

# **Bramcote CAT Meeting 5 September 2016 – The Official Unofficial Minutes**

The Meeting was chaired by Councillor John Doddy. Councillor Martin Plackett was on the platform and Councillor Jan Gould was in the audience.

## **Action Points from the Minutes of the Meeting on 6 June 2016**

### **1. Sherwin Roundabout.**

Councillor Plackett said the intention was for Broxtowe Borough Council to work on the roundabout when grass cutting and/or maintenance work is being carried out nearby on the A52. The new A52 maintenance contractor, Amey, failed to notify the Council of their first grass cut so a roundabout maintenance opportunity was missed. However, the Council were able to work on the roundabout on 18/19 August during the August A52 grass cut. Councillor Plackett further commented that the perimeter of the roundabout still needs tidying up. Broxtowe Borough Council are liaising with Nottingham City Council to draw on their expertise to gain sponsorship for the maintenance as there is no money available from Highways England. The Council are funding the work themselves.

Councillor Jan Gould said she would be meeting again shortly with Highways England to review the situation. She said a sponsor was on board although did not name them.

Resident Rob Greer said that he did not feel there was any significant improvement on the island. Peter Hillier said there was a perpetual problem with highway maintenance in the area remarking that a damaged bollard had not been replaced near the roundabout although a damaged barrier had been repaired.

### **2. Bridge Over A52 at Sherwin Roundabout.**

This is still in a dreadful state and no cleaning work has been carried out. A lot of residents will not use the bridge because of it is so dirty/covered in mould. Highways England said they were unable to arrange any work until their new A52 maintenance contractor was in place on 1 July. They are now saying they have issued a Task Order and are awaiting a report from the contractor.

### **3. Overgrown Nettles/Vegetation Adjacent to Steps to King Georges Park.**

This was cut back but the work was not done properly and had to be repeated. George Read pointed out an adjacent Strip of land on Town Street was very untidy and needs including in the verge cutting programme. Councillor Martin Plackett said he would look into this.

### **4. Cutting of Grass areas at the ends of Sloan Drive and Kilburn Close.**

This has been done.

## **White Hills Park Federation Update**

Executive Head, Paul Heery spoke about the Federation's examination results and said that both Alderman White and Bramcote School had improved significantly and their GCSE results were now above the national average. There was only one failure in all the A Level's taken at Bramcote College. More comprehensive details can be found on the Federation's website at <http://aldermanwhite.school/>, <http://thebramcote.school/> and <http://www.whpfederation.org/BC/>

Paul Heery said that Ofsted inspections were due in the Autumn for Alderman White and next year for Bramcote School. The schools' management team are confident that both schools will achieve considerably improved reports as they are moving strongly in the right direction.

He commented that pupils will be starting to wear new Federation ties and blazers this term where the pupils have had a hand in the design.

In terms of pupil numbers, Alderman White has grown this year while Bramcote School has remained the same size. Paul Heery intends to be more assertive at open evenings and will positively sell the schools. He noted the Year 9 Netball Team had a very successful year. It is however difficult to get to get pupils to stay behind particularly at Bramcote School on winter evenings where access is across the park. The Debating Society at Bramcote has been very successful including in a national competition.

A resident queried why the playing field on Coventry Lane are not used. Paul Heery said this field was linked to Bramcote College. The change from a large secondary school meant the field was not needed. As well the playing fields on the Biffa tip are being developed.

### **School Development**

There is a large financial penalty in keeping Bramcote School open and closure will save the Federation £250,000 per annum. Paul Heery wants the schools to be in high quality buildings. It supports Broxtowe Borough Council's document on sites for potential development which suggests the building of houses on the Coventry Lane Playing Field. The Federation is aiming to put in a planning application in 2017 although this process is hamstrung by the lack of available funds.

Judith Nathanail remarked the Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum public meeting on 30 August was very clear in that residents did not want land taken out of the green belt but was very supportive of a new school. She said that finance was not a justification in the planning process. Financing the school redevelopment can be used as a planning argument and must be separated from it,

Councillor Martin Plackett recognised the need for finance to redevelop the schools and queried whether all avenues had been explored to raise money. Paul Heery said there was no government money available to the Federation at this time.

### **Additional Development Site Consultation**

Councillor Tony Harper introduced himself as the Chair of the Council Committee that is running the consultation on additional development sites. He spoke about this consultation which can be found at <http://www.broxtowe.gov.uk/part2localplan> This is running until 3 October and covers additional potential development sites in Bramcote, Chetwynd Barracks and Nuthall. These sites have become available for development as there are new circumstances.

It should be noted at there was an undertaking to consult Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum about the content of the consultation for Bramcote before the consultation was formally started. This did not happen.

There are serious shortcomings in the clarity of the Bramcote proposal. Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum Chair, Paul Nathanail, felt so greatly concerned about this that he requested a meeting with the Council Chief Executive to say that the consultation site for Bramcote was incorrect and should be modified so it was clear development where development was being proposed and that Bramcote Hills Park was not included. The request to change the consultation was rejected by Council Officers but it was agreed a map would be publicised to make the proposals a little clearer.

Steve Austin pointed out that the Bramcote proposal was then overwhelmingly rejected at a meeting of Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum on 30 August. This rejection was due to unease about the site which includes Bramcote Hills Park, all the school land and the Leisure Centre. While the plan appeared to show a development of 300 homes on the Coventry Lane playing field and enhancement of green infrastructure, residents strongly felt strongly that taking the whole site out of the green belt would open it up to further development applications.

Tony Harper blamed the Council Officers for the lack of clarity. Ian Tyler pointed out that he as Chair of the responsible Committee was the accountable person.

Tony Harper then went on to say the next steps would be site specific workshops and then the results of the consultation would be considered over 2 Council Committee Meetings – November and January.

## Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum Update

Councillor John Doddy read out a report from the Chair of Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum, Paul Nathanail, who was unable to attend due to business commitments:

Broxtowe Borough Council has formally designated Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum to develop the neighbourhood plan for the area of the Bramcote Ward. Public consultations on the forum's vision and to encourage local residents were held during the summer at the Hemlock Happening and at various school summer fayres. The Forum held a General Meeting in July at which it formally adopted the vision that: It also formally endorsed the present boundaries of the green belt in Bramcote. Members of the Forum steering group have taken part in workshops organised by Broxtowe to gather the views of neighbourhood forums and town or parish councils on issues that will form part of Broxtowe's Local Plan Part 2. Members of the steering group have also made informal links with the groups trying to establish neighbourhood plans in Stapleford and Chilwell & Toton. Following the Broxtowe consultation on whether the area containing Bramcote Hills Park, the Moor Lane and Coventry playing fields, school and leisure sites, the Forum held a public meeting at which members voted overwhelmingly that this Site was not suitable for development. Forum members are updated on forum activities so local residents are invited to sign up at <http://eepurl.com/b3LBK9>

## Policing and Neighbourhood Watch

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### Police statistics for last quarter compared to 2015

Offence	02/06/2016-24/08/2016	02/06/2015-24/08/2015
Burglary	5	3
Burglary Other	3	8
Auto Crime	10	14
Criminal Damage	2	8
Robbery	7	9
Theft	27	42

**Speeding** The camera team have advised that between 02/06/2016 - 24/08/2016 they have visited the site of the Derby Road/ Cow Lane junction on 12 occasions with 269 offending vehicles being processed.

PCSO Archer does not have any further details of the actual actions taken against them.

**Local Policing Update** - The Neighbourhood Policing team for the Stapleford cluster area remains as:

PC 5 Sarah Warren

PC 3362 Hannah Kinsey

PCSO 8043 Andy Freeman

PCSO 4662 Chris Archer

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.

**Stapleford/Bramcote/Trowell cluster** – Our next [Priority Setting Meeting \(PSM\)](#) is 15 September. The current priorities are the same as last quarters: Vehicle Nuisance (off road motorbikes / mini motos) Vehicle Nuisance Speeding and 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/>

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

These have been distributed throughout the cluster area. I have a generous stock of the business sized cards, should anyone wish to take for personal use or to provide to others.

### **Bramcote NHW**

#### **New schemes set up:**

**Stanley Drive/Lyndale Road by Robbie Muir** Email [stanleydrivenhw@hotmail.com](mailto:stanleydrivenhw@hotmail.com) for details.

**Derby Road area, Bramcote** Email Ian Tyler at [nhwbramcote@gmail.com](mailto:nhwbramcote@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining the NHW scheme.

If you are not part of an effective NHW scheme, elsewhere, and want to be, please contact Sue Sambells 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.**

### **NottsWatch**

#### **Updates since June CAT meeting:**

**SLA/MoU** A news release has been issued to confirm the formalising of the partnerships between Nottinghamshire Neighbourhood Watch with the Notts Police and also Notts County Council. Brief details can be read in July's Citizens in Policing newsletter. (Can be viewed via <http://www.nottswatch.co.uk> – About us page)

**Scoping exercise** – I mentioned at the June meeting, CI Richard Stapleford, who is the senior police representative on the NottsWatch Management Board, asked us to 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. We have presented P&CC, Paddy Tipping, with a report to this effect and were invited to attend a Parish Councils and Neighbourhood Watch Information Meeting last Thursday, along with representatives from Notts Police, Parish and local Councils, to discuss further the future for police/community involvement.

We discussed two-way communication between police and community, in the main – current procedures and issues, plus proposed improvements. The police accept they need to use technology more and are currently developing on line reporting of crime via [Police.uk](http://Police.uk). This should be available for testing later in the year and go live early 2017. The police also accept the use of social media varies hugely throughout the force and are investing in training as part of their Neighbourhood engagement plan. As far as existing Safer Neighbourhood meetings are concerned, their attitude is – if it works, keep it, but they are no longer resourced for a police officer to hold surgeries/attend meetings which are poorly attended.

### **Café in the Park**

David Watts said Broxtowe Borough Council were seeking expressions of interest for a café and the group would be submitting their formal application next week. There have been other enquiries from professional organisations but he expected the group's application to succeed as it was rooted in the community.

He said fund raising would start after approval with the decision being made on 20 November.

Rob Greer queried to cost and whether additional parking would be required that take up space in the park. David Watts said cost would be in the order of £500-800,00. The café would be located adjacent to the play area and the amount of parking would depend on whether to café was a destination facility or a simpler one just serving park users. (A survey at the Hemlock Happening gave an approximately 50/50 split on this). He expressed the view that the current car park could be increased in capacity without increasing its footprint. Rob Greer felt this development would change the nature of the park. David Watts offered reassurance that this was not the intention. Councillor Martin Plackett said the café would be an asset.

As an aside George Read said that waste bins in the park were often full later in the afternoon particularly at weekends. Councillor Martin Plackett said he would raise this with Paul Summers, Head of the Environment Department.

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

This was rejected by Broxtowe Borough Council's Planning Committee. Councillor John Doddy said it would go to appeal. He further expressed concern as a GP that there was no consideration of medical needs as this is not a planning requirement. He noted that Deer Park Surgery had closed its patient list after the closure of the Linden Medical Group Surgery at Doctor's Corner, Wollaton.

### **St John's Mission Planning Application**

Councillor John Doddy remarked that the development would enable the Mission to remain in Bramcote.

George Read said we would lose vital green space between the Grove and Alderman White School and he queried whether the Mission needed to develop all of the land to meet its financial objectives.

Rob Greer who is Chair of Bramcote Conservation Society said the site is classed as protected open space within the Bramcote Conservation Area. He went on to give the Conservation Society's detailed view as to why the application should be rejected. He was concerned it seemed it was being pursued because of shortfall in the Mission's final salary pension scheme and wondered if this is true? He questioned whether selling the land for financial reasons is right. Finally, he felt the application was not as good as it could be.

### **AOB**

1. Sheila Eden raised the possibility of a bench at the end of Church Street for the elderly.
2. George Read requested that the barrier at the top of Town Street be painted.
3. Mike Johnson said weeds on paths and in gutters were very bad. Councillor Martin Plackett said he would enquire about spraying.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The December meeting will be held on Monday 28 November 2016 at 7.00pm at Bramcote Memorial Hall.