

LANGRICK NEWS

QUITE A BIT TO TELL

Following a meeting of the parish Council Chairman John Woods tendered his resignation from the Council. John took over from long standing Chairman Neil Jones, known to many of us.

John oversaw the addition of extra speed cameras and was a regular face at Coffee mornings. Amazing was not the word for his tireless contribution.

Following the annual meeting Cllr Paula Ashleigh-Morris is now Chairman. Cllr David Marshall is now vice chairman.

New challenges will include the negotiations with the diocese, at present the Parish lease the hall and grounds from the Diocese in Lincoln ,
More about this inside.

Following John's resignation there were vacancies for councillors now filled by Jules Eales from Langrick and George Roome from Antons Gowt so we have a full committee, Anyone, as always, is welcome to contact either Lana or Paula, just for a chat or to express interest in current items or events.

We now have also a new Clerk for the Parish Council, Lana Maclennan. Details of Lans, our website and contact details can be found lower down the page.

PARISH COUNCIL

If you have an issue or matter you want to discuss for the Parish Council contact is Each meeting held in the Village Hall has a fifteen minute slot at the start of meetings for the public to raise matters. Notice of all meetings can be found in the notice boards



THE VERY THIN BLUE LINE



Recently trying to report a crime I was fairly amazed that, no police were available at Boston, usually manned, Coningsby police office, closed and the same at Horncastle. I appreciate we are very rural but the presence of law officers is something most people can rely on. So, I want our small parish councils, there are 5 in our immediate area to look jointly at the possibility of recruiting with police headquarters, one or two special constables for this area.. These are volunteers but fully warranted officers with power of arrest. We are very fortunate to have Cllr Jones who most of you know held high rank as a bobby for many years, he is looking into the possibility for us. We, as a parish council, can do much more than planters and benches, Let me know of any projects that you feel we could look at. lets be the mouse that roared.

Paula Ashleigh-Morris

LANGRICK VILLAGE HALL

No one could deny it's a nice thing to have in a village, to this end, a bit of history, the hall is owned by the church locally, or at least by the diocese in Lincoln, The Parish council have for the last ten years had a lease from the Church to effectively take over the maintenance of the inside of the hall, We are now negotiating to buy the hall for the village, grant funding may be available and we are talking at present. Several church properties have been sold in our locale .

To assist this we have applied to East Lindsay District Council to have the hall and its lawn made an asset for the village.

Plainly this means after this was agreed with the Council that it remains a village hall and cannot be sold off for housing or similar whilst the village need it. After a false start this was agreed so now the hall and its grounds are much safer and remains for anyone to use..



Im sure most people know that there is a nice large lawn at the back of the hall
There is outdoor seating and some lawn games, inside there is an indoor bowls set, all available with hall bookings.as well as a well equipped kitchen and plenty of parking. So for a single booking or a regular event please contact our clerk Lana, who can help clerk@langrivilleparishcouncil.gov.uk



Both our district councillors, Cllr Neil Jones and Cllr Tom Ashton have been generous with their district council grants and enables us to replace the rather dated furnishings with some snazzy blinds and new carpet for the stage area, you can see those in the right hand picture with a row of our super comfortable padded chairs. The left hand shot shows the outdoor seating area. Next will be fencing to keep the lawned area safe for children.

ITS FERRY ROAD

The road Langrick Bridge towards New York, through the village is Ferry Road, the old sign which was at the end of Armtree Road by the large directional board. At some point it was knocked into the drain and not replaced. We asked for this to be done. It does show on most satellite systems as Ferry Road.

Councillor' Report

At East Lindsey, we continue to grapple with the government's daft idea to save money by reorganising Councils across the country, East Lindsey (working with Boston and South Holland) have submitted our bid to form a South Lincolnshire Council including North and South Kesteven. While not perfect, this would keep a decent amount of local representation and local relevance and is a vast improvement on the new County Council's proposal that its 70 councillors become responsible for every Highways, Planning, Housing, Bins, Licencing, and Social Services enquiry for 720,000 people. Locally, I have been delighted to support grant funding for Langrick Village Hall's new display cabinet, and for Gyspey Bridge items ensuring proper storage for the parish's old records, and similarly helping with funding towards new benches, signs, and memorials in Gipsy Bridge which now look superb..

Reading through Langrick's old Minute Books, it appears that the last time Councils were re-organised, a 'heated debate' took place between representatives of Spilsby RDC, and Boston RDC and Borough, each endeavouring to persuade Langrville to join their 'new' Council. I am only glad that at least since July, Boston Borough and East Lindsey are this time the firm friends and good

neighbours

Cllr Tom Ashton

**NO NEED
FOR SPEED.**



Progress has been made with a reduced speed limit in the village, also the equipment is to be checked as we saw at the recent meeting speeds of up to 105 miles per hour, seems a tad ambitious, allowing for our somewhat challenging road surfaces..

Both areas flagged up by residents as having speeding traffic, confirmed by the speed recording signs on view in the village.

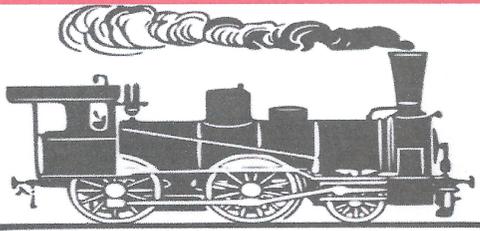
Changes to limits are set by Planning committee at County Council. It seems unlikely that further reductions will be necessary. The speed limits are governed by issues including number of residences, pavements and street lighting, thus allowing open roads with few houses to have higher limits.

The mobile signs are regularly moved to attempt to cover most areas. They do have to have correct posts to be attached to so cant always be exactly where may seem needed but we do our best and they have proved effective. There are what seems to be persistent speeders but possibly not as many as it seems.

We have been asked to look into sped cameras, this is not even a consideration on small roads, the criteria for these is very specific.

Speed bumps are generally not popular, happy to hear some views on this but the last survey of the area certainly did not show much enthusiasm for them





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WANT A LIFT ?

Do you know anyone, perhaps off the beaten track, who would like to come to Coffee mornings and events?

We can perhaps arrange a lift to and from.

It's a great way to just relax and natter.

Ring Lana, our clerk and lets get more people involved.



NEED A HAND ? NEED SOME SAND ?

If you have worried about slippery paths or indeed water getting into your house, we have sandbags and filling for them at the village hall. Serious flood problems, hopefully don't bother our area too much but help is possible with these simple methods. Do ring or email and make us aware if you or neighbours need some help, after the floods in Boston this seems very relevant.

If you would like to advertise in the Langrick News please contact Paula on 07989 433101 its £10 for the year or £5 for a single issue.

BLUE TITS SPOTTED AT ANTONS GOWT



The Boston Bluetits are not 'official' in any way - they are a group of people who enjoy having fun and laughing and swimming.. They are friendly, welcoming and liberating! Absolutely anyone can come along, any age, any gender, any size. The group's belief in total inclusivity is very strong. They are totally relaxed and the only 'organised' part of the group is the posting of 'Anyone Fancy a Swim...?' on their Facebook page - it really is as simple as that. With over 300 Boston members it is almost impossible for all members to swim together, so people tend to go out in individual groups with invitations on the Facebook page.

Although the Boston Bluetits are lucky to have two qualified nurses as their 'Mother Tits', this does not mean they are personally responsible for the swimmers' safety. Nicola explained: "Each member takes responsibility for their own safety and making their own decisions - there is no allocated safety person."

Members can advise one another and there are certain practices that would be generally known, such as never swimming alone. "Even if you swim alone in the water," said Nicola, "you should always ensure you have a 'spotter' on the bank."

The Boston Bluetits tend to swim mainly in the River Witham starting from the Boston Rowing Club, Langrick Bridge or Antons Gowt, where there are accessible ledges or steps for slow access. They also love to sea swim and recently had a swim and BBQ on Skegness beach. The group are mostly

The group are mostly adults but occasionally family sessions in the summer. It is clear that families that bring children are entirely responsible for their safety.

So perhaps have a look on facebook and see if its for you,