

# Langrивille Annual Parish Meeting

March 12<sup>th</sup> 2012

28 attended this year's parish meeting, thank you all for coming.

Refreshments served by Councillors to all visitors

A warm welcome address from Chairman Neil Jones, a brief account of the councils efforts to keep the pot holes filled and the street lights working over the previous year, annual donation to the St Margaret's Church for the upkeep of the grounds, and a donation to the Church hall for electricity for the superb Christmas lights paid for by County Councillor Mrs Betty Harvey from her Communities fund.

Moving forward the Council are helping to promote and support the Diamond Jubilee Fete to be held on Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the newly opened Bubble Car Museum in Langrick, lots of help and visitors are encouraged to join us on the day for a fun packed event. District Councillor Steven Doughty has given a

Questions from the floor: -

1. Could we request more footways, ie: from Armtree Rd to Ferry Road and the continuation of the footway to Gipseу Bridge?
2. Request for Bus shelter on the opposite side of road
3. Bus shelter needs cleaning and a coat of preservative
4. Speed of traffic on B1192
5. Meer Booth Rd junction with private road to piggery is in very poor order with an Anglian Water cover totally exposed.

Answers

1. We can certainly request footways but the possibility is very slim as it has taken over 25 years to get the section along Gipseу Drove but a request to highways will be placed.
2. There is grant money available up to £2,000 LCC will fund purchase of bus shelter up to 50%, we need permission from the land owner, he has been written to in the past but council have not had any replies.
3. This is in hand as Council discussed it at January meeting.
4. This stretch of road is always going to be a problem, we already have flashing 40mph signs at Langrick also at New York Council didn't feel there was much more could be done than a report to road safety partnership this will be done.
5. This area has been reported and photographs sent to show the extent of the problem, the issue here is that it is a private road entrance, clerk will take more pictures and contact the Highways, Anglian Water and the Piggery to try and find a solution.

Chairman asked if people wanted to enter the Best Kept Village Competition this year. The general feeling was positive, “let’s do it we have as much chance as any other village” two entries will be made at £12 each one for Anton’s Gowt and one for Langrick; this will be discussed and payments resolved in full council, judging dates are July, August & September, if everyone does a bit extra we should see at the very least community spirit.

ELDC – Local Development Plan, maps were provided and discussed, there were good arguments for and against development in our villages, a few parcels of land were mentioned but no-one wanted any building next to them; a vote was taken with 18 votes against development and 5 votes for development.

Reasons for supporting development were the infrastructure would have to be improved to cope with extra housing of any kind, main drains, street lighting, water services; roads and footways would be more likely to be put in place and kept in good repair.

Reasons against development were mainly people had moved to or lived in the area because of its rural location with space around them, feelings of insecurity and objection to any affordable housing being built in the villages, people generally felt that those people buying affordable homes would be needing to work and would not have room for vehicles needed, or be on benefits and the villages do not offer any recreational services or facilities, the area would lose its charm.

Chairman closed the meeting stating that these views would be passed on to the department at ELDC.