



**Bramcote  
Community Action Team  
Bramcote Memorial Hall  
Monday 5 December 2016**



**Present**

Cllr J Doddy (Chair)	Broxtowe Borough Council	Cllr JD
Cllr M Plackett	Broxtowe Borough Council	Cllr MP
Joy Balchin	Broxtowe Borough Council	JB
PCSO Neil Reddish	Notts Police	PCSO NR
Paul Heery	White Hills Park Federation	PH
Sue Sambells	Notts Neighbourhood Watch	SAS
Paul Nathanail	Bramcote Hills Community Assoc	PN
David Watts	Café in the Park	DW

25 residents signed the register

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Cllr John Doddy welcomed everyone to the 63rd Bramcote CAT meeting.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr S Heptinstall.

**3. Minutes and matters arising**

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

**4. Café in the park update**

Cllr JD - Broxtowe Borough Council are seeking expressions of interest for a café in Bramcote Hills Park.

David Watts updated the meeting as follows:

BBC received two applications, one of which was from the Community Interest Company (CIC), the CIC application was unanimously given the go ahead. The CIC has members rather than shareholders, membership incurs no cost, all proceeds will go back into the company. Following a meeting with Broxtowe Borough Council tonight, the contract will need to be formalised and then fundraising can begin, £2 million will need to be raised. After twelve months of concerted fundraising the final design will be produced by early 2018 with a view to the café opening late 2018.

Information leaflets regarding the project were available at tonight's meeting.

DW took questions.

Discussion followed during which it was mentioned that Foxwood School are very excited about the project and that it is their hope to be able to provide produce from school gardens. A local resident expressed concern that because the café will be in green belt land due consideration needs to be given to the size of the building and also to parking provision. DW responded by assuring the meeting that traffic issues will be addressed at the design stage.

Further updates will be provided at subsequent CAT meetings.

## 5. Police report

PCSO Neil Reddish attended tonight's meeting to provide the Police response to the recent fatal accident on the A52.

NR gave the following information on behalf of Heidi Duffy, Traffic and Road Casualty Reduction Manger, Notts Police:

*A complex police investigation into the crash is underway, this is in its early stages with many angles of enquiry that will take some time to complete. Notts Police will work together with the highway authority for the A52, which is Highways England (HE).*

*With a daily volume of traffic of around 41,000 vehicles a day , the A52 is a high volume strategic trunk road linking two major cities which goes through residential areas so we understand the community concern. It is unrealistic with the current demands on officer time that we can routinely enforce a road with this level of traffic on a regular basis over 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. However, the mobile safety camera team does carry out enforcement close the accident location when time and competing demands allow. To date in 2016 we have dealt with 1185 offending drivers and for the full calendar year of 2015. The total was 1339, we will continue to visit the location.*

*The long term objective must be for HE to consider speed technology equipment to offer enforcement over a 24/7 long term basis. That is something for HE as the highway authority responsible for the road to take forward, not Notts Police as we are the enforcement agency.*

The advice is that those concerned should contact HE direct on [www.highwaysengland.gov.uk](http://www.highwaysengland.gov.uk) with their requests for speed or red light cameras along the A52.

NR went on to provide the following response on behalf of Insp Steve Wragg, District Commander for Broxtowe, Notts Police:

*Notts Police welcome and support any initiatives introduced by HE to deter irresponsible speeding motorists along the A52. We will enforce these violations robustly on behalf of HE.*

*Insp Wragg has also gained the support of local MP Anna Soubry who will be lobbying HE to introduce such measures.*

*Local residents will see an increase in the use of the mobile traffic camera enforcement team on the A52, this on an ad hoc basis, demand permitting.*

*Insp Wragg will dedicate officers to conduct Fatal 4 enforcement at the site and has secured extra ad hoc patrols and enforcement from EMOpSS (East Midlands Operational Support Services)*

*The collision was an awful event and the Police are keen to prevent further occurances of this nature and will work alongside our partner agencies to enforce those who commit road traffic offences.*

NR went on to explain that the Fatal 4 operation deals with

- Mobile phone use whilst driving
- Drink driving
- Speeding
- Failure to wear seat belts

Cllr MP welcomed the positive response and in particular the increased levels of policing, but highlighted that HE undertake lots of studies in relation to traffic issues and will therefore be giving consideration to initiatives on a national level.

Local resident, Alan Beale –

AB is keen for HE to install cameras on the A52 and has been communicating with Heidi Duffy in relation to this for a couple of years. He advised the meeting that there are two types of cameras which could be deployed – red light cameras and speed cameras.

AB advised that meeting as follows:

- There have been 3 deaths on the A52 over the past 7 weeks.
- Speeding has been raised as an issue at CAT meetings for a least 5 years with little progress except weekly mobile camera deployment at Cow Lane
- Police data shows that on average the one hour operation, once a week produces 24 offences, this equates to 1339 per year.
- Moor Lane crossing – the busiest of the A52 crossings in Bramcote and is used by school pupils on a regular basis. AB uses the crossing himself, has frequently witnessed motorists driving through red traffic lights and is of the opinion that a red light camera is needed at this location.

AB advised that local residents can raise their concerns with HE, contact details were made available at tonight's meeting

[www.highwaysengland.gov.uk](http://www.highwaysengland.gov.uk)

Another way to highlight the need for action is to petition HE, a petition has been started and will be discussed during tonight's meeting.

AB finished by reiterating Heidi Duffy's point - the long term objective must be for HE to consider speed technology equipment to offer enforcement over a 24/7 long term basis

Discussion followed during which Cllr Steve Carr, Broxtowe Borough Councillor, for Beeston North offered to help distribute the petition.

Local resident, Tony Smith –

TS has contacted MP Anna Soubry, who has written to the Secretary of State in relation to speeding traffic on the A52. A petition is now underway and has been circulated to public venues, copies were available at tonight's meeting. Anna's office manager was at tonight's meeting, he agreed with the need for the petition to be circulated as widely as possible and although there is no deadline for submission encouraged this to be done in a timely way, if possible before Christmas.

Discussion followed during which the need for the petition to relate to as concentrated an area as possible was emphasised, Anna's letter specifically relates to the section of the A52 between Bardill's Island and the Priory Island. Some attendees at tonight's meeting are keen for the length of the A52 which runs

adjacent to Wollaton Park to also be included, Anna's office manager agreed to feed this back to her.

#### **Police report/NHW update**

Police no longer attend CAT meetings, however they do provide crime data which is incorporated into the report attached at Appendix 1. This report produced by Sue Sambells, Trustee, Nottinghamshire Neighbourhood Watch.

#### **6. White Hills Park Federation update – PH**

Executive Head, Paul Heery provided the following information:

WHPF will support the A52 campaign.

Buildings Project – PH attended a Broxtowe Borough Council workshop re sites brought forward as potential sites for housing. The federation are now working with Cornerstone, a national company, there is a semi-formal agreement and a planning application will be submitted to Broxtowe Borough Council in Spring 2017. PH as advised previous CAT meetings that in order to ensure the school buildings are fit for purpose the federation needs to sell some of its land, this will include land north of Cow Lane. The Bramcote School building continues to deteriorate and at present the gym cannot be used due to a leak under the floor, this means that pupils are currently having to walk to the other school site. If the planning application is given the go ahead the intention is for the school to move into new buildings in September 2019. In future there will only be two sites rather than three. WHPF are working with CAD architects, a Lincoln based company who have previously undertaken other schools based work. It is intended that the new school would allow provision for 750 x pupils, 250 x 6<sup>th</sup> form students and also incorporate a small amount of room for growth in numbers. This would be a 30% increase on the current capacity of the school buildings.

There will be public events enabling the design of the school to be discussed, information will be published in the schools newsletter, and through the Bramcote Today website.

There will be a formal consultation process.

PH took questions.

Cllr JD thanked PH for his ongoing attendance at Bramcote CAT meetings.

#### **7. Neighbourhood Plan – PN**

PN provided the following update in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan/Forum.

A formal application for a Government grant has been submitted, this relates to two forms of support, funding and technical assistance. During October two design workshops were held and there are now clear objectives. The draft text for the plan has been drawn up with the help of local residents. The next stage is to crystallise the planning policies and to capture other aspects eg aspirations and projects. In addition to this, Local Designations will be sought, an eg of which is Bramcote Hills Golf Course.

Broxtowe Borough Council ran a workshop in November which covered Bramcote Hills Park, Bramcote Ridge, Bramcote Leisure Centre, the running field, and school buildings. Broxtowe Borough Council are minded to move the Greenbelt boundary to the railway line so some land will come out of Greenbelt. As a result some land will fall into either Greenbelt, or Locally Designated Areas, however some land at some point will be neither. This would allow planning applications to be submitted during this “window” when Greenbelt protection is not in place, and is therefore a weakness.

Effectively all of Bramcote Greenbelt will be lost. If we want new school buildings greenbelt has to be changed. The Neighbourhood Forum cannot touch Greenbelt land. There is a need to align the Neighbourhood Plans, Broxtowe Borough Council’s, Jobs and Economy Committee are due to meet in January 2017. A local resident stated that it would be good to create a wildlife corridor integrating trees, and the canal basin North and South of Bramcote Ridge, this would form a buffer between the two estates.

PN advised the meeting that by March 2017, the month in which the next Bramcote CAT meeting takes place, we will be in the middle of the Neighbourhood Forum Consultation.

**8. Update on Action Plan – inc update on Sherwin Island**

<b>ACTION TABLE</b>		
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Action</b>
Bramcote/Sherwin Arms traffic island	Cllr MP	<p><b>ACTION – Cllr MP to seek update from Paul Summers, BBC re maintenance sponsorship of island and bank flower bed</b></p> <p>Update – Maintenance - Highways England have put in place full traffic management this allows councils maintenance team to work on the island. Weed killer applied, weed pulling done. HE to facilitate access for 5 x maintenance visits during Spring-Autumn months to enable grass cutting Sponsorship – See note below action table</p>

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Bramcote/Sherwin Arms traffic island	Cllr MP	<p><b>ACTIONS –</b></p> <p><b>1. Contact Highways England re bollard at Town Street/A52 junction still not working.</b>            Post Meeting Note – Carol Scholten, Highways England: <i>With regard to the illuminated bollard on the refuge at the Town Street entrance to the island. I have asked our inspector to investigate this and arrange for our contractors to carry out any necessary repairs to the bollard at their earliest convenience. I will update you once this has been done.</i>            Update – bollard repaired</p> <p><b>2. Contact Highways England re hedge on Derby Road close to its junction with Church Street.</b>            Post Meeting Note – Carol Scholten, Highways England: <i>Our Inspector has been out to this location and cut back the overhanging branches. There is currently no obstruction to pedestrians from vegetation along the path.</i>            Update - branches cut back, however further report from resident of more overhanging so a “close cut of hedge” as per opposite side requested.</p> <p><b>3. Contact Highways England to highlight that in comparison to neighbouring islands, at the Priory and Bardills, the Sherwin island does not compare favourably, particularly the perimeter which is untidy.</b>            Update – Attention paid to perimeter by council’s maintenance team, with regular maintenance/plant</p>

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		growth/feeding, island will begin to look better
Bollard at junction A52/Wollaton Road.	Cllr MP	<b>ACTION _ Cllr MP to contact Highways England to request repair to bollard at junction A52/Wollaton Road</b> Update – bollard repaired
Overgrown nettles/vegetation adjacent to steps to King Georges Park	Cllr MP	<b>ACTION – Cllr MP to request entrance to King George's Park up steps from Town Street be cut on a regular basis at time of verge cutting and that at such time the grass be cleared.</b> Update – entrance to King George's Park up steps from Town Street will be regularly maintained and grass cuttings completely tidied.
Litter in Bramcote Park	Cllr MP	<b>ACTION – Cllr MP to contact Paul Summers, BBC to request provision of more litter bins in Bramcote Park</b> Update – BBC have contacted Coffee Shop owner to request area to be kept tidy, BBC to monitor.
Weeds on paths and roads throughout ward	Cllr MP	<b>ACTION – Cllr MP to contact Paul Summers, BBC to request inspection and clearance by sub-contractor where necessary</b> Update – The council arranged for a respray where weed killing missed. Likely to be different contractor next year.

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Bench Derby Road/Church Street junction	Cllr MP	<b>ACTION – Cllr MP to contact Paul Summers, BBC to request installation of a resting seat at Derby Road/Church Street junction</b> Update – If to be sited Derby Rd, Highways England require a safety audit before giving their permission. A seat near post box on Hanley Ave would only require County Council approval – this left to officers' discretion
Barriers on Town Street (devils bend) require painting	Cllr MP	<b>ACTION – Cllr MP to contact the relevant authority re re-paint of Town Street barriers</b> Update – County Council do not paint railings, however railings on list for replacement

Bramcote/Sherwin Arms traffic island sponsorship of island and bank flower bed – Cllr MP provided the following update:

Highways England have agreed to signage, however BBC would have to conduct a safety audit. So, when taking into account that there are no likely sponsors, the cost to erect signage, excessive restrictions by HE, onerous documentation, the need for a safety audit and the likelihood of a split three ways of any monies received, sponsorship is now very doubtful. Cllr MP is seeking to meet with council leader and the environment section to progress.

Highways England further wish to improve the island and surrounds, however funding for this is at a premium as the project would have to compete with all other new road works/maintenance including safety measures throughout the East Midlands. The estimated extra cost - £100,000 for planting and £250,000 plus for new block paving. For this work to be undertaken an outside sponsor may need to be sought.

## **9. Bramcote Hills Golf Course**

An appeal has been submitted to Broxtowe Borough Council in connection with a decision regarding a planning application re development of this location. The appeal will be heard in March 2017

## 10. Residents' Issues/AOB

Moss Drive, footpath closure – a Right of Way application has been submitted to Notts County Council together with a letter of support from Anna Soubry MP. Cllr Stan Heptinstall also supported the application during a recent Notts CC meeting, this together with the support provided by Cllr MP has been invaluable. The application will be addressed this week and is the start of a lengthy process.

Bramcote Park – litter bin just below children's play area, burnt but not replaced.

**ACTION – Cllr MP to contact BBC to request replacement of burnt out litter bin on Bramcote Park.**

Post meeting note – 05.12.16 Cllr MP contacted BBC to request replacement of burnt out litter on Bramcote Park.

Response - Tim Crawford, BBC, Parks and Environment section:

BBC are aware, the old bin has been removed and a replacement has been ordered, however the type of bin required is out of stock. The area in which the bin is missing has two other bins relatively close by which should suffice for the winter period.

Cllr JD closed the meeting by acknowledging that the year had been eventful, he wished everyone a Happy Christmas and invited attendees to join him for a complimentary drink and mince pie.

## 11. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 6 March 2017, 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Bramcote Memorial Hall, Church Street, Bramcote

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## **APPENDIX 1**

### **Police statistics for last quarter compared to 2015**

<b>Offence</b>	<b>25/08/2016-22/11/2016</b>	<b>25/08/2015-22/11/2015</b>
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](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 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. Eg 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](http://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.