



**Bramcote  
Community Action Team  
Bramcote Memorial Hall  
Monday 4 September 2017**



**Present**

Cllr J Doddy (Chair)	Broxtowe Borough Council	Cllr JD
Cllr M Plackett	Broxtowe Borough Council	Cllr MP
Cllr J Goold	Broxtowe Borough Council	Cllr JG
Cllr R MacRae	Broxtowe borough Council	Cllr RM
Cllr S Carr	Broxtowe Borough Council	Cllr SC
Joy Balchin	Broxtowe Borough Council	JB
David Watts	Café in the Park	DW
Paul Heery	Whitehills Park Federation	PH
Paul Nathanail	Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum	CPN
Sue Sambells	Notts Neighbourhood Watch	SAS

22 residents signed the register

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Cllr John Doddy welcomed everyone to the 65th Bramcote CAT meeting.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from 1 resident.

**3. Minutes and matters arising – Cllr JD**

Cllr JD advised the meeting that the minutes of the previous meeting, 06.03.17 were longer than usual due to some amendments made in relation to specific detail and terminology. The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.

**4. Update on Action Plan – Cllr MP**

Cllr MP provided the following updates:

<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 report that during heavy rain the gravel/soil from the top surface of Bramcote/Sherwin Arms traffic island is washed off onto the adjacent road surface.</b></p> <p>Post meeting note – Cllr MP contacted M Dangerfield at HE and P Summers BBC on</p>

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		06.03.17 Update – The island is monitored and a sweeper removes gravel/soil from road surface when necessary
Bramcote School site - leisure centre	P Heery	<b>ACTION - P Heery to report back to the Bramcote CAT after speaking to Notts County Council about the possibility of them offering the Bramcote School site for a leisure centre. This in response to the BHCA motion</b> Update – PH will provide a report under Item 7 of tonight's meeting
Graffiti on footbridge over A52	Cllr MP	<b>ACTION - Cllr MP to report graffiti on footbridge over the A52 near Sherwin Island to Police and to relevant agency for cleansing.</b> Update – Cllr MO contacted P Summers, BBC, this passed to Malcolm Dangerfield, Highways Agency Graffiti has been dealt with

Cllr MP also updated the meeting on a number of other issues, these as follows:

Sherwin Island - barrier at corner, damaged a number times, currently in a damaged state this reported to Highways England (HE).

Hedge between Bridle Road – Church Street - this cut by Broxtowe Borough Council (BBC) who will continue to monitor and cut when necessary. Hedge on other side of road has been cut.

Inadequate Lighting A52 - this continues to be a problem. A local resident has written to Anna Soubry MP who in turn has written to HE about the lack of lighting on Derby Road. There are four areas with no illumination at all, strong representation was made, and unanimously endorsed by the whole meeting regarding the lack of serious attention being paid to lighting on the urban stretch of the A52 between the Priory and Sherwin Islands.

**ACTION – Cllr MP to contact Highways England to highlight the strong representation made and unanimously endorsed by Bramcote CAT regarding the lack of serious attention being paid to lighting on the urban stretch of the A52 between the Priory and Sherwin Islands.**

Grass cutting by HE – Grass between Priory Island and Sherwin Island is cut regularly and well. However the standard of grass cutting between Sherwin Island and Bardills Island is not done well, Cllr MP has informed HE.

Bramcote Golf Course frontage – BBC have spoken with the owners agent who were advised that if the frontage was not tidied an enforcement notice would be issued – the frontage has now been tidied. It is hoped that future development of the golf course will include car parking provision and a mini country park.

Beeston Fields Drive (BFD) – new gates have been installed at the Bramcote Village end. Cllr MP has assurance from the Chair of the Residents Association that the gates will be open and that access will not be barred. BFD is a private road and as such the gates can be locked. Bramcote Conservation Society are concerned at the extent of the gate equipment which includes high columns, cameras and a keypad and will be closely monitoring how the gates are used. Cllr SC advised the meeting that the Rights of Way Team, Notts CC know about the installation of new gates at this location.

Cllr JD asked if there were any questions or issues arising from Cllr MPs updates:

A52/Moore Lane hedge cutting – this done but badly, shredded boughs left hanging, litter left causing trip hazard.

**ACTION – Cllr MP to write to Notts CC to raise concern re poor hedge cutting at Moor Lane**

Post meeting note – When contacting to highlight the above Cllr MP passed on the gratitude expressed at the CAT meeting in relation to the regularity and standard of grass cutting along the A52 between Priory Island and Sherwin Island. Cllr MP also asked if further grass cutting would be undertaken this Autumn, Paul Summers, Broxtowe Borough Council responded as follows:

There will be no further grass cutting on the A52 until next Spring, the Highways Agency will monitor and if there is an issue with grass length they will take appropriate action. As grass growth will be slow intervention is unlikely.

## **5. A52 Petition update - Cllr MP**

Cllr MP updated the meeting as follows:

Anna Soubry MP and local resident, Tony Smith delivered a petition, with 1,600 signatures, calling for speeding measures to be installed on the A52 to the Secretary of State. The petition has now gone to Minister for Transport.

HE have advised that they are undertaking a 24/7 speed study during July and August, their report is expected in September.

Other concerns raised include:

- 30 mph speed limit on the stretch of road just prior to Sherwin Island is too short and should be extended.
- poor road markings on the island
- concern re barriers
- Moor Lane crossing – dangerous

Cllr MP thanked TS for his commitment.

Post meeting update – Cllr MP, A52 signage around the Sherwin Island renewed/modified

## **6. Café in the Park update – DW**

DW updated the meeting as follows:

A new design/build contract is needed due to the previous provider going out of business, fortunately the Community Interest Company (CIC) is not out of pocket because of this.

A grant of £500 has been received from Waitrose

A professional fundraiser has been appointed this because the company intend to apply for large grants eg. Big Lottery funding

Ling Phipps accountants have also been appointed

A business plan will be submitted to Broxtowe Borough Council's, Business Manager

Intention is to build by end of 2018

The CIC intend to set up as a Registered Charity, this on accountants advise

The company has taken on board as many of the comments received from the community as possible, and although the current plans show 100 covers the intention is for the café to be smaller than this.

The company has been advised that the best site for the café would be on the site of the current children's play area with the play area then being relocated next to the café. Should this occur, the children's play area would be rebuilt before the cafe.

DW took questions

A collection of plans and drawings were available for attendees to view at the end of the meeting.

Cllr JD thanked DW for his update.

## **7. Bramcote Hills School Development update – PH**

Executive Head, Paul Heery circulated copies of his update to attendees, see excerpts below:

Alderman White School - OFSTED March 2017: Good overall and all key areas judged at least good – this significant, as before March all schools "required improvement"

Bramcote School – overall effectiveness is good for the first time in the history of the school

Bramcote College – Inspectors praise the culture of ambition in the 6<sup>th</sup> form, they are confident that students make good progress across the curriculum and that they are given excellent support and advice to plan their next steps, all going on to suitable destinations

Results 2017:

Bramcote College - Very large majority of students gained places at first choice university, almost all secured places through clearing  
Average grade is C, pass rate approx. 96%, A-B grades 34%, A grades 10%  
Alderman White school – Results above national levels in English and Maths.  
Overall results risen from 2016 and previous years  
The Bramcote School – Overall attainment is lower but overall progress is good.

Local residents at tonight's meeting whose own children attend the school were very positive about the school saying how much their children enjoy attending. Cllr MP acknowledged the school's academic achievements.

Building development:

- Bramcote School now vacated. New term begins at Bramcote College this week.
- Planning consultation Spring 2017, planning will be submitted in the Autumn, following final surveys
- Outline planning requested for 350 dwellings on Coventry Lane, detailed planning for the new school
- Possible outline planning application for the Bramcote School site, depending on viability – no firm decision
- Messages from previous CAT meetings have been passed to Cornerstone

PH took questions

Discussion followed during which several residents raised their concerns, including the time that the planning application is taking and the fact that this development could be seen as being a "done deal". PH clarified that no deal has been signed, the school, Notts County Council and Cornerstone are in negotiation. Cllr MP emphasised that no planning application has been submitted to Broxtowe Borough Council, the agents (Cornerstone) are dealing with Notts County Council and that ultimately the outcome will be a political decision.

Cllr MP acknowledged the need for a new school but is also keen that the development should include leisure/community facilities not just new housing.

Cllr JD thanked PH for his ongoing contribution to Bramcote CAT meetings

**8. Neighbourhood Plan update with Local plan update – CPN**

CPN, chair of Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum, provided the following update in relation to the Bramcote Neighbourhood Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan has now been published, hard copies were available at tonight's meeting and will be delivered to all addresses in Bramcote over the next few days. An electronic version of the plan is on the forums website [www.bramcoteneighbourhoodforum.org.uk](http://www.bramcoteneighbourhoodforum.org.uk)

Consultation on the plan will close on 20.10.17, at that point responses will be looked at and a revised plan produced identifying changes made due to the consultation. The revised plan will be handed to Broxtowe Borough Council.

There are 3 main areas of consultation:

- Greenbelt
- Areas of local green space
- Housing Land

By 04.12.17, the date of the next Bramcote CAT meeting, this plan will be out of our hands and become the responsibility of Steffan Saunders, BBC.

#### **9. Police update for Bramcote/Neighbourhood Watch update - SAS**

SAS provided a Neighbourhood Watch update - see Appendix 1

The update includes Inspector S Wragg's August 2017 blog, this can be viewed in full on the Notts Police website by clicking on Your Area and selecting Stapleford.

There is new on-line reporting tool – [www.report.police.uk](http://www.report.police.uk)

Details relating to South Broxtowe Safer Communities Forum can be seen under the Policing section of the Bramcote Today website.

[www.bramcotetoday.org.uk](http://www.bramcotetoday.org.uk)

Cllr JD thanked Sue for her update.

#### **10. Residents' Issues**

Cllr SC – has been asked by Notts County Council to submit suggestions for 5 sites for possible highways maintenance. The intention is to submit suggestions as follows:

- 2 for Beeston North
- 2 for Bramcote
- 1 for Beeston West

Bramcote Road and Marlborough Road have already been suggested.

Please email your suggestions to Cllr SC at [crr.steve.carr@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:crr.steve.carr@nottsc.gov.uk)

#### **11. Any Other Business**

P Hillier promoted the forthcoming Heritage Weekend which is due to take place on Saturday and Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> September, the Old Church Tower will be open between 12 noon – 4.00pm. The Old Church Tower has been successful in acquiring Heritage Lottery Funding, this was reported in the press and on television. The funding will be used for an independent storage unit, a kitchen, a toilet and restoration of the tower. Cllr MP acknowledged the very diligent and hardworking team of people who give their time to maintaining and developing the Old Church Tower

The Chapel, Chapel Street and St Michael's Church will also be open during Heritage weekend.

DW – Café in the Park are doing two fundraising events, a Race Night and a Black Tie Dinner. Details are on the website [www.bramcoteparkcafe.uk](http://www.bramcoteparkcafe.uk), tickets can be obtained from DW.

An attendee asked re progress relating to the closure of Moss Drive by The Lawns Company - A representative of Bramcote Conservation Society advised that there has been a meeting with Cllr Chris Barnfather, Notts County Council about Rights of Way, the Moss Drive issue will be progressed according to the necessary protocols.

**12. Date of next meeting**

Monday 4 December 2017, 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Bramcote Memorial Hall, Church Street, Bramcote

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**These minutes can be downloaded at [www.broxtowepartnership.org.uk](http://www.broxtowepartnership.org.uk)**

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A52/Moor Lane – Hedge cutting	Cllr MP	<p>ACTION – Cllr MP to write to Notts CC to raise concern re poor hedge cutting at Moore Lane</p> <p>Post meeting update – Cllr MP, Laura Trusler, Senior Highways Liaison Officer says A52 part of trunk road network as such any obstructing vegetation should be referred to HE. Bramcote School now an academy, land on long term lease from Notts CC, Academy are responsible for managing their boundary vegetation.</p> <p>P Heery – Hedge trimmed in 6 weeks holiday by tractor, however a preliminary trim was done around key areas where width of path reduced eg post boxes, bus stops. This may have been perceived as a poor cut. At main cut a tractor is followed by a banksman who clears up. Head of Support Services aware and will take care so as to maintain good relationships</p>

NHW UPDATE FOR CAT MEETING 4.9.17

**Bramcote Police update for CAT meeting 4.9.17, from PCSO Andy Freeman:**

**At the recent South Broxtowe Safer Communities Forum, Inspector Steve Wragg explained the changes in reporting crime from last year. It was agreed that the police would highlight current issues, rather than provide a table of stats that, in isolation, can be misleading.**

**Burglary:** There have been a small number around the Bramcote area. Please remember with the sunny days and hot nights to close and lock windows and doors when not in the same rooms.

**Burglary other Shed breaks:** Again, a number of sheds broken into and nothing taken, but as to others, mainly pushbikes stolen.

**Advice: A light wooden shed is perhaps not the best place to store a high value pushbike.**

**Auto crime:** There have been an increase in breaks into vehicles by unknown means as the vehicles were locked. No damage caused but in the morning doors are wide open??? But nothing has been taken?? It would also seem that, at this time, mainly breaks into works vans.

**Advice: AF understands the issues as to taking tools in and out when returning from work, but that is the current advice.**

**Anti-Social Behaviour:** Please be aware that this is the time of year when neighbours become frustrated with each other over noise and parties. Please just let your neighbour know when you are having a party or late night music.

**Advice: If it is a noise issue, Broxtowe Council should be the first port of call as they have the powers in relation to this matter.** If the issue is between privately owned/rented residents, contact Environmental Health (email [environmental@broxtowe.gov.uk](mailto:environmental@broxtowe.gov.uk)) and if the issue is between council tenants, contact the Housing Department ([housing@broxtowe.gov.uk](mailto:housing@broxtowe.gov.uk)). Alternatively email [customerservices@broxtowe.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@broxtowe.gov.uk) quoting Environment or Housing in the title.

**Final advice:** Please remember to check you have closed and locked windows and not left anything of value in plain sight. This relates to both your house and your vehicle.

All please have a nice and safe summer.

**Please note Inspector Steve Wragg is adding a monthly blog to the local area pages of the Nottinghamshire Police website. (August's blog printed on reverse.)**

**New online crime reporting tool at <https://report.police.uk/>. Alternative to 101, option 2.**

### **Inspector Steve Wragg's blog: August 2017**

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Welcome to the first of many blogs you'll receive from me as the Broxtowe Borough Neighbourhood Policing Inspector.

Broxtowe is, as you know, a vast area of policing responsibility and I will try and capture most, invariably not all, of the important work we do together to make this community a safer place.

#### **Significant events in our borough**

I was heavily involved in the management of a large-scale policing operation which celebrated the life of young Owen Jenkins, who tragically lost his life at Beeston Weir.

These are events we never want to be involved in but give me a real sense of pride when the community all come together to support such worthy remembrance. Rest in peace Owen, your legacy will live forever.

Another instance of community spirit was evident in Beeston when Mikolaj Zawilinski was detained by members of the public following allegations of a serious sexual nature. As has previously been reported, I was pleased to offer a great amount of gratitude to all those involved. Zawilinski remains in custody awaiting trial at Nottingham Crown Court on Friday 25 August.

### **Proactive policing**

I continue to be impressed with the actions of officers I supervise and write this blog on the same morning officers executed a Misuse of Drugs Act warrant at an address in Stapleford before rolling on to arrest four Robbery suspects.

While it would be impossible for me to list all of the excellent work that gets undertaken by officers working across the borough, I would always ask that you continue to show them your support and assistance in what are very challenging times for us. Thank you.

### **Crime prevention**

While crime issues within the borough vary owing to the large geographical area it spans, there are some target crimes that I want to raise with you and share some practical tips to reduce the risk of being subject to such.

Residential burglary (that within the curtilage of your home) continues to be a threat to performance, likewise another acquisitive crime type, theft from motor vehicle, is prevalent. Generally speaking, acquisitive crime types across the borough have seen an increase in offending and I would urge you to visit the Nottinghamshire Police Crime Prevention Advice Centre at [www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/advice/prevention](http://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/advice/prevention) where you will find a raft of information to help make your belongings less desirable to thieves.

Be assured there are also numerous police tactics in use to prevent you being a victim of crime and detect those responsible for such criminality.

While I won't get hung up on recorded crime levels, I am concerned, but encouraged, to see an increase in Hate Crime recording across the borough. All members of the team work tirelessly with you to stamp out such unacceptable behaviour but I also know that the work we have done, and continue to do, will have increased your confidence in reporting such matters.

**On behalf of the Neighbourhood Policing Team, we look forward to seeing you at the various community events over the summer period, local meetings or just as a friendly face along the road**

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