



**Bramcote
Community Action Team
Bramcote Memorial Hall
Monday 5 September 2016**



Present

Cllr J Doddy (Chair)	Broxtowe Borough Council	Cllr JD
Cllr M Plackett	Broxtowe Borough Council	Cllr MP
Cllr J Goold	Broxtowe Borough Council	Cllr JG
Cllr A Harper	Broxtowe Borough Council	Cllr AH
Joy Balchin	Broxtowe Borough Council	JB
Paul Heery	White Hills Park Federation	PH
Sue Sambells	Notts Neighbourhood Watch	SAS

30 residents signed the register

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
Cllr John Doddy welcomed everyone to the 62nd Bramcote CAT meeting.
2. **Apologies**
Apologies were received from 6 residents
3. **Minutes and matters arising**
The previous minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.
4. **Update on Actions**

ACTION TABLE		
Issue	Responsibility	Action
Bramcote/Sherwin Arms traffic island	Cllr MP	<p>ACTION – Cllr MP to contact Highways England to suggest that local businesses, in particular Aldi, are contacted in connection with sponsorship of the bridge</p> <p>DONE</p> <p>Update – Awaiting response, Cllr MP recontacted Highways England on 06.09.16.</p> <p>ACTION – Cllr MP to clarify if BBC as the authority maintaining the island, receive monies from Highways England.</p> <p>Post meeting note –</p>

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		<p>Cllr MP contacted Paul Summers, BBC who provided the following response All funding for Broxtowe work on the island is funded from the Grounds maintenance budget - This decision was supported by Cllr Jackson in the initial meetings with the Highways Agency last year</p>
Bridge over A52/Sherwin Island	Cllr MP	<p>ACTION – Cllr MP to recontact Rajinder Kaur at the end of June 2016 re cleansing of bridge. DONE Update – A cleaning order for the bridge has been submitted</p>
Barrier preventing access to a public footpath on Moss Drive.	<p>Cllr MP</p> <p>Chairman Bramcote Conservation Society</p>	<p>ACTION Cllr MP agreed to contact Anna Soubry for a response to Bramcote Conservation Society in connection with installation of a barrier preventing access to a public footpath on Moss Drive. DONE – A letter supporting reconsideration of the closure has been received from Anna Soubry MP</p> <p>ACTION – Contact to be made with Notts Fire and Rescue Service to clarify what provision has been made for emergency access via public footpath Moss Drive. DONE – Update – NFRS unable to lend any weight to the reconsideration of the closure, as should emergency access be necessary it would be gained.</p>

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Provision of crime figures to enable circulation with CAT agenda	SS	ACTION – SS to make quarterly crime figures available to JB to enable them to be circulated with CAT meeting agendas Update – SAS obtained figures in a timely manner, however the 05.09.16 agenda had already been circulated. Figures to be circulated with future Agendas
Provision of speeding statistics	SS	ACTION – SS to look into provision of speeding statistics for future CAT meetings DONE- see Appendix 1
Overgrown nettles/vegetation adjacent to steps to King Georges Park Cutting of the two scrub islands at the end of Sloan Drive/Kilburn Close.	Cllr MP	ACTION - Cllr MP to contact BBC to request cutting of overgrown nettles/vegetation adjacent to steps to King Georges Park and the two scrub islands at the end of Sloan Drive/Kilburn Close. DONE Update – Dealt with quickly but unsatisfactorily so redone.

Further to the update provided above re Bramcote/Sherwin Arms traffic island:
There is frustration amongst local residents about the time taken to resolve issues relating the bridge and island. Cllr MP has been working to resolve the issues for the last year and assured the meeting of his ongoing determination to ensure satisfactory solutions. All issues raised by residents along with ideas relating to sponsorship will be discussed at a meeting between BBC and Highways England on 16.09.16. BBC have entered into an agreement with Nottm City Council regarding maintenance sponsorship for the island and the bank flower bed local sponsorship may be forthcoming. Cllr MP to seek update from Paul Summers, BBC.

ACTION – Cllr MP to seek update from Paul Summers, BBC re maintenance sponsorship of island and bank flower bed.

Discussion followed during which Cllr MP agreed to contact Highways England about the following issues:

ACTIONS – Cllr MP.

1. Contact Highways England re bollard at Town Street/A52 junction still not working.

Post Meeting Note – Carol Scholten, Highways England:

“With regard to the illuminated bollard on the refuge at the Town Street entrance to the island. I have asked our inspector to investigate this and arrange for our contractors to carry out any necessary repairs to the bollard at their earliest convenience. I will update you once this has been done.”

2. Contact Highways England re hedge on Derby Road close to its junction with Church Street.

Post Meeting Note – Carol Scholten, Highways England:

“Our Inspector has been out to this location and cut back the overhanging branches. There is currently no obstruction to pedestrians from vegetation along the path.”

3. Contact Highways England to highlight that in comparison to neighbouring islands, at the Priory and Bardills, the Sherwin island does not compare favourably, particularly the perimeter which is untidy.

Another issue for Highways England is the bollard at junction A52/Wollaton Road.

ACTION – Cllr MP to contact Highways England to request repair to bollard at junction A52/Wollaton Road.

Further to the update provided above re Barrier preventing access to a public footpath on Moss Drive:

Bramcote Conservation Society have received a substantial number of evidence forms objecting to the closure from local residents. These will be delivered to County Hall together with a report in relation to the Lawns Company.

Further to the update provided above re overgrown nettles/vegetation adjacent to steps to King Georges Park:

ACTION – Cllr MP to request entrance to King George's Park up steps from Town Street be cut on a regular basis at time of verge cutting and that at such time the grass be cleared.

5. White Hills Park Federation update - PH

Executive Head, Paul Heery provided the following information:

Educational Update – following mixed results last year significant improvements have been made and GCSE results are now above the national average. More details can be viewed on the federation website – www.whpfederation.org

The Office for Standards in Education (OFSTED) produce an annual report for schools. Last years report for WHPF placed them in Category 3 of 4 meaning that the federation required improvement. The federation are confident that both Alderman White and Bramcote School will placed in a higher category at the next inspection. In addition to academic success there have been other notable achievements including the Year 9 Netball team becoming County Champions and the Debating Society winning a national competition the prize for which was that they visited the Houses of Parliament and met the then Prime Minister.

Although student numbers at Alderman White have grown the same cannot be said for Bramcote School. As part of last year's WHPF Open Evening contact was made with local Primary Schools to encourage parents to send children to the federation

schools. This will be done again this year with renewed vigour following improvements made and results gained.

School Development – Closure of Bramcote School will save the Federation £250,000 a year and ongoing costs such as recent maintenance of kitchens. The existing school is an inadequate educational environment so the Federation need to provide a suitable educational environment for their pupils. The Federation supports the document which says Bramcote is a site for potential development, though they are keen to preserve green space and limit strain on local infrastructure.

PH took questions.

Potential re-zoning of green belt land in Bramcote

BBC have a duty to seek sites to meet the requirement to build 6150 homes.

Cllr A Harper, Chairman Jobs and Economy Committee, BBC spoke about the consultation on potential additional development sites. This can be found at <http://www.broxtowe.gov.uk/part2localplan> The consultation runs until 03.10.16 and covers sites in Bramcote, Chilwell and Nuthall The Jobs and Economy Committee meet in November 2016 and again in January 2017 at which point a decision re Bramcote will be made.

Because the Bramcote proposal was believed by local residents to be unclear, they met with BBC to request that the consultation be amended to ensure that it is clear where development is being proposed. The consultation has not been amended but a map outlining the proposed site for development has been publicised. The site includes Bramcote Hills Park, all of Bramcote School and the Leisure Centre. There is a strong feeling amongst local residents that to take this whole site out of green belt would lead to more development applications being submitted.

A Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum meeting held on 30.08.16 was attended by 180 local residents. It was made clear at the meeting that residents do not want land taken out of greenbelt, however attendees were not against development of a new school.

Cllr AH advised the meeting that it is important that the development is seen in context and that residents are not being asked to say Yes/No to development of the whole site.

A lively debate followed during which attention was drawn to the need for a balanced approach, this because local parents and their children want a decent school but residents also want to protect greenbelt.

6. Police report/NHW update

Police no longer attend CAT meetings, however they do provide crime data which is incorporated into the report attached at Appendix 1. This report produced by Sue Sambells, Trustee, Nottinghamshire Neighbourhood Watch.

Minutes of Priority Setting Meetings are published on Bramcote Today and can be seen at <https://bramcotetoday.org.uk/policing/pact-meeting-minutes/>. In response to

concern raised about speeding in the ward SAS offered to raise this at the next PSM meeting.

Attendees were encouraged to sign up to NHW as a way of reducing the risk of them becoming victims of crime. The content and timely manner of Internet Crime notifications circulated was acknowledged.

7. Bramcote Hills Golf Course update

An application for 138 dwellings and a communal care facility submitted to BBC was turned down and has now gone to appeal. Cllr JD expressed concern that planning applications should consider the effect proposed developments will have local Health Services and that there should be a requirement to seek planning approval with a report from the local Clinical Commissioning Group at the time of application rather than after.

The frontage of the former golf course buildings has been tidied up, this without need for an enforcement notice.

8. St Johns College update

An application has been submitted for 41 homes, parkland and an institutional building to cater for all ages, including family homes, apartments and affordable housing. Concern was expressed at the proposed development of this site which the Chair of Bramcote Conservation Society stated is classed as protected open space.

9. Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum update

Paul Nathanail, although unable to attend tonight's meeting, provided the following update which was read out by Cllr JD

"Broxtowe Borough Council has formally designated Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum to develop the neighbourhood plan for the area of the Bramcote Ward. Public consultations on the forum's vision and to encourage local residents were held during the summer at the Hemlock Happening and at various school summer fayres. The Forum held a General Meeting in July at which it formally adopted the vision that: It also formally endorsed the present boundaries of the green belt in Bramcote. Members of the Forum steering group have taken part in workshops organised by Broxtowe to gather the views of neighbourhood forums and town or parish councils on issues that will form part of Broxtowe's Local Plan Part 2. Members of the steering group have also made informal links with the groups trying to establish neighbourhood plans in Stapleford and Chilwell & Toton. Following the Broxtowe consultation on whether the area containing Bramcote Hills Park, the Moor Lane and Coventry playing fields, school and leisure sites, the Forum held a public meeting at which members voted overwhelmingly that this Site was not suitable for development. Forum members are updated on forum activities so local residents are invited to sign up at <http://eepurl.com/b3LBK9/>"

10. Sherwin Arms roundabout/bridge update

This dealt with under Item 4, Update on Action Plan.

11. Café in the park update

Broxtowe Borough Council are seeking expressions of interest for a café in Bramcote Hills Park.

David Watts informed the meeting as follows:

A formal application will be submitted by the Community Interest Company.

This not affected by Greenbelt consultation because BBC can grant planning permission for exceptional circumstances.

Consultation was done at the Hemlock Happening, a questionnaire provided attendees with the opportunity to share their views about what the facility should contain. The 100 responses gained will help guide future planning.

BBC will make their decision on 20 November 2016, if approval is granted the community interest company will commence fundraising with a view to the café being open early in 2018.

DW took questions

The cost is likely to be in the region of £500 – 800K

The cafe would be sited next to the children's play area

Parking provision would be dependent on whether the café is a destination in it's own right or a café serving park users.

Concern was raised about overflowing litter bins adjacent to the coffee van which currently trades in the park.

ACTION – Cllr MP to contact Paul Summers, BBC to request provision of more litter bins in Bramcote Park.

12. Residents' Issues/Any other Business

Concern was raised about the amount of weeds on paths and roads throughout the ward. Cllr MP explained that BBC sub-contract this service out

ACTION – Cllr MP to contact Paul Summers, BBC to request inspection and clearance by sub-contractor where necessary.

It was suggested that a bench be placed at the Derby Road/Church Street junction

ACTION – Cllr MP to contact Paul Summers, BBC to request installation of a resting seat at Derby Road/Church Street junction.

Barriers on Town Street (devils bend) require painting

ACTION – Cllr MP to contact the relevant authority re re-paint of Town Street barriers.

Post meeting note – 06.09.16 Cllr MP acquired the following response from Laura Trussler, Senior Highways Liaison Officer

“The Highways Authority don't paint crash barriers but I do recall that these particular barriers are on a list for replacement in the near future. I will check this and get back to you shortly

The site is on a list for funding consideration once monies become available. Unfortunately at this time I am not able to give any timescale as to when the barriers will be replaced.”

Heritage Open Days, Thurs 08.09.16 – 11.09.16 – Booklets containing the full itinerary were available at tonight's meeting. St Michaels Church and Bramcote Methodist Church are both open as part of the scheme.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 5 December 2016, 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Bramcote Memorial Hall, Church Street, Bramcote

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Litter in Bramcote Park	Cllr MP	ACTION – Cllr MP to contact Paul Summers, BBC to request provision of more litter bins in Bramcote Park
Weeds on paths and roads throughout ward	Cllr MP	ACTION – Cllr MP to contact Paul Summers, BBC to request inspection and clearance by sub-contractor where necessary
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APPENDIX 1

Police statistics for last quarter compared to 2015:

Offence	02/06/2016-24/08/2016	02/06/2015-24/08/2015
Burglary	5	3
Burglary Other	3	8
Auto Crime	10	14
Criminal Damage	2	8
Robbery	7	9
Theft	27	42

Speeding The camera team have advised that between 02/06/2016 - 24/08/2016 they have visited the site of the Derby Road/ Cow Lane junction on 12 occasions with 269 offending vehicles being processed.

PCSO Archer does not have any further details of the actual actions taken against them.

Local Policing Update - The Neighbourhood Policing team for the Stapleford cluster area remains as:

PC 5 Sarah Warren

PC 3362 Hannah Kinsey

PCSO 8043 Andy Freeman

PCSO 4662 Chris Archer

Methods of contact for the local team can be found on the Nottinghamshire Police website <http://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/neighbourhood/stapleford> or via Bramcote Today, under policing – Local Policing – Stapleford.

Stapleford/Bramcote/Trowell cluster – Our next Priority Setting Meeting (PSM) is 15 September. The current priorities are the same as last quarters: Vehicle Nuisance (off road motorbikes/mini motos) Vehicle Nuisance Speeding and Drug misuse/supply.

If you have concerns about neighbourhood crime, for example speeding in a particular area and wish to affect the priorities that the police set, complete the online survey at <http://www.neighbourhoodprioritysurvey.co.uk/>

Contact cards/promotional posters

These have been distributed throughout the cluster area. I have a generous stock of the business sized cards, should anyone wish to take for personal use or to provide to others.

Bramcote NHW

New schemes set up:

Stanley Drive/Lyndale Road by Robbie Muir Email stanleydrivenhw@hotmail.com for details.

Derby Road area, Bramcote Email Ian Tyler at nhwbramcote@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the NHW scheme.

If you are not part of an effective NHW scheme, elsewhere, and want to be, please contact Sue Sambells at admin@nottswatch.co.uk.

There is still funding to cover the setting up of new schemes throughout the county of Nottinghamshire.

NottsWatch

Updates since June CAT meeting:

SLA/MoU A news release has been issued to confirm the formalising of the partnerships between Nottinghamshire Neighbourhood Watch with the Notts Police and also Notts County Council. Brief details can be read in July's Citizens in Policing newsletter. (Can be viewed via <http://www.nottswatch.co.uk> – About us page)

Scoping exercise – I mentioned at the June meeting, CI Richard Stapleford, who is the senior police representative on the NottsWatch Management Board, asked us to undertake a scoping exercise to initially produce a document outlining information regarding existing community/policing meetings, such as our cluster's PSM, to enable a practical solution be reached as to how police can cover future meetings. We have presented P&CC, Paddy Tipping, with a report to this effect and were invited to attend a Parish Councils and Neighbourhood Watch Information Meeting last Thursday, along with representatives from Notts Police, Parish and local Councils, to discuss further the future for police/community involvement.

We discussed two-way communication between police and community, in the main – current procedures and issues, plus proposed improvements. The police accept they need to use technology more and are currently developing on line reporting of crime via Police.uk. This should be available for testing later in the year and go live early 2017. The police also accept the use of social media varies hugely throughout the force and are investing in training as part of their Neighbourhood engagement plan. As far as existing Safer Neighbourhood meetings are concerned, their attitude is – if it works, keep it, but they are no longer resourced for a police officer to hold surgeries/attend meetings which are poorly attended.