

## **Bramcote CAT Meeting 1 December 2014 – The Official Unofficial Minutes**

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Ian Tyler. PC Karl Barlow, Bramcote's Beat Manager gave the police report, there was a presentation by Sue Sambells on Neighbourhood Watch and PC Barlow gave crime prevention advice.

### **Action Points From Minutes of 1 September Meeting**

1. Road into Bramcote Park/school site flooded - Piping and ditch reported as clear.
2. Highway issues  
Wollaton Road/Abbey Road Junction congestion – No action yet  
Congestion at entrance to Nurseryman pub car park. – No action yet. Resident suggested 'Keep Clear' message on road was being ignored. Suggested full yellow box.  
Hazard turning right out of Cow Lane on to Town Street due to speeding – No action yet.
3. Councillors agreed to explore Bramcote school funding with Head, Mr Heery, to reduce housing need. Meeting not arranged. Anna Soubry MP has spoken to Mr Heery and has written to the Education Minister. Little funding is available.
4. Overgrown weeds on Gateford Close. Less of a problem but will review situation in the Spring when growth resumes.
5. Recycling. Leaflet distributed showing what can be recycled. Tetra Paks should be put in the black bin for incineration.

### **Police Report From PC Barlow**

Crime is going up slightly, largely due to improved reporting.

Since the last CAT Meeting there have been 5 Burglaries Dwelling. (2 entry through unlocked door or window. 1 where a spade was used to get through a patio door. 1 where a key was left in a lock and the glass in the door was broken to gain access.) Used to have 1 or 2 a day so there has been a great improvement. Last year there were 25 year-to-date. This year 9.

There has been a slight increase in shed break-ins – 3.

There has been a 33% increase in thefts from motor vehicles – 9 (2 sets of number plates subsequently used to steal fuel.) but a 33% decrease in stolen cars. On a recent check in Stapleford 1 in 10 cars were unlocked and unattended.

Domestic violence is up but the police have concentrated on this.

There have been 5 bike thefts at the Leisure Centre. Message is lock them up when you leave them.

A mobile phone was stolen when left charging at a party.

A delivery vehicle was stolen when the engine was left running and the door open. Never leave a running vehicle unattended.

Traffic – Several Section 59 warnings have been issued. These are given when there is anti-social driving. The car can be seized if this recurs in a year. Several cars have been towed away for having no insurance or tax.

If you want to report a car that appears to have been abandoned you can check whether its licence is out of date on [www.vehicleenquiry.service.gov.uk](http://www.vehicleenquiry.service.gov.uk) Enter the registration and make. Remember you don't get tax discs now.

PC Barlow said he was targeting drivers going through red lights particularly at Thoresby Road and also drink driving, speeding, mobile phone use while driving and not using seat belts.

### **Presentation From Sue Sambells on Neighbourhood Watch and PC Barlow on Crime Prevention**

See separate notes.

Residents Issues.

1. The dangers caused by motorists turning from Derby Road into Thoresby Road and then doing a u-turn via Arundel Drive was raised. Ian Tyler said he would raise the matter with Nottinghamshire CC Highways Department.
2. The poor condition of pavements on Balmoral Drive was raised.
3. Bramcote Hills Golf Club potential development. See <http://bramcotetoday.org.uk/2014/11/27/bramcote-hills-golf-course-development-plans-report-on-public-meeting/> for Steve Austin's report on the public meeting held on 26 November.

Councillor David Watts reiterated his opposition to the retirement village proposals which he said were totally for the wrong place. It was a steep hill. The proposal destroyed a green corridor. There were flooding issues on Wembley Gardens, Gateford Close and Deddington Lane and the risk to wild life was increased. Councillor Watts urged residents to comment on the proposal as soon as possible (deadline 8 December) via Broxtowe Borough Council's Planning website or in writing to the Council. Councillor Watts clarified that he would not be able to vote at a Development Control meeting considering the proposal as he had publically expressed his opposition to the proposal. However he would be able to send a substitute who could vote. The substitute would be Ian Tyler. As a consequence, Ian was not making any comments on the proposal.

Residents were advised to email Mike Johnson via Bramcote Today for information on what they might say in any objection.

David Watts pointed out that the Lib Dems were running a petition on their website where residents could register their objections to the proposal. Paper copies of the petition were circulated at the meeting.

A resident asked if opposition to the proposal was formal Lib Dem policy. This question was not clearly answered.

David Watts was asked if the City were involved in considering the proposals as the Ridge was clearly visible from the City. David Watts advised the site was not on the boundary and so the City would not be consulted. It was pointed out to him that the development would have detrimental effect on views from City roads.

Various ecological issues were raised. Could the site be made an SSI? – Difficult without consent of the owner. The hedge of is owned by the Borough and is believed to be over 300 years old. Can it be protected? Difficult although David Watts said he would look at what could be done. There is rare acid grassland and this should be preserved.

David Watts said that the Golf Course had a high level of protection in the Council's plans and that the owners should have checked this before purchase and paid for development land rather than a golf course. There was the danger they would come back with a smaller scheme which if accepted would be a means of forcing through further development.

Mike Johnson and the Golf Course Open Space Protection Group were thanked for their efforts.

Mike Johnson observed that when speaking to Mr Heery, the White Hills Park Federation Executive Head, had said it was possible the Bramcote School site could become available for a retirement complex. Everybody agreed this site was a much better alternative.

A further comment was made that St John's College may go down a similar route to raise funding but no plans had been tabled to date.

Ian Tyler said that Bramcote may benefit from a Neighbourhood Plan. This should be formulated when the redevelopment plan for Bramcote School was put forward. 21 residents would be needed to form a group to develop such a plan. Ian suggested that this be promoted on Bramcote Today.

4. A Spanish lorry had parked overnight on the small car park on the junction of Deddington Lane and Eastcote Avenue. The verge had been damaged and the Councillors at the CAT Meeting were asked to have it repaired. The police had been called but no action had been taken. PC Barlow expressed surprise at this. His views was that it is possible to move lorries on in such circumstances and he said he would enquire what had been done by the police.
5. Speeding on the A52 was raised as a continuing problem. PC Barlow explained that the A52 does warrant a mobile speed camera but funding is not available from the Highways Agency. This is supposedly being reviewed. The road is too wide for the use of a hand held gun by the local police team as it is difficult to stop offenders safely. A large team is need with a pursuit car to stop offenders. This has been done in the past but resources are not available. A Speedwatch scheme using local residents is not appropriate because of the dynamics of the road. It's too big.

Residents asked if Broxtowe Borough Council could approach Paddy Tipping, the Police and Crime Commissioner, to see if anything could be done.

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

This was not arranged.