

## **Bramcote CAT Meeting 2 June 2014 – The Official Unofficial Minutes**

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Ian Tyler. PC Karl Barlow, Bramcote's Beat Manager gave the police report and there was a presentation by Dawn Partington on the Broxtoowe Borough Mediation Service.

### **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 but has had no response. The Editors of Bramcote Today have set up a page for this see <http://bramcotetoday.org.uk/lost-found-property/>

2. Sherwin Arms – loud music on Bank Holiday Sunday.

Ian Tyler spoke to the Post Office owners about this. They said they had good relations with the current landlord and there was no problem with noise. Resident's perceived there was still likely to be a problem with excessive noise at Bank Holidays if music was played.

3. 40mph Speed limit at Bardill's Roundabout not policed and road markings create confusion.

Ian Taylor has written to the Highways Agency over the problem but has received no reply as yet.

In the discussion on this serious concern was raised about vehicles passing through red lights at the Leisure Centre crossing. PC Barlow said that police information showed fixed cameras were justified but the Highways Agency would not spend any money on this. Ian Tyler agreed to take the matter up with Anna Soubry MP asking her to press the matter with the Highways Agency.

4. Town Street junction with Derby Road overgrown trees on the grass verge.

This will not be addressed until the work on the Sherwin Roundabout is undertaken. This was deferred due to the Toton Lane work.

The issue of the strip of land by the A52 from Church Street towards the garage being in an appalling state and needing clearing was raised as part of this discussion. Ian Tyler said he would visit the site.

5. Town centre housing developments.

Ian Tyler said the Council would build where they can.

6. Hillside Road Lighting,

A resident said problems should be reported on the County Council's website.

7. Flooding on road to Bramcote Park School.

This was reported but no action seemed to have been taken.

- 8 Bin collection policy.

A complete mystery!

9. Parking around Sandringham Drive Nursing Home.

The situation had improved following an approach to the Home by the police.

### **Police Report – PC Karl Barlow**

Year to date crime is down 49%

In the period since the last CAT Meeting dwelling burglaries 3 (entry through insecure doors), shed break-ins 3 (bikes), Thefts from motor vehicles 17 (overnight with 8 cars not locked).

The police are concentrating on crime but have more bus lane checks planned. They are trying to do some more work on speeding.

If you want to report a crime you can use Nottinghamshire Crimestoppers if you want to report anonymously Tel: 0800 555 111.

PCSO Chris Archer was congratulated on his recent marriage.

### **Resident's Issues**

#### 1. Weeds, Grass Cutting and Potholes

Bob Pattison raised the issue of weeds/grass cutting and street surface repairs on Bramcote Moor with particular concerns over a pothole which has grown substantially in surface area in Gateford Close.

The problem with the pothole is that, although growing in surface area, it is not deep enough for repair under Council guidance and is unlikely to grow deeper as the under surface is very strong. Policy needs changing to repair such holes.

Steve Austin confirmed that the appearance of the Moor is dreadful. The grass is two feet high, weeds although treated need further urgent action and potholes continue to be a problem. The weed treatment was carried out from a quad bike which left areas inadequately treated.

Mike Johnson observed that mechanical road sweeping is ripping up the surface

The general view is that the two authorities are giving poor service when one considers the high Council Tax bills.

#### 2. Wollaton Road Traffic Flow.

Traffic flow on Wollaton Road is a major problem. Cars travelling from the A52 and turning into the Nurseryman and Hillside Road cause dangerous tailbacks at peak times, the Abbey Road/Broughton Street junction is a nightmare compounded by a poorly set pedestrian crossing where the lights change as soon as the button is pushed – a serious problem on heavily used crossing. The situation will get worse with the opening of the access to Foster Avenue.

Ian Tyler agreed there is a problem but said that action was unlikely until traffic flows became clear after the Tram opened.

Bob Pattison pointed out though that a junction box had been agreed at the end of Hillside Road subject to funding some time ago. Ian Tyler said he would investigate.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 1 September 2014 7.00pm.