Langriville Annual Parish Meeting

March 14th 2011

32 parishioners in attendance excellent turn out, thank you to all councillors for delivering the letter box invites.

Refreshments were served by Councillors to all visitors.

Warm welcome from Chairman Neil Jones, brief account of the previous year's events was given. Parishioners were asked if they wished to enter the "Best kept Village" competition, no one replied either way.

Councillor Jones introduced Lincolnshire Police representative Ali Evans, who gave a full and comprehensive report on the moves within the force, the team covering our parish are based at Coningsby and hope to attend all meetings or at least send in a report. Ali reported on recent crime with heating oil theft being on the increase, theft of farm vehicles and speeding concerns were high on the list of priorities.

Questions – could details be posted on local notice boards and in the post office at Gipsey Bridge numbers and names of the Beat team, clerk to action this.

Councillor Jones introduced **Becky Gravitt** – **East Lindsey Dog Warden**. The main duties are dealing with stray or lost dogs, the East Lindsey wardens pick up about 500 dogs a year some of these are re united with their owners, most go into kennels and are eventually re homed. Dog fouling issues are ongoing in the whole area, if anyone sees an owner that is not picking up after their dog please get some details of time, type of dog, vehicle registration numbers or and the name of the owner and report to the dog warden who can then follow up and issue a fine. Signage and bins are in short supply and no more are being issued at the moment. EL dog wardens carry out regular Dog Chipping days dates and times advertised on notice boards, £10 per dog. Hare Coursers abandoning dogs is a problem and if anyone sees any stray dogs please report them as soon as possible with as much information on location, time of day seen, colour and breed of dog etc.

Questions – Could this Council possibly replace the bin at Antons Gowt Lock with a bigger one; this would still need to be serviced by ELDC, the general feeling is that because of the number of visitors to the site the bin is not big enough and constantly requires emptying. Clerk will put in a request to East Lindsev.

Dog Warden's contact details to be displayed on notice board also details of reporting stray dogs out of hours.

The question of footways and road surfaces was brought up, the concern being the road sweeping vehicle that sweeps the debris into the kerb gullies causing them to block and consequently when it rains the water has nowhere to go and is running down driveways or puddling thus causing the pathways to be covered in muddy slurry.

The weeds along side the footway Gipsey Drove have been a problem, Clerk will check for weeds in the actual path, Highways did attend and cut back verge as soon as reported but were unable to see any problem with the surface.

Clerk added that we are very grateful to have the pathway and we need to work with the County & District Councils to keep our villages in good order.

District Councillor Steve Doughty will contact County Council to give the views of this meeting regarding the road clearance and the footways.

No other business meeting closed and further refreshments served.