



**Bramcote
Community Action Team
Bramcote Memorial Hall
Monday 7 March 2016**



Present

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| Cllr M Plackett (Chair) | Broxtowe Borough Council | Cllr MP |
| Joy Balchin | Broxtowe Borough Council | JB |
| Sarah Yates | Broxtowe Borough Council | SY |
| Paul Nathanail | Bramcote Hills Community Assoc | PN |
| Paul Heery | White Hills Park Fed of Schools | PH |

23 residents signed the register

1. Welcome and Introductions

Cllr Martin Plackett chaired the meeting in Cllr Doddy's absence, he welcomed everyone to the 60th Bramcote CAT meeting and Notts County Councillor, S Heptinstall acknowledged the contribution made by local residents towards the on-going success of the Bramcote CAT.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from 4 residents and Cllrs Doddy, Gould and Williams

3. Minutes and matters arising

Minutes

Amendment to Item 6, Page 2 –

40% of houses are not covered by NHW. David Watts is looking to form a new NHW group. To get involved contact David or email admin@nottswatch.co.uk

Should read:

40% of houses are not covered by NHW. Ian Tyler is looking to form a new NHW group. To get involved contact Ian or email admin@nottswatch.co.uk

The previous minutes were then agreed as a true and accurate record

Matters arising

Future of CAT meetings – Cllr MP, these will continue as before for another year
Bramcote Hills Golf Course – Cllr MP, this is due to come before BBC Planning Committee during April/May 2016. Enforcement Officers have written to site owners to request that the former booking office be tidied up and cleared of graffiti – if this is not done an Enforcement Notice may be served.

4. Update on Actions

Bramcote / Sherwin Arms roundabout

Action: Cllr Gould to update at next meeting

Update – Cllr MP, It is hoped that BBC will commence maintenance of this site, council employees have to complete A1 Plus training which is due to take place next week. Cllr Gould continues to urge Highways England to further improve the island however this is dependent on funding. BBC have planted Spring bulbs and intend to plant summer plants shortly.

Attention was drawn to the fact that despite 3 treatments pernicious weeds, including brambles, continue to grow on the Bramcote/Sherwin Arms traffic island

ACTION – Cllr MP to contact Paul Summers, BBC to obtain assurance that further treatment/s would continue with the hope of complete eradication of pernicious weeds which continue to grow on the Bramcote/Sherwin Arms traffic island.

Post meeting note – The following response has been received from Paul Summers:

I would confirm that once the training required has been provided an initial maintenance visit to tidy the Island before spring bursts will be undertaken - you can be assured that any brambles and perennial weed will be treated with a trans-located herbicide (weedkiller- Glyphosate). In addition there is an intention to apply a residual herbicide (weedkiller- flazasulfuron) that will control emerging weeds. S Woodward (Grounds Maintenance) has the works in hand and I'm certain that the result will be effective

Bramcote Hills Park Café / toilets /community room

A Community Interest Company (CIC) will be set up with all profits going back into the community, residents will sit on the committee. 2016 will be a year of fundraising it is intended that by summer 2017 a café and toilets will be built. It is suggested that a multi-use community room also be built.

The vision is to have 100 co-owners – currently there are 40.

Action: Put on agenda for people to sign up.

Update – Ian Tyler advised that there will be opportunity for all to become a Director, each would be liable for a £1 fee should the project fail. It is hoped that a visual depiction of the planned development will soon be available. In a weeks time there will be a meeting with Nottinghamshire Groundwork Trust who specialise in match funding. In the next 6 – 8 weeks there should be a basic formula and a visual outline and then the process will progress to raising funds. The business plan contains aspirations which have evolved over the last few years and include toilets, a café and a community centre. The estimated cost is likely to be around £400k. Foxwood School are enthusiastic and it is hoped that those with learning difficulties can be involved in the activities which the facility will provide.

5. Police update

As the Police will not be attending CAT meetings from now on unless there are exceptional circumstances the police report will be given by Sue Sambells, Trustee, Nottinghamshire Neighbourhood Watch. On this occasion the report had been provided by PCSO Chris Archer and contained the following information:

Figures for Bramcote CAT meeting 07/03/2016.

| Offence | 30/11/2015 – 04/03/2016 | 30/11/2014 – 04/03/2015 |
|----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Burglary | 11 | 12 |
| Burglary Other | 10 | 4 |
| Auto Crime | 14 | 8 |

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| Criminal Damage | 2 | 3 |
| Robbery | 1 | 0 |
| Theft | 2 | 9 |

Burglary – In 9 of which entry was gained by either breaking a window or forcing open the UPVC frame. In 2 of them entry was gained by an insecure/unlocked door or window.

Burglary Other – 8 of these have been garages or sheds which were broken into, the other 2 were break ins to a secure room at a school and a secure room in the leisure centre.

Auto Crime – 10 of these offences are vehicle being entered or broken in to (9 of the ones entered were left insecure). 3 of these were vehicles being stolen (1 of which was left insecure with the engine running).

Robbery – The circumstances of the robbery incident were that a male was approached whilst out running in the area close to Common Lane. A male approached him and tried to take his phone off him and threatened him with violence. The offender from this was arrested at the scene by Police.

SS emphasised the need for vigilance and suggested that consideration should be given to relocating valuable items from sheds into more secure locations.

Attendees were advised to direct questions to the police by contacting them via the Notts Police website. Methods of contact for the local team can be found on the Nottinghamshire Police website or via Bramcote Today.

Local Policing Update - Following recent police reductions the whole of the Stapleford cluster Beat Team will look after Stapleford, Bramcote and Trowell. There will no longer be a dedicated officer for a specific beat i.e. Bramcote. The Neighbourhood Policing team for the Stapleford cluster area are as follows:

PC 5 Sarah Warren

PC 3362 Hannah Kinsey

PCSO 8043 Andy Freeman

PCSO 8916 Alistair Butterfield

PCSO 4662 Chris Archer

Sue then provided an update re local Neighbourhood Watch as follows:

1. **RVR NHW** – Roger Jones and I run a local scheme and with the help of our coordinators, we delivered bespoke Christmas cards, giving police contact details and promoting different ways of keeping up to date with policing news, to all of our 257 houses, during December. We used it as an opportunity to check on residents, particularly those without internet access. We asked if they receive my policing updates and further promoted signing up to free alerts or keeping up to date via social media. We also collected many more email addresses from residents so I now am able to have direct electronic communication with over 70% of the homes in our NHW scheme, ensuring effective two-way communication.
2. **Bramcote NHW** Newsletters were delivered to 800 houses, mid-December, encouraging anyone interested in joining, or assisting with the setting up a new scheme in Bramcote, to email Ian Tyler at nhwbramcote@gmail.com. The scheme is named “Derby Road area, Bramcote”. If you live in that area and are interested in protecting your home and neighbourhood, please contact Ian. If you are not part of an effective NHW scheme, elsewhere, and want to be, please contact me at admin@nottswatch.co.uk.

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

3. **Stapleford/Bramcote/Trowell cluster** – Our next priority setting meeting is 17 March. The current priorities are 1. Vehicle Nuisance: Speeding 2. Drug misuse / supply 3. Rowdy / Nuisance Behaviour.

If you have concerns about speeding in a particular area, for example, and wish to affect the priorities that the police set, complete the online survey at

<http://www.neighbourhoodprioritysurvey.co.uk/>

We are looking to get funding to print community policing contact cards to distribute to residents in the cluster area to encourage contacting the police/NHW and keeping up to date with policing info/advice.

4. **NottsWatch** We issue quarterly newsletters and publish updates in the police's Citizens in Policing newsletters. If you are interested in NHW at a county level and the improvements we are making to formalise relationships with our partners, such as the police and council, take a look. These can be found from the "About us" page at www.nottswatch.co.uk. Our annual conference and AGM will be held on 16 April and this year's theme is Developing Community Partnerships.

Discussion followed about the community policing contact cards detailed under Point 3 – this will be discussed at the next Police Priority Setting Meeting (PSM).

Sue asked for written support for this initiative to be sent to russleyvalmontrufford@hotmail.co.uk

6. **BBC website redesign – Sarah Yates, BBC Corporate Communications Manager**

Sarah Yates, BBC Corporate Communications Manager, advised those present that BBC are currently in the process of redesigning their website. A survey is being conducted to ensure that the views of website users are considered. The survey can be completed at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/broxwebdesign> and is due to close at the end of March 2016.

The new design will incorporate icons and text and as 50% of viewers visit the website using a mobile device or tablet the website will be made more compatible with these devices.

There was a table top display enabling attendees to see visual representation of the intended redesign, hard copy hand-outs were available and SY made herself available to take specific questions at the end of the meeting.

An attendee commented that the BBC website has improved over the last few years.

7. **Bramcote Schools – developments and achievements – Paul Heery, Executive Headteacher**

Achievements - the next inspections are due at Alderman White and the College in Autumn. This Summer will see the next round of exam results PH is happy to come along to subsequent CAT meetings to update.

Developments – Improvements to school buildings are necessary, in order to help to raise the funds to make these improvements the intention is to sell some school land. In December 2017 students will be moved out of Bramcote School into the Bramcote College building which has enough space and is in better condition. If plans proceed as hoped brown field land at Bramcote School will be sold. The

school are very keen to work with the local community and a consultation will be conducted, PH will continue to attend CAT meetings.
PH took questions.

Bramcote Hills Community Association have written to Anna Soubry MP as there was a motion agreed at their AGM as follows – ‘We (BHCA) would expect funding to be made available for the school redevelopment from Central Government. Your support and effort in securing such funds would be appreciated’. Copies of the letter were available at tonight’s meeting.

8. Neighbourhood Plans – Paul Nathanail, Chair of Bramcote Hills Community Association Planning group

Broxtowe Borough Council’s local plan consists of two parts, the Aligned Core Strategy – now set, and the Local Plan which will be formulated over the next 12 – 18 months. There is now a window of opportunity for local residents to influence the development of a Neighbourhood Plan. Because Bramcote has no Town or Parish Council the area needs to be recognized and outlined and a series of objectives need to be drawn up. It was clarified that for the purposes of this process Bramcote Ward is the area being considered.

Once done, the embryonic plan would be inspected and if accepted a referendum would be held, if approved the plan would be “made”.

A briefing session has been held at Eastwood Hall, Steffan Saunders, BBCs Head of Neighbourhood’s and Prosperity is involved with the process. Change is inevitable but there will be an opportunity for local voices to be heard through a series of stakeholder events.

ACTION – PN to forward details for website relating to the Neighbourhood Plans agenda item to JB to enable inclusion in the minutes

9. Any other Business

Bridge over A52 adjacent to Sherwin Island –

This is badly affected by mould, has graffiti on it and is in need of cleaning and repainting. Cllr MP advised that in relation to the graffiti, Paul Summers, Head of Environment at BBC has contacted A1 Plus to ask if BBC can clean the graffiti. PS has had to do this because the bridge is the responsibility of the Highways Agency not BBC

It was the meetings wish that Cllr MP write to Highways England to urge a thorough clean and repaint of the bridge and ask them to arrange a regular cleaning programme.

ACTION – Cllr MP to write to Highways England to urge a thorough clean and repaint of the bridge and ask them to arrange a regular cleaning programme.

Post meeting note –

Cllr MP has written and spoken to Highways England, Asset Management who are due to meet with contractors next week with a view to cleaning the bridge asap.

Moss Drive -

A barrier preventing access to a well used footpath has been installed. Attendees at tonight's meeting strongly voiced their concerns and the following motion was agreed:

'The Bramcote CAT meeting of the 7th March 16 strongly voice their concern at the closure of the access to Bluebell Woods by the Lawns Company.'

It further wished to add a second sentence to the motion as follows:-

'The meeting ask the Lawns Company to reopen this route used and walked by generations of Bramcote folk'

It was pointed out that by adding the second sentence the CAT may be accepting that the Company was in its right to close access to the woods. A view disputed by the Bramcote Conservation Society who are coordinating their response to the owners actions. At this point it was agreed that Cllr MP should seek advice from BBCs Legal Team as to the most suitable wording.

ACTION – Cllr MP to contact BBC Legal Team to seek clarification re wording of the motion agreed in response to installation of a barrier preventing access to footpath on Moss Drive

Residents are encouraged to complete a Public Rights of Way User Evidence Form which can be found on the Bramcote Today website www.bramcotetoday.org.uk

10. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 6 June 2016

Bramcote Memorial Hall, Church Street, Bramcote

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| Agenda Item 8 -Neighbourhood Plans | PN | ACTION – PN to forward details for website relating to the Neighbourhood Plans agenda item to JB to enable inclusion in the minutes |
| Concern was raised re mould and graffiti on the bridge over A52 adjacent to Sherwin Island | Cllr MP | ACTION - Cllr MP to write to Highways England to urge a thorough clean and repaint of the bridge and ask them to arrange a regular cleaning programme. DONE |
| Concern was raised re installation of a barrier preventing access to a public footpath on Moss Drive | Cllr MP | ACTION – Cllr MP to contact BBC Legal Team to seek clarification re wording of the motion agreed in response to installation of a barrier preventing access to footpath on Moss Drive |