

Bramcote CAT Meeting 3 March 2014 – The Official Unofficial Minutes

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Ian Tyler and Councillor Stan Heptinstall was in attendance for the first part of the meeting. PC Karl Barlow, Bramcote's Beat Manager gave the police report and there was a presentation by Chris Humphreys, Headteacher, Foxwood Academy, on developments there.

Update on Action Plan

- 1. Concern about Contacting Nottinghamshire police to report lost property.* Karl Barlow passed on the suggestion of using the Bramcote Today website for reports of lost/found property. The Editors have not been contacted regarding this.
- 2. Deddington Lane fence broken by contractors to access the bridle path.* This was reported as resolved.
- 3. A number of residents went on a very informative visit to the Veolia's recycling plant at Mansfield.*
- 4. Town Street Junction with Derby Road overgrown trees on the grass verge.*

There was much discussion. Stan Heptinstall clarified what had taken place, He had had a meeting with Peter Hillier to discuss the situation. Stan confirmed that the land is the responsibility of the Highways Agency. Anna Soubry MP was contacted and she wrote to the Highways Agency to ask that work be carried out. This was agreed but the intention was to do this at the same time as the proposed works on the Sherwin Roundabout. Residents complained about possible disruption caused by the Roundabout works and Anna Soubry persuaded the Highways Agency to defer this until the road works necessitated by tram construction were completed. Thus the work to deal with the Town Street junction has also been deferred.

As part of the discussion it has become clear that the Highways Agency has one standard for the maintenance of rural and urban areas. This is quite wrong (as pointed out by Bramcote Today in the Weedy Council affair) and Stan Heptinstall has asked Anna Soubry to take this up with the Highways Agency particularly as new maintenance contracts are being discussed. Charles Lowe pointed out that the strip of land by the A52 from Church Street towards the garage was in an appalling state and needed clearing. He thought this was Broxtowe's responsibility.

- 5. Sherwin Arms – loud music on Bank Holiday Sunday.*

The response from Broxtowe Borough Council was deemed to be waffle. They asked for evidence before further action could be taken including diary sheets. Clear statements of the facts had been given at the previous CAT Meeting. Ian Tyler was encouraged to speak to neighbours and to the owner of the adjacent post office in particular. He undertook to do this.

6. 40mph Speed limit at Bardill's Roundabout.

Much concern was expressed about the limit being broken in particular on the stretch of the A52 from the Priory to the Sherwin. Residents fear there will be an accident at one of the crossing where lights are frequently ignore. PC Karl Barlow explained he had taken some action. However he explained that the introduction of fixed cameras was not possible due to budget constraints. Further police action was also unlikely for the same reason. The Meeting was generally dissatisfied with these responses and it is clear this will be an on-going issue with residents until the matter is resolved.

Ian Tyler undertook to write to the Highways Agency about speeding on the A52.

Sue Sambells said residents should complete the Police Priority Survey to express their views and as a means of bringing pressure to bear.

Stan Heptinstall said that, as far as Bardill's Roundabout is concerned, nothing further will be done as the junction will be redesigned as part of the tram works.

Town Centre Housing Developments

Ian Tyler clarified that Broxtowe Council's view is that flats above shops are not acceptable.

In Stapleford, the Council has brought the old police station and a working group is looking at development possibilities.

The Council is also looking at dementia friendly housing clusters – 3 to 4 up to 10 houses where residents who need help with social care can be conveniently brought together.

Finally work is underway on plans for Beeston centre. Views will be sought on housing. Shops on being used as shops will be considered. A Policy document will be coming out shortly and should be available for the next CAT Meeting.

Police Report

Since the last report:

10 house burglaries – Almost all forced entry at the rear. Thieves have been targeting Asian gold. Leaflet have been distributed in affected areas and there has been extra patrols. Arrests have been made.

1 shed break in. These have gone down significantly.

1 robbery.

9 vehicle/bike thefts. (Including 1 TWOC and 4 sets of vehicle plates)

The Police priority is burglaries.

The Police have changed from using an unmarked to a marked vehicle. The unmarked vehicle was being reported as suspicious. The marked vehicle does have a deterrent effect. The Police have been trialling an electric bike to give more flexibility. A capture car has also been deployed.

Beat surgeries are being held at the Meeting Place in Stapleford and details are on the [Police website](#).

Resident's Issues

1. There has been a flood on the road into Bramcote Park. Drain pipes need cleaning.
2. A stretch on Hillside Road needs clearing of leaves and rubbish. Ditto Cow Lane.
3. Concern was expressed about dangerous parking on Bankfield Drive by visitors/staff at the nursing home

. A new car park has been built but is not being used. Ian Tyler said he would enquire into to this. Karl Barlow said he would take action over illegal parking.

Foxwood Academy Community Project

Chris Humphreys, Headteacher. gave a presentation on the project to develop sensory play and garden provision in conjunction with Beeston Roundtable and Broomfield College. You can find the details on the Academy's [website](#).

They would like help with:

1. An animal and insect survey of the site.
2. plants and shrubs including bamboo, beech, maple, dogwood, herbs,

buddleia, grasses, palms, scented flowers, Echinacea, climbers including clematis, honeysuckle, and other perennial climbers.

3. Ideas for how they can link the opening with the Hemlock Happening
4. Ideas for further community involvement. Who? Where?
5. Sponsorship of the water feature.
6. Ideas for longer term sustainability. On-going partnership with local groups, maintenance etc.

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Date of Next Meeting

Monday 2nd June. 7.00pm Bramcote Memorial Hall.