

Stamford Mercury – Monthly Report from Ketton

The Annual Parish Council Meeting of Ketton Parish Council was held in the Congregational Hall on Wednesday, 15 June, and was attended by six councillors, County Councillors Karen Payne & the Clerk.

We have one vacancy for a new parish councillor. So, if you have time, energy and enthusiasm to spare please do consider putting yourself forward as a Parish Councillor – contact the parish clerk for more information (see contact details below).

PC Pete Icke sent an area crime report for the past month, dated 15 June. During the last month the following crimes have been reported; one incident where vehicle registration plates were stolen; one theft of a catalytic convertor from a car; one theft of items taken from outside an office & one assault in Ketton.

There were two thefts from motor vehicles, including registration plates & a catalytic convertor. The police urge residents to continue to remove all property from their vehicles – remember 'if you leave it on show it will go'. 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. If you have keyless entry car keys, please use a Faraday key pouches which stops the keys from transmitting its signal, and prevents thieves from cloning this signal and entering and stealing your property and /or car.

No house burglaries were reported on the south beat this month. The police would like to remind residents that the usual modus operandi for burglary dwelling is entry via forcing rear garden doors or windows, as these areas are isolated and out of sight.

The police will be out in villages and towns with the speed laser gun, and will update Twitter and Facebook with the results. They 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.

The police will be coming to Ketton Sports & Community Centre, between 11:00 am-12:00pm on Thursday 23rd June, for a chat and to discuss any concerns residents may have. PSCO Ikra Hussain will also attend the next County Councillor Surgery at Ketton Library on Saturday, 2nd July, 9 – 10am.

There was one member of the public present. C.Cllr Karen Payne previously informed councillors that the mesh has now been fitted to the new Empingham Road bridge, to ensure the safety of pedestrians. However, the Clerk advised C.Cllr Karen Payne, that it was possible for a child, or adult to get underneath the mesh, so pedestrian's safety is still being compromised. C.Cllr Karen Payne will pursue the matter further.

C.Cllr Payne advised cllrs that the Speed Indicator Display sign near Chater Lodge had been disconnected by Western Power Distribution, due to preparatory work at the Chater Field development site. C.Cllr Payne is liaising with RCC & WPD to get the SID reconnected.

Rutland County Council will not contest an appeal aimed at overturning a decision made by its Planning and Licensing Committee to refuse an application for 75 new homes off Park Road, Ketton.

Application 2020/0942/OUT was submitted by Vistry Homes Limited and determined by Rutland County Council on 13 July 2021. The application was refused because it was in open countryside and, at that time, the Council had a stable five-year housing land supply.

Rutland's housing land supply has now reduced to approximately 4.1 years. The National Planning Policy Framework which guides all Local Planning Authorities states that planning permission should be granted unless the adverse impacts of doing so would significantly outweigh the benefits. This means planning applications are more likely to be approved in areas that do not have a five-year housing land supply. Because Rutland's housing land supply has fallen below the five-year threshold and there are no other technical reasons for resisting this development, the Council has no grounds to contest the appeal that has been brought against its original decision by Vistry Homes.

This decision has been reached by RCC following legal advice from a specialist planning barrister and taking full account of the significant change in policy position since the original application was refused.

Cllr Warrington updated councillors on Speedwatch, and confirmed that volunteers will need to be trained to do Speedwatch, which is scheduled for the period 20th June to 3rd July.

Karen Newman Rutland County Council's Rural Transport Officer & Paul Dunn came to the meeting to talk about Community Transport in Rutland. The transport team at Rutland County Council are currently

working on a number of projects in relation to public transport in the county including summer travel promotions and gaps in the network. Recently, Rutland County Council were not successful in securing funding from the department for Transport to deliver on their published Bus Service Improvement Plan, so now have to be more creative and community focused with rural transport solutions in the absence of additional bus funding. Ketton has already established our own community-lead good neighbours' scheme which includes transport, through Ketton Good Neighbours Scheme. We have a voluntary driver's scheme to provide car lifts to residents without transport, for medical appointments, etc. Councillors discussed the issues with the current bus service in Rutland, such as bus times and frequency of service, the lack of a bus depot in Rutland, the vehicle fleet, travel destinations and the Call Connect service. It was agreed that the council's Public Relations & Media Committee would lead on assisting Ketton Good Neighbours Scheme in their delivery of volunteer services to residents.

Rutland's new out of hours emergency service is contactable on: 01858 464 499 This out-of-hours emergency service is a 24 hours service and will deal with any out of hours emergencies in Rutland.

Our local Rutland South Police officer is Pete Icke, and his contact details are 07967589225
peter.icke@leicestershire.pnn

Ikra Hussain is our Rutland South beat Police Community Support Officer, who can be contacted on 07929723321 Ext: 3306555, or Ikra.Hussain@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

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 2pm and 4pm, with Berni, our very patient and dedicated volunteer trainer?

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, Simon Forster, via the Parish Clerk kettonnpc@btinternet.com

Useful contacts/information:

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

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

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations:

Thursday 23rd June KSCC Coffee Morning 10.30am. The police will be coming to Ketton Sports & Community Centre, between 11:00 am-12:00pm

Saturday July 2nd 9am to 10am County Councillors' Surgery in Ketton Library.

Our two Police Community Support Officers will also be in attendance.

Thursday July 7th 7.30pm 'Ketton Talks' at the Congregational Hall – Alicia Kearns 'The Work of an MP'.

Friday August 5th Chatterbox copy date – email contributions to 7blackdog7@gmail.com

Sunday October 2nd 2pm to 4pm Big Green Festival in Hall Close.

*The Parish Office in Stocks Hill (Tel 01780722451, email kettonnpc@btinternet.com) is open **Tues and Wed 8am to 4pm.***

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