

Bramcote CAT Meeting 5 December 2016 – The Official Unofficial Minutes

The Meeting was chaired by Councillor John Doddy. Councillor Martin Plackett was on the platform.

Café in the Park

The meeting started with David Watts giving an update on the Café in the Park.

There were two expressions of interest to Broxtowe Borough Council to build a café in Bramcote Hills Park: The Community Interest Company and the Park's ice cream vendor. The Council voted to select the Community Interest Company. This has members rather than shareholders and anybody can pay £1 and become a member. David Watts said he was going straight from the CAT Meeting to a meeting that the Community Interest Company was having with Tim Crawford from Broxtowe Borough Council to see what the Council is expecting from the Company. The next stage will be fundraising which is expected to take 12 months. A local quantity surveyor has offered his services and the Company is working with architects to design the building. It is expected that building will start in 2018 and finish at the end of 2018.

A question was raised as to whether local architects and builders are being used. David Watts said architects in Nottingham, Leicester and Worcester had submitted design ideas. A local architect had been involved initially but was unable to continue the work. The Company will work with a local builder.

A comment was made that the Council wanted small local businesses involved but it was impractical to do this.

Councillor Martin Plackett registered his support for the project and commented that Foxwood School were supportive. They are developing a garden thought it would be very motivational for the pupils if they could take vegetables grown to the café.

Rob Greer, the Chair of Bramcote Conservation Society, pointed out that the proposed site is in the green belt and said it is important to balance the size of the building providing toilets and café facilities with the location. David Watts responded that the Council has said the café has to be a community facility and that parking and traffic considerations have to be taken into account. The café does have to be sustainable though.

The question was raised about leases. David Watts said the land in Bramcote Hills Park would be by the Community Interest Company running the café and that he was hoping for a 99 year lease.

A52 Accident

1. Anna Soubry MP is writing to Highways England about the lack of traffic enforcement measures on the A52 in her Broxtowe Constituency.
2. PCSO Neil Reddish from Eastwood represented the police as no officers from Stapleford or Broxtowe South were available. PCSO Reddish advised that the Traffic and Road Casualty Reduction Team were looking at the accident. A complex police investigation was underway and will take some time to complete. The police will share information on the accident with Highways England.

PCSO Reddish said this stretch of the A52 carries 41,000 vehicles a day which is a high volume. At the moment enforcement is carried out by the Mobile Safer Traffic Team using their camera van. To date 1185 offending drivers have been caught in 2016 and 1339 offending drivers were caught in the whole of 2015.

PCSO Reddish pointed out that the installation of equipment to catch traffic offender is the responsibility of Highways England and that the police are enforcement agency. Residents were asked to contact Highways England directly with any request for speed and red light cameras and not the police. Having said this PCSO Reddish said Inspector Wragg who is responsible for South Broxtowe supports the installation of traffic enforcement equipment on the A52 by Highways England. He is arranging that the Mobile Traffic Camera Team will increase its presence on the A52, that an enforcement team that covers speeding, mobile phone usage, seat belt usage and drink driving will pay visits and there will be extra traffic police patrols.

3. Councillor Martin Plackett said Highways England are working with the police to look at the situation but that any action will depend on whether this meets criteria for the installation of enforcement equipment and the availability of funding.
4. Alan Beale presented a paper (Approved by Nottinghamshire's Traffic and Road Casualty Reduction Manager) which covered a) Tragic Events. b) The History of Speeding. c) Data. d) Moor Lane Crossing. e) Action with Highways England.
 - a) Tragic Events. Three deaths in 7 weeks is shocking. Sad and devastating for all concerned.
 - b) The History of Speeding. This goes back at least 5 years at CAT Meetings. Little progress has been made except the weekly mobile speed camera at Cow Lane.
 - c) Data. the information from the police shows that on average the one hour operation once a week produces 24 offences. This gives 1339 a year.
So if the operation was carried out for 2 hours a week, the potential offences may rise to around 2600 a year.
And 3 times a week it may be around 4000 a year.
Another way of looking at these shocking figures is to assume that the police stop carrying out their operation.
This would then produce 24 vehicles speeding and say 10 hours of traffic. This gives 240 a day. 365 days at 240 a day gives possibly 87600 speeding vehicles.
 - d) Moor Lane Crossing. This is the busiest crossing on the A52 in Bramcote and we all know that school pupils use it on a regular basis.
I use it and it is scary with speeding cars and vehicles going through the lights on red.
 - e) Action with Highways England who are the body to authorize cameras on the A52. It is not the job of the police to install cameras.
Phone Highways England to express your concern. That will be helpful. The number is 0300 123 5000. Press option 2 to speak to an adviser. Give the adviser the reference 18298567 (This reference number does not relate to the accident but to general comments about speeding etc.) and then your views which will be noted by the adviser..
They will Ask for your name and possibly give you an individual reference number.
They will also ask for the postcode of the accident and I gave NG9 3FT.
Another way of getting our message over to Highways England is to send them a petition.
 - f) In conclusion: we do not want any more deaths and getting permanent cameras in place is what is needed.
As the Road Traffic Manager said: 'The long term objective must be for Highways England installing speed technology to offer enforcement over a 24/7 long term basis.
5. Tony Smith said he was organising a parliamentary petition and encouraged residents to sign it as soon as possible. The petition is non-political. It will be sent to Parliament and Anna Soubry will speak to it so its formally recorded It will then be sent to the Department of Transport. The petition is not being online as a parliamentary petition has to be hand written. The petition can be found at <https://bramcotetoday.org.uk/2016/12/06/petition-to-urge-government-to-install-traffic-enforcement-measures-on-a52/#more-26286> where you can download a copy to complete

The wording is:

*Traffic enforcement measures along the A52
To the House of Commons.*

*The petition of residents of Broxtowe,
Declares that as a result of the lack of traffic enforcement measures along the A52 road between the roundabouts known locally as Bardill's Island, which crosses with the B6003, and Priory Island, which is at a junction with the A6464, there is excessive speeding and as such the road is unsafe. The petitioners therefore request that the House of Commons urges the Government to install traffic enforcement measures along the A52 between the two roundabouts known locally as Bardill's Island, which crosses with the B6003, and Priory Island, which is at a junction with the A6454.
And the petitioners remain, etc*

You will see the whole of the A52 in the Broxtowe Constituency. Rob Greer queried whether the section from Bardills to the Sherwin Roundabout should be included as this is not a pedestrian route and Paul Nathanail asked whether our stretch of the A52 actually met quite stiff criteria for traffic enforcement cameras.

White Hills Park Federation Update

The Executive Head Teacher of the White Hill Park Federation, Paul Heery said that had nothing new to report on the schools' academic progress as he was awaiting the next inspection.

In terms of rebuilding the school Paul Heery said the White Hill Park Federation was working with consultants called Cornerstone who support development projects on public land. Cornerstone are funding a planning application which will be submitted in Spring 2017 to build houses on the Coventry Lane playing fields and to build a new school. The sale of the Coventry Lane land will fund the rebuilding on the Bramcote College site. The Bramcote School will close in July 2017 as the buildings are no longer usable and the White Hill Park Federation does not want to spend money on them. The spring 2017 planning application will include the new school buildings and the aim is to have a new school by 2019. A funding plan is being submitted to the Education Funding Agency based on this.

The Architects for the new school are CAD from Lincoln and they have designed schools in Lincoln. The design will be presentable but will not be wasteful of funds. Some money generated from the Coventry Lane playing field sale may be available for Bramcote Hills Primary School which will benefit from the additional housing.

Paul Heery said he wanted the new school to be community based and there will be internal and public events to discuss this together with a formal consultation.

The number of school places was queried. This was quoted as 750 plus 250 in the sixth form. This is an increase of 300 on the current number of pupils. Alderman White School is close to capacity.

Paul Nathanail queried the planning applications. One for the housing and one for the school. The green belt boundary will need to be changed to allow housing. He also queried the long term replacement plans as there will be no funding for new buildings. Paul Heery said sensible long term planning would take care of this.

Some points to think about: The Bramcote schools have had 40 years of neglect. The new buildings will belong to the Academy Trust. There is a move to larger trusts so there could be a merger. The majority of academies own the freehold of their land which is not the case for the White Hill Park Federation. The Bramcote School site will be sold and will be a brownfield site and as regulations are changing could go for affordable housing. The new school will be below the ridge which could then form a wildlife corridor.

Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum Update

Paul Nathanail, Chair of Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum gave the update and started by saying that the Forum has been granted funding for its expenses and technical advice.

Two design workshops were held in October.

The Forum has a vision and a set of objectives.

Some text has been drafted by experts for the Neighbourhood Plan. The Forum now needs to crystallise its planning policies capturing some items as objectives and some as aspirations.

There was a consultation meeting on the area the Council are suggesting should be removed from Bramcote's green belt but there has been no feedback on the written feedback. The Council are minded to move the green belt to the railway line. We are told protection can be applied to areas such as Bramcote Hills Park and the Moor Lane playing fields but not while they are in the green belt. This is a weakness as there is a window where a planning application can be slipped in.

Mike Johnson raised the need for a wildlife corridor to sustain the old golf course as open space.

Paul Nathanail said the Forum was having dialogue with Stapleford Neighbourhood Forum and will do this with Chilwell and Toton Neighbourhood Forum when it gets underway.

The Forum plans to be starting its six week public consultation by March.

Policing and Neighbourhood Watch

Police statistics for last quarter compared to 2015

Offence	25/08/2016-22/11/2016	25/08/2015-22/11/2015
Burglary	8	11
Burglary Other	4	8
Auto Crime	5	11
Criminal Damage	7	2
Robbery	0	0
Theft	7	9

Speeding The camera team have advised that between 25/08/2016 - 22/11/2016 they have visited the site of the Derby Road/ Cow Lane junction on 13 occasions with 332 offending vehicles being processed.

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 \(PSM\)](#) will be held on Tuesday January 17th. The current priorities are:

1. Speeding
2. Drug supply/misuse
3. Vehicle Nuisance (off road motorbikes / mini motos)

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/>

Stapleford Speed Watch

At a public meeting held in Stapleford to consider traffic issues on Brookhill Street, Stapleford, and at other subsequent meetings, several people expressed in interest in being involved in a Community Speed Watch Team to operate in Bramcote and Stapleford. Cllr Heptinstall contacted the interested parties on 28 November to advise of a delay, because of insurance issues. There is a way around this problem but it involves several people being recruited as official Police Volunteers.

They would take on the responsibility of entering all information obtained during an operation into a database held by the police. One or more of these people would have to be present when an operation was in process and subsequently enter the details of the operation onto the police computer. All those involved in an operation (the Police Volunteers and all others) would then be covered by the insurance that is required.

Cllr Heptinstall asked for volunteers. It would involve a vetting process to ensure there is no reason to deny access to the police IT systems and a small amount of training. He is very happy to volunteer to do this myself and says,

“Once we have a team together we will be able to operate as a Community Speed Watch Team on any road where the police deem it safe to do so.”

Bramcote NHW

Derby Road area, Bramcote Sadly Ian has not received any enthusiasm for a scheme so has diverted his efforts into his other community interests.

If you are not part of an effective NHW scheme, elsewhere, and want to be, please contact Sue Sambells at admin@nottswatch.co.uk.

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

NottsWatch

Updates since September CAT meeting:

Citizens in Policing Dept CI Richard Stapleford has moved on to new responsibilities and CI Shaun Ostle is now the lead and sits on the NottsWatch Board. The Chairman and I met with him on 7 November to give him an overview of NottsWatch’s role and discuss the implementation of the Service Level Agreement between the police and NottsWatch. We presented him with our recommendations regarding the scoping exercise, to identify key meetings at which the police could concentrate their commitment to attend. CI Ostle was unable to attend our Board meeting but I hope to update you in March.

Police Comms Team However, Notts Police’s Senior Digital Officer, Richard Brown, attended our meeting and was able to update us explaining corporate communications would continue where uniformity was required. E.g. crime prevention advice, but more control was being passed to Neighbourhood policing teams re local crime info. All areas have their own Facebook pages and Twitter accounts and have received training.

Additionally, some time ago I advised Richard that the local beat info on Police.uk website was extremely out of date as it still showed PC Karl Barlow. Richard has recently confirmed the broken mechanism, pulling the information through from the Nottinghamshire police’s website, has now been fixed and the correct local beat information is being displayed.

Action Points from the Minutes of the Meeting on 5 September 2016

Footbridge Cleaning

Initial trials were carried out on 28th November and some daytime work has been progressing since then. The bulk of the work which requires lanes to be closed under the structure will be carried out at night. This is currently planned for 7 to 9th December.

Bramcote Island Maintenance

Broxtowe Borough Council worked alongside Highways England maintenance contractor Amey on the last weekend of October to undertake more extensive maintenance of the island. Soft estate maintenance will recommence in April and is planned to have joint working between Amey and Broxtowe Borough Council.

Bramcote Island Sponsorship

Broxtowe Borough Council have provided outline details of signage that could be erected in the island to permit sponsorship. BBC have advised that these will not require planning permission. It is not Highways England policy to seek sponsorship, but where sponsors wish to proceed with sponsorship a legal agreement will be set up. Highways England are still establishing how to progress a legal agreement where no sponsor is currently identified. The signage will be subject to a Road Safety Audit to ensure that the signage does not present any issues to road user safety.

Bollards

The bollard at Town Street has been replaced which means all of the bollards of concern (Bramcote to Priory) are all in place on Monday 28th November.

The bollard at Priory Island, Wollaton Vale and the one outside the Nursery Man public house (B6006 – turn to Beeston) have been replaced

Pedestrian Guardrail Derby Road Town Street Junction

It is known that this guardrail is regularly damaged. As of Monday 28th November all previous accident damage had been repaired. The damage is caused as a result of the physical road layout constraints.

Accident Friday 25th November

The asset damage from the fatal incident has been dealt with. It consisted of lamp column damage, two areas of resurfacing (with replacement white lining) and the gullies on the left edge were cleared out.

All fatal accidents are investigated. There are complex Highways England and Police investigations into the incident underway. These are in early stages with many angles of enquiry that will take some time to complete. Highways England will work together with Nottinghamshire Police to share information as appropriate to allow the investigation to proceed. The reporting will take account of incident information, traffic data, highway maintenance and design. The completed reports may make recommendations for improvements to the existing highway. Where this is the case any works would be prioritised alongside other safety improvements on Highway England's network.

Accident Prevention

Highways England have essentially two streams of work. Renewals of life expired assets and Improvements. Improvements can be to address various issues, safety of road users being a high priority. Road safety improvements are identified and progressed as follows.

On an annual basis Highways England undertake a review of the network to monitor its performance in road safety terms using personal injury collision (PIC) data. Validated collision data provided to Highways England by the DfT is used to generate two scoping studies; Killed and Seriously Injured (KSI) Scoping Study and Problem Junctions Scoping Study. Both studies use the latest five years of PIC data to identify locations on the network where a Scheme Identification Study can be carried out, with the intention of identifying appropriate remedial measures. The validated data is normally issued in Autumn for the period ending the previous December.

The Problem Junctions study uses a tool to identify clusters of five or more personal injury collisions within a 100m radius. Cluster analysis is undertaken using proprietary software as a simplified way of identifying locations on the network where the risk of a collision occurring is higher. In line with the EU directive to reduce road death by 50%, the collision sites are then prioritised by the number of fatal and serious collisions at each site.

KSI (Killed and Seriously Injured) study uses cluster analysis to highlight locations on the network where road safety risk is increased i.e. where several KSI collisions are found in close proximity to one another. For this review, a plot of all KSI collisions which are located 'not at a junction' is produced. Using this plot, cluster sites are identified on links with two or more fatal collisions per 1.24 mile (2km) length; or with five or more serious or fatal collisions per 1.24 mile (2km) length.

The outcome of these studies is to identify areas with a high accident severity frequency. From these a number of options will be considered. These are duly considered nationally for funding on a priority basis and then addressed to make the strategic (Motorway and Trunk Road) network safer.

Vegetation Issues

The vegetation issues on the eastbound side at Nicolas Rd were dealt with by the homeowner. Hedge on the A52 between Bridle Road and Church Street Bramcote. Inspectors have checked and removed any immediate concern vegetation. Other vegetation remains the issue for the residents to address and they have been advised of the need to cut back vegetation.

Redundant Traffic Management Signage

We have reviewed apparatus left on the network and any unnecessary cones not required for works have been removed.

A52 Church Street Bench

Highways England are working with Broxtowe Borough Council to consider proposals for a bench at this location. This will be subject to review to ensure that the installation has no adverse effect on road safety or maintenance of the highway.

Bramcote Island Town street Entry

Highways England have consulted with VIA (Nottinghamshire County Council) regarding the control of the traffic signals at this junction. Nottinghamshire County Council manage the traffic signals on behalf of Highways England. The response is as follows.

- There is no scope here to provide longer gaps as it would provide further detriment to existing congestion on the A52
- Further any improvement to Town Street would risk encouraging rat-running down residential roads creating a nuisance to locals

AOB

1. Golf Course Planning Application. There is an appeal which will probably be heard in March 2017.
2. Rob Greer said he had just heard that Nottinghamshire County Council will start addressing the Moss Drive right of way issue shortly. This is a great improvement of what had been said and follows the speech on the subject that Councillor Stan Heptinstall made at a recent County Council Meeting.

Date of Next Meeting

The December meeting will be held on Monday 6 March 2017 at 7.00pm at Bramcote Memorial Hall.