

Bramcote CAT Meeting 2 September 2013 – The Official Unofficial Minutes

Councillor Stan Heptinstall welcomed everybody to the 50th Bramcote CAT Meeting and reflected:

This CAT is the only Broxtowe one that meets 4 times a year.

It started 12 1/2 years ago in March 2001.

It met first at the Rose Grower, had one meeting at The Sherwin Arms before moving to the Memorial Hall. There was one meeting at Bramcote Care Home.

Bramcote CAT Meeting has a good reputation, is well attended and a lot of activities have been initiated through the Meeting and problems discussed.

Here are some points that residents and Stan mentioned:

- Planting daffodils and crocuses on Town Street.
- Putting posts on the verges by the post office to stop parking.
- Campaigning to deal with A52 disruption.
- Potential development of the golf course.
- Crossings on Thoresby and Derby Roads.
- Hillside Road traffic calming.
- Quality speakers from the County and Borough Councils.
- Starting Bramcote Today.
- Support for the Bramcote Ridge Group and the Friends of the Old Church Tower.
- Weight restriction on Bramcote Village Roads.
- Concerns about road potholes, verges and weeds.
- Traffic calming on Cow Lane – humps and safety islands.
- A52 bus lane – the first on a trunk road.
- Green Flags for Bramcote Hills Park, the Ridge, the Old Church Tower.
- Bridleway from Sandy Lane surfacing.
- Hemlock Happening.
- Recycling.
- Bramcote Hills Care Home issues.
- Electronic Speed warning signs.
- Bardill's roundabout redesign. (Residents commented that the 40mph speed limit was ineffective and road lane markings were confusing).

- The schools have changed significantly. Bramcote Hills Comprehensive has disappeared. Alderman White, The Park and the remains of Bramcote Hills Comprehensive are now a Federation with Academy status.

Matters From Previous Meeting

40mph sign on A52 Nottingham bound carriageway just past Bramcote Leisure Centre obscured by tree: Stan Heptinstall has taken this up with the County Council.

Nottinghamshire Police and lost property: PC Barlow said this should be handed in at the nearest police station where you could also enquire about property you have lost. PC Barlow went on to say the Nottinghamshire Police were in the process of reviewing how lost property is handled.

Verge Cutting. This has improved after the pressure applied at the last CAT Meeting. The general view was that the work should be returned to Broxtowe Borough Council who did a more effective job. However the problem now is weeds on pavements and gutters. Stan Heptinstall took Andrew Warrington round Bramcote last Friday to view the problem. Andrew Warrington claimed the weeds had been treated and would shortly start to die. This not true regarding Bramcote Moor which has not been treated for 2 years. More action is needed!

Deddington Lane broken fence. Mike Johnson reported this has not been repaired and the gap is still blocked only with branches and other dead wood. Stan Heptinstall to follow through. Mike also pointed out there is a gate at the western end of the Lane. The contractors should be given the key to the gate and instructed to use it when working on path section of Deddington Lane.

Policing

The same officers have served Bramcote for some time and this was welcomed by residents. PC Barlow said that he was losing responsibility for Beeston North and would therefore have more time for Bramcote and Stapleford South East. He will be assisted by PCSO Chris Archer in Bramcote and PCSO Alastair Butterfield in Stapleford South East.

Beat surgeries are being started again at Bramcote Memorial Hall:

9 September 10.00-11.30am

14 October 10.00-11.30am

Crime Update:

This is showing an increase of 15 crimes over last year with burglaries up. Other areas have fared much worse. Residents in streets where crime is relatively high have been offered a full crime assessment and PC Barlow said any resident could ask for this. There is a list of devices to help with crime prevention on the Nottinghamshire Police website.

PC Barlow commented on door-to-door selling and scrap metal merchants. Door-to-door sellers need a pedlars licence from Nottinghamshire County Council. The law is changing for scrap metal merchants who from 1 December will need to be licensed as an authorised collector. The same applies to people touting services as tree fellers. If residents have problems, they should ring 101 and report the issues. PC Barlow's team will respond.

PC Barlow advised mobile phone owners to keep a record of the IMEI Number and serial number of their phone. If the phone is stolen, immediately ask the phone company to block the phone and then report the matter to the police. The police won't act if you can't provide the numbers and have asked for the phone to be blocked. Details of the phone will be entered on to a national register.

The bus lane campaign on the A52 has been a success. When police last attended, nobody was caught. PC Barlow said he was now turning his attention to speeding and has permission to use a hand held speed gun on the A52. It has not been possible to bring a camera van into use on this road.

A resident complained about problems with trying to contact the police and was advised to use 101 for urgent contact and 999 in an emergency. If a matter was non urgent then local officers could be contacted but residents were warned that the officer may not be on duty and would not respond immediately.

PC Barlow also spoke about the problem of cannabis growing. Residents should report any suspicions of properties being used. Gangs are now appearing who seize crops being grown by others. These gangs can be extremely violent and so it is important they do not have an opportunity to operate in Bramcote.

Recycling

Jane Hutchinson of Broxtowe Borough Council clarified that the only plastic items that can be recycled in green bins are:

- Plastic bottles
- Yoghurt pots
- Margarine and butter tubs

All other items should be put into the black bin or taken to a supermarket recycling site which is labelled to take them.

Bottles and other glass containers taken to supermarket recycling sites no longer produce and benefit for Broxtowe Borough Council. Recycle them in the Council's yellow bag collection.

20mph Speed Limits

There are two proposals:

- Nottingham City Council are proposing 20mph in all streets between Wollaton Vale and Bramcote including Bramcote Lane by the shops.
- Nottinghamshire County Council are proposing 20mph in all streets outside schools. This will affect Moor Lane and part of Cow Lane.

There was general support for the school proposal although Peter Hillier expressed concern about more signage on Cow Lane which is in the Bramcote Conservation area.

The question was raised by Stan Heptinstall as to whether streets on Bramcote Moor and Bramcote Hills should follow the City plan being adjacent. This was opposed by an overwhelming majority in a vote. The proposal was criticised for lack of real evidence, no proven benefits for the costs involved and was felt to be a knee jerk reaction. The view was expressed that existing speed limits were satisfactory if properly enforced. In addition 20mph was criticised as leading to more pollution as you have to drive round in 3rd gear using more fuel.

Apparently no speed humps are being proposed.

Electoral Ward Boundary Review.

This is being undertaken in Broxtowe by the Local Government Boundary Commission to ensure that each councillor has a similar number of constituents. Proposal will be published on Broxtowe Borough Councils website and comments invited.

Residents Issue Raised

Some trees hang over the road on Town Street and need cutting. Stan Heptinstall said he would look at this.

Noise from the Sherwin Arms on Bank Holidays.

Next Meeting

Monday 2 December.