



**Bramcote
Community Action Team
Notes of Meeting
Bramcote Memorial Hall
29 November 2010**



Present

Cllr S Heptinstall	Broxtowe Borough Council, Chair	SH
PC K Barlow	Nottinghamshire Police	KB
PCSO C Archer	Nottinghamshire Police	CA
Liz Pierce	NHS Notts County	LP
Kevin Powell	Broxtowe Borough Council	KP
William Perrin	"Talk to Us", Community Website	WP
J Balchin	Broxtowe Borough Council	JB

36 Residents Attended

1. Welcome and Introductions

Local ward Councillor Stan Heptinstall (SH) welcomed everyone to the 39th Bramcote CAT meeting.

2. Apologies

Received from 7 residents:

- Bob Pattison
- Gill Yeoman
- Gabriel and Pat Hunt
- Walter Grauberg
- Pat Baker
- Martin Turville

3. Update on previous actions

Issue	Responsibility	Action
General Condition of Bramcote Hills Golf Course	SH	Graffiti has been cleaned/overpainted.
General Condition of Bramcote Hills Golf Course,	KB	KB has contacted Notts Police Solicitor re Public Nuisance Offence and is awaiting a response
Future of Bramcote Hills Golf Club.	SH	see minutes below for information
Thoresby Road, speeding traffic	KB	Speed monitoring done on Thoresby Road

Hillside Road at Cow Lane end - pallet of bricks on road for 1 month	SH	Pallet has now gone.
Coventry Lane, site of old tip, damage to fencing and trees	SH	Fencing restored, some of the old tip land will be incorporated into Bramcote Hills Park
Cow Lane – Hedges not cut	SH	This now done

The previous minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record apart from, Item 6, Page 3, Bramcote Hills Golf Course, Thoresby Road, Future of the site, Paragraph 2 below,

It was agreed at tonight's meeting, and also at a previous CAT meeting that if the site is to be developed a compromise of a limited amount of housing with a return of some of the land to the council for open space would be preferable to extensive site development.

This should have read:

There was a body of opinion that the land should remain protected open space.

At tonight's meeting SH reported that Steve Fisher, Environmental Projects Officer, Broxtowe Borough Council has met with the Wildlife Trust to discuss the possibility of the site becoming an open access public space. SH also reported that no planning applications have been received for the site and that as, when and if any applications are received members of the public will be given the opportunity to submit their views in accordance with planning policy.

SH updated the meeting as follows:

- Tesco, Beeston – Now open
- Bramwell Care Home – A petition has been submitted to Notts County Council in relation to this facility being put up for sale.
- Middle Street Resource Centre, Beeston – The future of this mental health facility is uncertain due to the proposed closer.
- St Michael's Church Bramcote will be celebrating its 150 year anniversary during 2011. A celebratory event is currently being organised which will include a Nativity Play at which those attending will travel around the village to various sites, including amongst others, "the Inn", St George's Field and Bramcote Church Tower.
- An Elected Mayor for Broxtowe Borough – This now unlikely to happen.
- Queen Elizabeth 2nd Diamond Jubilee Celebrations – Public parks are to be used as part of the celebrations, SH asked those attending if they would support the suggestion that the Walled Garden in Bramcote Park be renamed The Queen Elizabeth the Second Garden, - no objections were voiced and there seemed to be a general consensus of support.

Peter Hillier reported on behalf of the Friends of the Church Tower - several events including a Strawberry Fair, a Plant Fair and the Heritage Open Day were

all very well attended, he thanked everyone for their ongoing support. Local MP, Anna Soubry, had visited the project recently and has promised her support.

4. Police

PC Karl Barlow (KB), Notts Police, Safer Neighbourhoods Officer informed the meeting as follows:

Statistics

The following crime figures were reported:

Description	Previous Qtr (05/07 - 06/09)	This Qtr (07/09 – 29/11)
ASB	13	18
Burglary	11	7
Auto crime	10	19
Criminal Damage	12	11
Theft	6	8
Robbery	1	1
Violence against the person	5	8

Bramcote Figures Year to date:

Burglary –	down 18.18% (down 6 incidents)
Autocrime –	down 24.49% (down 12 incidents)
Criminal Damage –	up 44.44% (up 12 incidents)
Theft –	down 23.81% (down 10 incidents)
Robbery –	0
Violence –	down 30% (down 9 incidents)
Total crimes –	down 10 incidents

KB informed the meeting that Drug offences are up by 16 (or 800%) meaning that 16 more people have been dealt with for possession of drugs, 95% of these have been on Common Lane due to the fact that the Police have been given a key to the gate at the end of Baulk Lane and now conduct more patrols at this location.

There are currently 2 car crime hotspots in Bramcote, Bramcote Leisure Centre and St Johns College. The police capture car is being deployed.

Burglary Update – 1000 homes have been leafleted to raise awareness, extra patrols and lots of stop checks have been done, this has resulted in Burglary dropping from 4 – 5 per week to 1 – 2 per month.

Police have done a week long operation at school drop off times to help ease traffic issues in Moor Lane. SH and Ian Barber, Notts County Council, Highways Department were both involved.

There has been an issue of criminal damage to the garden and fencing at an address on Thoresby Road, the fourth incident in four years at this address, PC Barlow is aware and is liaising with Sharon Matthews, Broxtowe Borough

Council, Anti-Social Behaviour Officer. The resident of this address was at tonight's meeting and expressed thanks to Notts Police for their response.

Neighbourhood Alert – The system initially had some teething problems however work is ongoing to overcome these.

KB is keen to update the Neighbourhood Watch database and will be contacting those co-coordinators currently listed. He asked those involved to bear with him whilst he undertakes this process which will enhance the efficiency of the scheme in both Bramcote and Stapleford.

KB took questions

Local police contact details:

PC Karl Barlow

karl.barlow@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk or on 07525 989423

PCSO Chris Archer

chris.archer@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk or on 07702 141766

Crimes can be reported anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers 0800 555111

SH thanked KB for attending particularly as it was his rest day.

5. Review of Notts County Walk-In Centres

Liz Pierce, NHS Notts County, introduced herself saying that she had worked in Broxtowe for the past 10 years on Health Improvement Projects including for example Walk and Talk. Her work has now been refocused in line with urgent priorities hence her involvement in this review. Liz and her colleagues will be attending various public meetings in the Stapleford area to raise awareness of the review and a Review document was made available at tonight's meeting.

The County has two Walk-In Centres, Ashfield and Stapleford and both are under review. The Stapleford centre may be closed and resited at the Queens Medical Centre. Liz informed the meeting that walk-in-centres were set-up to relieve Accident and Emergency departments, however this has not happened in the numbers expected and although valued by local residents the centres offer services similar to General Practitioner Surgeries. Liz clarified that it is only the walk-in centre which will be affected not the other services within the Stapleford Care Centre.

The review offers 4 options:

- No Change
- Expand Walk – In Centres to draw people away from A and E departments
- Integrate Walk – In Centres into A and E
- Closure

There is also a fifth option, - any other suggestions people have.

Those present were encouraged to respond to the consultation between 1st November – 9th February after which the PCT Board will make a formal decision based on clinical decision and public opinion. Response to the consultation can be done either in writing or on-line by visiting the NHS website at www.nottspct.nhs.uk

Liz then took questions which included queries about the financial implications and also how many staff at the centre may be affected if the centre is closed,

- Financial details can be found on the website, SH is meeting with the PCT to discuss the financial situation in more detail.
- With regard to staff, there are nearly 10 full time-equivalent posts at the centre (some staff work part-time).

SH informed the meeting that 22,000 people have accessed the centre and that 85 % were dealt with satisfactorily on their first visit.

SH thanked Liz for attending

6. Bramcote eCAT

Kevin Powell, Head of ICT and Corporate Services at Broxtowe Borough Council introduced both himself and William Perrin, Founder and Director of "Talk to Us". They had come along to inform the meeting about Community Websites which can be developed with free tools available on the web and can be utilized to great effect to raise the profile of local issues.

William gave a presentation during which he outlined that issues including abandoned cars, nuisance motorcycles and drug related crime which had been occurring around his home address in London had led to him setting up a website in 2006. Four years on there are 1000 articles on the site which has between 4 -6 regular contributors. Advantages of Community Websites include wide circulation and an instantly accessible archive which can help greatly when campaigning or promoting your message.

KP asked those present if any would be willing to receive training, which William would be happy to arrange, in order to set up a community website for Bramcote. Several attendees were interested and names are to be submitted to SH. If successful in Bramcote it is hoped that community websites will be used in other communities within Broxtowe.

William then took questions. These included,

- What does this cost? – Nothing, there is web space available at no cost.
- Does the site content need to be controlled? – Yes, it is advisable to have someone responsible for vetting the content

7. Darker Nights Campaign

JB explained the South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership Darker Nights Campaign which aims to raise awareness of seasonal crime prevention measures throughout the local community. The campaign has been running between October – December and will contribute to reducing incidents of

crime, fear of crime and also to promote greater community involvement in local crime prevention. An information display, leaflets and giveaways were available at the meeting.

KB informed the meeting that 40% of burglaries in Bramcote had occurred due to insecurity, he emphasized the need to lock doors even when at home, to close windows when you're not in the room and not to leave keys on view. In addition be mindful of securing vehicles no matter how briefly you are away from them and on no account leave your car unattended with the engine running, for example when defrosting windows during winter. You may become a victim of crime and would be committing an offence yourself, that of leaving a vehicle unattended with engine running.

8. CAT meetings

SH asked the following questions re CAT meetings:

- Is Bramcote CAT meeting held at a convenient time and venue? – Yes
- How many meetings would attendees like per year? – 4
- Would attendees be interested in a “Super CAT”?

It was explained that a Super CAT meeting could be an annual meeting attended by a variety of partners/agencies and may supersede the existing meeting schedule resulting in just one super CAT meeting each year.

The general consensus was to retain the existing CAT schedule.

9. Residents Issues

Eastcote Avenue – Graffiti on phone boxes adjacent to play area, the attendee reporting this has had difficulty finding out who is responsible for cleaning.

ACTION – SH to look into this

10. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 7 March 2011

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Eastcote Avenue – Graffiti on phone boxes	SH	To look into responsibility for and arrange cleansing