



**Bramcote
Community Action Team
Notes of Meeting
Bramcote Hills Care Home
Monday 2 July 2012**



Present

Councillor Stan Heptinstall	Broxtowe Borough Council	SH
Councillor David Watts	Broxtowe Borough Council	DW
PC Karl Barlow	Nottinghamshire Police	KB
Ruth Hyde	Broxtowe Borough Council	RH
Richard Eade	Patient Participation Group	RE

38 residents

1. Welcome and Introductions

Councillor Heptinstall welcomed residents, Councilor Watts, Ruth Hyde, PC Karl Barlow & Richard Eade to the meeting.

2. Apologies

2 residents

3. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Contact had been made with Paul Summers about grass cutting. He had supplied a note for the Bramcote Today website. Comments were raised about the regularity and standard of grass cutting. Standard for grass cutting in Broxtowe compares unfavourably with City and Gedling authorities. One resident was of the view that the Council should consider wild flower planting which would be attractive and cost effective.

ACTION: Convey to the grounds maintenance team the desire of residents for a higher standard of grass cutting.

ACTION: request that schools should reinforce importance of encouraging schoolchildren not to drop litter.

Councillor Heptinstall reported that a review is being undertaken into whether the County council should fix all potholes in an area, not just the very deep ones.

Concern was raised about people parking all day on side streets. Could restrictions be placed on these roads to stop this? Cllr Heptinstall reported it was unlikely this would be affordable or enforceable. It should be kept under review.

Councillor Heptinstall is trying to persuade NCC to put interactive traffic signs on both sides of the Thoresby Road. Concern was raised about speeding on Derby Road. (These matters were referred to by Karl Barlow later in the meeting).

The charity recycling scheme is now up and running.

ACTION: concerns to be raised to the County Council about the condition of Cow Lane and Town Street.

4. Crime Figures

PC Barlow reported that there was a reduction of 11.1% in serious acquisitive crime in the year to date and overall all crime was down to 12.5%

There had been 6 burglaries, 2 were incidents involving insecurity. One third of all burglaries are down to insecurities. Residents were advised to keep keys safe. There had been 2 robberies, one in Town Street. A suspect has been remanded.

Community response was tremendous. Money was raised for the victim. A Moor Lane robbery took place around midnight. There had been a couple of arrests. Biggest problem is sheds and garages. Stealing of bikes is a problem.

Residents advised to keep property secure. Burglars are opportunists'; if doors are locked they move on. Police will be doing increased foot patrols. Beat teams are managing licensing complaints, managing pubs in Bramcote and Stapleford. Hillside Road speed monitoring has been done, also Derby Road into Stapleford and Nottingham. No one fell foul of speed checks in Thoresby Road, half an hour before the CAT meeting.

Rogue traders are targeting the area. Someone targeted a lady for an hours work for £1500, person arrested. Use the "buy with confidence" scheme and the handyman scheme. The County Council are happy for people to ring them up if they don't have internet access. Residents are encouraged to sign up to neighbourhoods alerts: This can enable access to information for residents. Cards are available.

A resident asked a question about scrap metals dealers. Scrap metal dealers with transit and loudhailer were stopped by Police and licence checked. They were legitimate. They should carry a licence with them.

Resident referred to a stealing of catalytic converters. Not a problem in this area, is a problem nearer to Carlton. Resident concerned about drug dealing. Suspects are checked and warrants are executed. Nothing had been found yet. All information is gratefully received.

Councillor Heptinstall reminded residents of the availability of free insulation via Nottingham Energy Partnership.

5. Bramcote Surgery: Patient Participation Group

Richard Eade was welcomed to the meeting. He represents Bramcote Surgery, Patient Involvement Group. He talked about changes to the way doctors deliver health services. Aim of change is to increase patient involvement, save money and improve local accountability.

Main 12 GP practices in Broxtowe are clubbing together to form Nottingham West clinical commission group. They have a budget of £100m. Lead doctor is Guy Mansford, he is based at the Oaks Surgery next to Sainsbury's. £1m is to be saved just on administration costs as a result of the change. Patient Participation Group talks to the doctors and tries to influence them on things that matter to patients. Each group can appoint 2 reps to patient reference group. That group elects a representative to influence the board. Richard Eade encourages membership and involvement with the groups.

Bramcote Group meets monthly. Meetings would be advertised by surgeries. He has come to the CAT meeting to encourage people who may not be long term patients to get involved, also to let people know who to contact to raise issues. Wednesday 1 August is next meeting for Bramcote. Doctor Doddy complimented Richard Eade on a good presentation.

ACTION: There will be a link on Bramcote Today to the patient involvement website.

6. Corporate Strategy

Ruth Hyde provided an overview of progress in achieving the five corporate plan objectives of Housing, Green Issues, Place Shaping, Bringing People Together and Community Safety

Questions were asked by residents about a variety of topics including the amount of land available for Housing, the definition of affordable homes and whether the council could reduce the number of charity shops in Town Centres.

The central thing is the housing numbers. We are as low as we can go on that. the Council feels it needs to cater for the needs of the next generation.

ACTION: A resident concerns about the need for more resident involvement in Erewash Valley trail is to be made known to Steve Fisher, the Council Lead Officer on this project.

7. Core Strategy

Councillor Watts outlined the current status of the Core Strategy and encouraged local people to respond to the consultation which was currently happening. The consultation period is a statutory period. The Core Strategy is setting out the central planks including land for housing. We must avoid an unsound plan.

Comments from members of the public

Some people threw away the leaflets.

Councillor Watts encouraged residents to get the word out. Every effort had been taken by the Council to have a leaflet delivered to every household. As much as possible, housing will be accommodated on brown field sites.

Why sacrifice green belt at such an early stage?

A. We do not have a 5 year supply so we will not be able to fight off planning applications.

Q. Are you taking account of the new national policy framework?

A. Yes, Various residents expressed their concerns about the need to protect wildlife interests and protect the green belt. Councillor's Watts and Heptinstall encouraged everyone to make their views known in the consultation.

8. **Bramcote Today Website Update**

116,000 views, 677 posts, 694 comments on the post. Need to have comments as it keeps the site alive and pushes it up the rankings. Any business can get put on the site. Most of posts are from politicians. Encourage all residents to put forward posts.

9. **Resident Issues**

Have Engineering improvements to A52 resulted in improvements?

Councillor Heptinstall has asked this question, has not had a response.

Traffic may get worse yet as A453 changes happen etc and Nottingham mainline closed for refurbishment.

ACTION: Councillor Heptinstall to chase a response to the question.

Some residents cannot hear! Can we have a microphone for future meetings?

ACTION: Consider microphone for future meetings.

Cameras – Wollaton Road

Don't see pre-installation data and post installation accident statistics.

ACTION: Councillor Heptinstall will enquire about accident statistics pre and post installations

10. **Any Other Business**

Bramcote Old Tower

2 stained glass windows to be installed (subject to Planning Permission).

Strawberry Fair

To raise money for the tower - Sunday 8 July

Beeston Station

Disabled ramp to be installed.

Hickings Lane

New Skatepark has been officially opened.

Action Boot camp

Has been given permission to use Bramcote Hills Park.

Notts Wildlife

Has invited the Council to be a wildlife guardian.

Sherwood Forest Regional Park

Broxtowe is to be included.

Hemlock Happening

Date for next year - 8 June 2013
Thanks to Mr Akhter for hosting the event.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 1 October at Bramcote Memorial Hall

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