

# Bramcote CAT Meeting 6 June 2016 – The Official Unofficial Minutes

The Meeting was chaired by Councillor John Doddy. Councillor Martin Plackett was present and Councillor Jan Gould sent her apologies.

## Action Points from the Minutes of the Meeting on 7 March 2016

- 1. Sherwin Roundabout.** Highways England have agreed Broxtowe Borough Council can maintain the roundabout and will next work on it when there is a traffic management scheme in place when Highways England cut the grass verges on the A52 on 8 June. Residents recognised there had been an improvement although there is rubbish which Broxtowe Borough Council will clear and perennial weeds and brambles are still a problem. Broxtowe Borough Council are proposing to a variety of weed killers to eradicate these. Rob Greer suggested planting broom which is appropriate for Bramcote but Councillor Plackett pointed out that any further planting is dependent on funding being made available from Highways England.  
To secure another source of funding Broxtowe Borough Council have sought help from the City Council with regard to obtaining sponsorship for the island. A resident suggested Aldi with their new store in Stapleford might be a contributor.
- 2. Sherwin Roundabout Bridge.** This is covered in graffiti and bird dropping. Councillor Martin Plackett said Highways England had visited the bridge and agreed it should be cleaned when the contract with AONE+ Plus finishes at the end of June. The work though will depend on an appropriate traffic management scheme being in place.  
Councillor John Doddy suggested that the bridge should be sponsored as well as the roundabout.
- 3. Moss Drive Closure.** Residents' opposition to the closure was expressed at the March 2016 CAT Meeting.  
A meeting was arranged between Councillor Martin Plackett (Broxtowe Borough Council), Councillor Stan Heptinstall (Nottinghamshire County Council) Rob Greer (Chair Bramcote Conservation Society), Nottinghamshire County Council's Rights of Way Officer and the Chair of Nottinghamshire County Council's Highways Committee on the Moss Drive site. Nottinghamshire County Council's Rights of Way Officer recommended that he should ask Lawnsco to reconsider the closure.  
Bramcote Conservation Society had collected 70 forms showing that the Moss Drive route had been used by the public as a footpath over a considerable period of time but were advised that, if they submitted an application to have the path designated as a public right of way, the application would take a considerable length of time (years) to be determined. The Conservation Society therefore agreed that an attempt to solve the problem by negotiation should be made. The designation application would be made if the application failed. It was pointed out that the residents of Southfield House had no pedestrian access following the Moss Drive closure  
Rob Greer said he had contacted Anna Soubry's office about the problems but had heard nothing further. Councillor Martin Plackett said he would raise this.  
Councillor Stan Heptinstall said he believed that the situation would be best solved by negotiation as a right of way application would take a very long time. He suggested a residents' petition might help move the situation forward.

Paul Nathanail queried whether there was a problem with access for the emergency services and Councillor John Doddy said he would follow this up.

## **Community Café**

David Watts had intended to deliver a report on progress on the project but unfortunately had to send his apologies due to a family emergency. Sue Sambells delivered the report:

1. The community interest company has now been registered with Companies House. The articles of association of the company confirm that any profits will be reinvested in the business or applied for the benefit of the residents of Broxtowe.
2. The council, to ensure that matters are above board, have advertised for expressions of interest in developing the café. We have already registered our interest. The council have decided to keep this process open until the end of September which will mean that there will be some delay before we can proceed with fundraising as we can't do that until the council confirms that we are the preferred partner for the scheme. The council's specification is strongly weighted in favour of community benefit and so we are confident that we will not be gazumped by a commercial provider.
3. We have spoken to a number of architects about the scheme and are continuing to do so. Once we have the go ahead from the council we will select who our partners will be to design the project.
4. We are working on a budget of between £500,000 and £800,000 for the construction costs.
5. Bramcote Hills Primary School and the Foxwood School are now officially supporting the café project.
6. There will be a stall at the Hemlock Happening on Saturday where we will be distributing leaflets about the café proposals and where people will be able to sign letters in support. We will also have a questionnaire for visitors to share their views about what the facility should contain. The responses from this will help guide future planning.

Ian Tyler stressed that the budget was a global figure and what is spent will depend on what's appropriate for the building which needs to be aesthetically pleasing, environmentally/eco-friendly and fits in the park.

The Community Café Team hopes to show ideas from a number of architects at the Hemlock Happening. This concept work is being done free of charge.

A number of locations have been considered but several have been rejected because tree roots.

Ian went on to say the kitchen will be large for wheel chair access and will have lower work surfaces to accommodate disabled staff.

The funds required look daunting but these can be raised in a number of ways and there are organisations who will support such proposals.

A resident questioned the viability of the project but was assured by Ian Tyler that a business plan had been developed and this projected an income generation in the first year of £50,000.

## Policing and Neighbourhood Watch

Prepared and delivered by Sue Sambells, Trustee for Nottinghamshire Neighbourhood Watch and Multi Scheme Administrator (MSA) for South Broxtowe.

### Police statistics for last quarter compared to 2015

Offence	05/03/2016 – 02/06/2016	05/03/2015 – 02/06/2015
Burglary	8	0
Burglary Other	11	2
Auto Crime	9	10
Criminal Damage	6	3
Robbery	0	1
Theft	6	14

**Burglary** – In 3 of the burglaries entry was gained through the house being insecure for example either a door or window being left unlocked overnight.

**Burglary Other** – 7 of these were domestic garages which have been broken into.

**Auto Crime** – 3 of these offences are people having number plates stolen and a further 2 are where other car parts have been stolen from vehicles.

**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 4662 Chris Archer

PCSO 8916 Alistair Butterfield is due to leave the team on 24/06/2016 to start a new career as a traffic officer at Highways England.

Methods of contact for the local team can be found on the Nottinghamshire Police website <http://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/neighbourhood/stapleford> or via Bramcote Today, under policing – Local Policing – Stapleford.

### **Contact cards/promotional posters**

Last quarter I reported that the PSM team were looking into funding and supply of police/NHW contact cards. Thanks to small grants from County Councillors, Stan Heptinstall and Jacky Williams, I now have 5000 credit card sized contact cards for distribution throughout the Stapleford/Bramcote/Trowell cluster. They promote different communication routes to provide and receive information with our local police. Martin Plackett has kindly offered to distribute 20 posters, plus cards, throughout Bramcote. If you are involved with Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) or a business/organisation in the area and can distribute cards, please see me at the end of the meeting.

**Stapleford/Bramcote/Trowell cluster** – Our next [Priority Setting Meeting \(PSM\)](#) is 16 June. The current priorities are 1. Vehicle Nuisance (off road motorbikes / mini motos) 2 Vehicle Nuisance Speeding 3 Drug misuse / supply.

If you have concerns about neighbourhood crime, for example speeding in a particular area and wish to affect the priorities that the police set, complete the online survey at <http://www.neighbourhoodprioritysurvey.co.uk/>

**Bramcote NHW** Email Ian Tyler at [nhwbramcote@gmail.com](mailto:nhwbramcote@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining the “Derby Road area, Bramcote” NHW scheme. If you are not part of an effective NHW scheme, elsewhere, and want to be, please contact me at [admin@nottswatch.co.uk](mailto:admin@nottswatch.co.uk).

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

**2nd Bramcote Beavers** – PCSOs Chris Archer, Alistair Butterfield and myself visited the Beavers on 24 May to give them a taste of neighbourhood policing and NHW. They had a lot of fun and all 22 managed to squeeze into the police car. If you would like to read about it and see the pictures look on [Bramcote Today](#) or the latest Citizens on Policing Department newsletter.

**RVR, Bramcote NHW** – We have had complaints from residents regarding inconsiderate and obstructive parking in our area. There has been a lot of correspondence between NHW, Cllr Jacky Williams and the police and PCSO Chris Archer has spoken to a couple of the perpetrators. I have published an [article](#) on Bramcote Today and distributed details from the police, confirming what constitutes an obstruction, to my residents. The matter seems to have improved a little.

### **NottsWatch**

**Conference/AGM** – This year’s theme was “Developing Community Partnerships” and was held on 16 April. Details on [www.nottswatch.co.uk](http://www.nottswatch.co.uk) and [Bramcote Today](#).

**SLA/MoU** Having been working on formalising the relationship between Nottinghamshire Police and County Council since early 2015, the Memorandum of Understanding between NottsWatch and the Council plus the Service Level Agreement, between the police and NottsWatch have finally been signed off. A joint signing will take place in the next few weeks, for publicity purposes and a news release will be sent to local publications.

CI Richard Stapleford, lead for Citizens in Policing, has asked that NottsWatch undertake a scoping exercise to initially produce a document outlining information regarding existing community/policing meetings, such as our cluster’s PSM, to enable a practical solution be reached as to how police can cover future meetings. RS will then liaise with District Commanders to brief them on the SLA and incorporate into a local plan.

### **Ward Boundaries**

Maps were circulated showing the new boundaries for the Division of Nottinghamshire County Council. Councillor Doddy said they were a done deal, the maps being circulated to clarify the new boundaries which can be seen at <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/4142>

### **Bramcote Hills Golf Course Application**

The proposal will not be discussed at the June 2016 Planning Committee Meeting. A viability study is being undertaken by the owners and this is awaited by Broxtowe Borough Council. It was stressed this is a financial viability study for the project and not viability for the community. Paul Nathaniel said the NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework) now requires this study before a decision could be made. The NPPF also requires Councils to prioritise brownfield sites for development and Broxtowe’s list of sites needs reviewing so this can be done.

Alan Beale commented that the Golf Course forms part of the only wild life corridor that reaches into Nottingham City and is therefore very special.

The Golf Course frontage is still in a terrible state. The Council resolved to issue an enforcement notice but this has not been done yet pending a decision on the planning application. Sue Sambells, Trustee for Nottinghamshire Neighbourhood Watch and Multi Scheme Administrator for South Broxtowe said:

## **White Hills Park Federation Update**

Bramcote School will close in the summer of 2017 as already announced. Agents have been appointed to look at the disposal of the site. The funds raised will be used for a temporary upgrade of the Bramcote College site which will house the Sixth Form and pupils from Bramcote School. The Agents have also been asked to look at the sale of the Coventry Lane Playing Fields (green belt) to fund the full school redevelopment. Architect's proposals for the new school are awaited/

## **Neighbourhood Plan**

Paul Nathanail, Chair of Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum, said that Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum held its AGM ON 3 May. The Neighbourhood Planning Area was agreed as Bramcote Borough Ward., the constitution of Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum was agreed and the Steering Committee of Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum was elected.

Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum has applied to Broxtowe Borough Council for Bramcote Borough Ward to be designated as the Neighbourhood Planning Area and for Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum to be designated as the body to develop the Neighbourhood Plan for this Planning Area.

The Steering Group of Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum has met and will have a stand at the Hemlock Happening where residents vision and objectives for Bramcote will be sought.

The Forum will have stalls at Bramcote Hills Primary School on 25 June and at Bramcote Church of England Primary School on 9 July for their Summer Fairs so the views of further residents can be sought.

The second general meeting of Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum will held at St John's College on 11 July.

Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum has 113 members. Any resident of Bramcote Ward over 18 may join the Forum. You can do so online at <http://eepurl.com/b3LBK9>

Councillor Stan Hepstinstall queried whether Bramcote Ward was the correct area and expressed the view that certain areas outside the Ward (eg parts of Bramcote Ridge in Nottingham and Beeston North) should be included in the Neighbourhood planning area. Paul Nathanail explained that this had been considered at the Neighbourhood Forum AGM where he had explained the difficulties and delays that including areas outside of the Ward would cause. Paul went on to say that Bramcote faces big challenges with developments in the Ward (WHPF plans) and that Neighbourhood Planning should not be delayed in any way if residents are to have a say in these developments. There is a very urgent to develop a Neighbourhood Plan.

Rob Greer went on to say that the Conservation Society was very concerned about development plans at St John's College and that in his opinion, if a Neighbourhood Plan was already in existence, residents would have a much greater say in these plans.

## **Hemlock Happening**

Councillor Stan Heptinstall reminded everybody that the Hemlock Happening which has been running for 14 years will take place on Saturday 11 June and invite us to come along for what he says will be a fabulous day

There will be 3 performance stages in the afternoon and one from 5.00pm to 10.00pm when there will be fireworks.

## **Any Other Business**

1. **Grass Cutting.** Bob Pattison said the performance was poor and the grass on Bramcote Moor had become unacceptably long before being cut. Councillor Martin Plackett defended Broxtowe Borough Council's performance saying that this year Bramcote had had the first cut rather than the last.
2. **Pot Holes.** Mike Johnson pointed out that road surfaces continued to deteriorate and that there were significant number of potholes. Councillor Martin Plackett asked that any serious potholes be reported to him or Councillor Stan Heptinstall so the County Council could be advised.

## **Date of Next Meeting**

This is planned for Monday 6 September 2016 at 7.00pm at Bramcote Memorial Hall.

The December meeting will be held on Monday 28 November 2016.