



**Bramcote
Community Action Team
Notes of Meeting
Bramcote Memorial Hall
6 June 2011**



Present

Cllr S Heptinstall	Broxtowe Borough Council, Chair	SH
PC K Barlow	Nottinghamshire Police	KB
J Balchin	Broxtowe Borough Council	JB

28 residents signed the register

1. Welcome and Introductions

Local ward Councillor Stan Heptinstall (SH) welcomed everyone to the 41st Bramcote CAT meeting.

2. Apologies

Received from 7 residents:

Pat Baker
Jeremy Galtress
David and Davina Jackson
Adrian and Eileen Manhire
Ken Baynham
and PCSO Chris Archer

3. Update on previous actions

Issue	Responsibility	Action
Church Street – being used by school buses	SH	SH has had no reports
Derby Road/Moor Lane – No audible signal on crossing	SH	SH advised that dual carriageways never have audible signals as each part of the carriageway needs to be individually controlled
A52 – Litter and unlit lighting columns on verges between Bardills and Bramcote Island	SH	Jeremy Dixon, A1 Plus invited to this meeting but tendered apologies. (see Item 5 for more detail)
Potholes on roads in Bramcote	All	Residents to continue to report specific locations (Chesham Drive – see Item 8)
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The previous minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.

SH updated the meeting as follows:

Silver Surfers in Bramcote – has now been launched and attracted 23 attendees on the first day, Broxtowe Action Fund allocated £800 to the project.

Broxtowe Warmzone – please be aware that in some instances when installing new shower heads problems have been encountered by some householders who have high water pressure in their home.

Hillside Road – a white lining procedure has been agreed, this will restrict traffic flow and has been shown to be successful in slowing traffic in other areas of the borough. In regard to a Community Speed Gun scheme, there have not been sufficient volunteers and the insurance cost (a four figure sum) is also a consideration, hence this has been put on hold. PC Karl Barlow informed the meeting that his speed gun training is now imminent and once trained he will undertake speed monitoring duties in Bramcote.

Residents of Westbourne Court, Ewe Lamb Lane had asked Notts County Council for additional bus stops outside this supported housing complex – this has been done.

Discussion followed re:

Bramcote Golf Course – There have been 3 - 4 fires on the site all late afternoon between approx 4 – 5pm resulting in attendance by Notts Fire and Rescue Service. There is a yellow arrow painted on the pavement on Deddington Lane which seems to indicate an entry point to the site, residents asked if this could be removed.

ACTION SH to look into this and request removal if appropriate.

4. Police

PC Karl Barlow (KB), Notts Police, Safer Neighbourhoods Officer provided the following statistics:

The following crime figures were reported:

Description	Previous Qtr (29/11 – 07/03)	This Qtr (08/03 – 06/06)
ASB	18	19
Burglary	16	14
Auto crime	13	6
Criminal Damage	10	4

Theft	4	8
Robbery	1	0
Violence	4	5

Bramcote Figures Year to Date:

Burglary	–	down 28.6% (down 2 incidents)
Autocrime	–	down 58.3% (down 7 incidents)
Criminal Damage	–	down 55.6% (down 5 incidents)
Theft	–	up 50.0% (up 3 incidents)
Robbery	–	down 25% (down 2 incidents)
Violence	–	down 25.0% (down 2 incidents)
Total crimes	–	down 32.0% (down 16 incidents)

KB went on to advise the meeting as follows:

Theft of metal - there has been an increase in theft of metal which has seen 40 x drain covers taken from the area. An attendee asked what liaison is being done with scrap metal dealers, KB advised that Police are visiting dealers and that dealers records were being checked and that he will report back at the next meeting.

Residents can help by being vigilant and reporting suspicious activity promptly to PC Barlow on the contact number given below or to Notts Police on 0300 300 99 99.

ACTION KB to report back re scrap dealers at next meeting

Door to door salesmen – all need a Pedlars Licence endorsed by Notts Police, those with criminal convictions cannot get a licence. If in doubt re; callers at your home do not allow them access and contact the Police promptly providing as much detail as possible such as descriptions and registration numbers of any vehicles being used.

Members of Rufford Avenue Neighbourhood Watch were acknowledged for their vigilance as they had recently reported a person who whilst calling on homes had been seen trying car doors. The male was spoken to by Police and subsequently escorted out of the area.

Theft of registration plates – this has increased and is often done by criminals who go on to steal vehicles by applying the stolen plates to the subsequently stolen vehicle. If your number plates are stolen please report promptly.

Motorcycle nuisance - KB informed those present that 3 x riders had been caught on 05.06.11 (2 in Bramcote Park and 1 on Cow Lane). An attendee asked if attention could be paid to Coventry Lane near the site of the old tip as since recent tree planting the fences have fallen into disrepair allowing access to motorcycles.

ACTION SH to report damaged fencing to BBC

Lollipop Person – KB is keen for there to be a lollipop person on Moor Lane as there have been a few minor accidents at this location.

ACTION SH to clarify if the post could be shared by a group of people for eg parents of school children

The recent Lighter Nights Campaign will be followed by a Summer Nights Campaign which will be targeted at Beeston North, as the area borders Bramcote this should help contribute towards crime reduction in both areas.

Neighbourhood Priority Surveys can be completed on-line at www.neighbourhoodprioritysurvey.co.uk

Up to date crime information can be found on the Neighbourhood Alert system at www.broxtowecommunity.co.uk

Local police contact details:

PC 2882 Karl Barlow
karl.barlow@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk or on 07525 989423

PCSO 4662 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 and acknowledged the commitment to Bramcote by the local policing team.

5. **A1 Plus**

SH had invited Jeremy Dixon, A1 Plus, (the company who manage the A52 in Bramcote) to tonight's meeting to address residents concerns about the management of the A52, unfortunately he has sent his apologies. SH asked those present to identify the issues concerning them so that these can be passed on to A1 Plus. The issues are as follows:

- traffic Island at Sherwin Arms looks a mess following clearance work
- street lighting – some lights have been unlit for 2 -3 yrs
- grass cutting – needs attention on a regular and programmed basis
- restricted visibility at some access points eg Church St/A52 due to lack of cutting of verges
- lack of information to local residents when undertaking noisy work
- work not always undertaken at night which has caused chaos in recent past when the Nottm bound carriageway was closed at Priory Island during early evening
- concern that additional traffic light controlled junctions being installed to increase journey time between Nottm/Derby will make it more difficult for those road users accessing the A52 from side streets to get onto the A52

ACTION SH to pass residents concerns to A1 Plus.

6. Bramcote Today

Steve Austin provided the following update:

Since its launch the site has had 15,000 views which equates to 4.5 thousand a month which is very good, the busiest day was 06.05.11 when election results were made available. The site provides a wide range of community information including a diary of local events and activities and up to date news and information from your local politicians, local police, and local schools. The editorial team are keen to widen the readership and will be running an art competition during July which all local schools are taking part in, judges for the competition include Cllr Heptinstall and Anna Soubry MP.

Steve encouraged ideas and suggestions from those present re: content of the site and SH thanked those involved for their commitment.

7. Hemlock Happening

This free event will be held on Saturday 11th June 2011 between 1.00pm and 10.45pm. Since it started 9 years ago the Hemlock Happening has gone from strength to strength and this year is expected to attract between 10 – 12 thousand people. There will be 40 stalls, arts and creative activities, sports and physical challenges, and music and dance including performances by local schools, dance and theatre companies. The event will culminate in a Grande Finale Spectacular Firework Display at 10.30pm

More information can be found at www.hemlockhappening.org

The Hemlock Happening on 2nd June 2012 will celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee, which will be celebrated nationally. The Spring Bank Holiday has been moved from the end of May to June 4th and an additional bank holiday on June 5th together with rescheduled school holidays will allow an extended celebration period.

8. Residents Issues

- Real time display on Derby Road bus stops not working – SH had been informed that repair is delayed due to the parts coming from Germany which are in turn awaiting parts from Japan
ACTION SH to send this information to the Bramcote Today website
- Chesham Drive - poor condition of the road surface due to wide pot holes
ACTION SH to visit this location
- Gateford Close - near to 21 Eastcote Avenue, pernicious weed known as horse or mares tail is growing through pavement. Despite efforts by local resident to kill this weed it prevails and is known to be virtually impossible to eradicate.
ACTION SH to report to BBC
- Grass verges – condition of these throughout Broxtowe is very poor and needs attention
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- Wellington Street, Stapleford – badly affected by dog and cat faeces, letter written by local resident to Ruth Hyde, Chief Executive, Broxtowe borough council, SH asked for a copy of the letter. Discussion followed re poor condition of some public areas.
ACTION SH to enquire whether Community Payback scheme can be utilized for grass cutting.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 5 September 2011

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