saturday of every month from 10.15 -11.15 am.in the Community Hub/Library. Councillor Mary Cade from Ketton Parish Council will also be available to answer questions and provide assistance. The next surgery will be on 3rd November.