

I would like to welcome you all to this Annual Village meeting.

This is not a Parish Council Meeting but your opportunity to raise any matters regarding the village that are of concern to you and to discuss them. You may resolve, as a meeting, to ask the Parish Council to take a certain course of action. If you do, it will be put before a future Council Meeting for them to consider. I cannot commit the Council to any course of action but I am sure if a request is reasonable and within the power of the Parish Council they will do their best to carry it out.

The past year has seen the Council, along with the Friends of Langtoft purchase new Christmas lights and the Tommy, to mark the centenary of the WW1. The Tommy being first thought of by a Langtoft resident who wishes to remain anonymous, but deserves the credit for the idea. Thanks to Bernard Tuke and Roy Dowson for constructing the concrete plinth.

The roundabout and climbing cone at the playing field was replaced with the help of a generous grant from the Lisset wind farm fund of over £11000. Two councillors met with reps from ERYC for the village walkabout to highlight any issues. Two of us met with ERYC highways reps to discuss the drains and flooding risks. The sump at the end of Kilham road was noted down for some work, and also the run off drain down Kilham road for cleaning out of debris. As this meeting was in November last year and nothing has been done yet, we may have to remind ERYC, so it does not get forgotten.

The traffic through the village and the speed of some vehicles continues to irk everyone. We are trying to arrange for a speed monitor and have been asked where it could be best placed. There is a long list of councils wanting this so as yet no date. We also have our name down for the speed gun training, which should make a difference, but also all the other councils are wanting to do the same, so all we can do is keep chipping away at the problem.

The most recent issue was the primary school bus stop. Various options were suggested, with an improved stop on back street and a new stop not far from the junction of back and front street near the bowls club. A survey of residents who would be affected by the new stop was undertaken, but as the response was low it was decided to just improve the existing stop by erecting a fence around the perimeter, and try to ensure that the bus comes on time.