



**Bramcote  
Community Action Team  
Bramcote Memorial Hall  
Monday 5 March 2018**



**Present**

Cllr J Doddy (Chair)	Broxtowe Borough Council	Cllr JD
Cllr M Plackett	Broxtowe Borough Council	Cllr MP
Cllr S Carr	Broxtowe Borough Council	Cllr SC
Paul Nathanail	Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum	PN
Sue Sambells	Notts Neighbourhood Watch	SAS
I Tyler	Café in the Park	IT
A McLeish	Broxtowe Borough Council	AM

19 residents signed the register

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Cllr John Doddy welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Apologies**

Joy Balchin	Broxtowe Borough Council
Paul Heery	Whitehills Park Federation
Cllr J Goold	Broxtowe Borough Council
Rob Greer	Bramcote Conservation Society

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

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.

**4. Bramcote Today Relaunch - Sue Sambells, Steve Austin & Mike Johnson**

A presentation and photo opportunity started the CAT meeting with retired Broxtowe Councillor Stan Heptinstall in attendance, who generated the first Bramcote CAT.

Bramcote Today was officially launched at the 40th CAT meeting in March 2011. In Bramcote Today's 2011 news release the editors explained: the site offers residents a 'one-stop shop' for all things Bramcote and a 'blog' for sharing news on local events and activities, contact details for local schools and politicians, as well as spreading important community safety messages.

Bramcote Today is a community website for local people of all ages to enable them to become more active in their community – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The relaunch has seen the original 21 header topics reduced to five:

- About/Contact
- Community Activities

- Community Concerns
- Community Safety
- Community Services

Click the links below to visit the refreshed Bramcote Today website

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<https://www.facebook.com/BramcoteToday/>

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## 5. Update on Action Plan – Cllr MP

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Issue	Responsibility	Action / Response
Speeding on A52	Cllr MP	Cllr MP contacted Anna Soubry. Highways England has agreed to average speed cameras – awaiting funding allocation.  When? - will let residents know the outcome as soon as MP is notified / receives a response
Glass collection lorries	Cllr MP	Cllr MP to find out if vehicles have reversing beepers  <u>Post meeting note:</u> Yes, the glass collection vehicle is fitted with an audible reversing warning signal.
Any indication when a Planning Application for the Retirement Complex on the Golf Course is likely? Is it hoped that 106 monies might be forthcoming from this Application.	Cllr MP	There is no detailed application with BBC for the golf course and although there have been discussions with possible developers; there is still a bit to go before a more detailed scheme is with us. Current understanding is that the site has not been sold to a developer.

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<p>In the report from the Neighbourhood Forum the meeting was advised that the Council had delayed the Bramcote Neighbour Plan being submitted as the Council were 'looking to minimise the land it wished to take out of the Greenbelt in the Ward'</p> <p>Any such revision to the Part 2 Plan coming to the Jobs and Economy Meeting in June?</p> <p>I am personally hoping that this means my hope/request that the retention of Greenbelt status of the 'Plots' remaining post any Developments on the Coventry Lane site is a distinct possibility?</p> <p>Would like YOUR update and confirmation or otherwise of the report given this evening.</p>	Cllr MP	<p>The Part 2 Local Plan recommended changes will be reported to Jobs and Economy committee in June. We're working through urban site availability in the SHLAA (to be reported to Jobs and Economy committee this week) and following the detailed site allocations being confirmed in June there will be options as to how the open areas of land to remain are best protected. I'm mindful of yours and others requests that this be maintained as Green Belt, and I'll make sure that the options are clearly set out for the committee to decide on in June.</p>
<p>In response to the enquiry from our December Meeting for the provision of a 'Wild Flower Bed' on Hanley Avenue at its junction with Church Street the response from Environment was 'unlikely' due to financial constraints. This evening both CC Steve Carr and CC John Doddy indicated they would be pleased to consider funding such a bed from their CC Divisional Funds. Your thoughts and response to them and myself as to such a possibility appreciated.</p>	Cllr MP	<p>In response to your email with regards to a wild flower area on the corner of Hanley Avenue. It is not so much the capital cost of the works, which I accept could possibly be funded from the County Councillors Divisional funds, but the on-going revenue budget implications of then maintaining the area.</p> <p>In addition the area already has drifts of crocus which we would not wish to disturb. The area without bulbs is somewhat hidden by the adjacent hedge and I do not believe that this really would be an eye-catching location for an additional wild flower area.</p> <p>In conclusion based on what flora is there at present and the financial pressures we are under I am unable to support the suggestion for a wildflower</p>

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		area in this location.
A resident requested an update on the Biffa site. When / IF a 'hand over' to the Borough for its management and upkeep was likely in the near future?	Cllr MP	Phase1 of the transfer of the Biffa Site is at the final snagging stage. Over the winter some additional works have undertaken by Biffa but a number of issues still need to be resolved. The Councils legal team are in the process of finalising the handover documentation for phase 1 and hopefully, as long as Biffa complete the works, this will take place this spring/early summer. This is only Phase 1 (approx. 30%) of the area on the Southern edge of the site. The remaining area has still got a number of issues to resolve including path surfacing access creation and car park provision. I believe it will be at least 18 months before this is at a point for transfer
Residents that know of any local groups who could support / endorse the café to contact MP and IT	Residents	
Post meeting note MP invited AM to ask from his "health" partnership letters of support for the Cafe	Cllr MP and AM	Invitation sent out and offers of support made by "health" partners forwarded by AM to Malcolm Gent and MP

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

#### Town Street

The County Council has advised that the broken Town Street barrier is to be replaced shortly, within the first quarter of 2018.

### Stream of Poppies and other events to remember the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the 1914/1918 war

A community group led by “custodians” Bramcote Conservation Society are meeting regularly to plan events:

21 April – the planting of seeds by Scouts and other uniformed organisations with local schools including 15 wooden crosses bearing the names of the Bramcote men who lost their lives in the Great War.

1 July – an Open Air Service in the park led by Paul Reynolds, Vicar of St. Michael’s, which will include a playlet by Pat Ashworth telling the story of the 15 Bramcote men who died.

11 November – Concert organised by Val Bird and other local historians in the Memorial Hall remembering the concert and the day the hall was opened in 1923.

### 18,000 Mile Bike Ride

Robert Cleave from Bramcote will start his 18 month charity ride to cycle around the world, in Bramcote Park at 10am on Saturday 7 April. Come along, or better still cycle the first mile through the park with Robert.

### Café in the Park

Update by Ian – see further in minutes.

Cllr MP would like to reiterate his wholehearted support and express to the CAT meeting that it is a pleasure and a privilege as the Council’s representative to attend the group’s Board meetings.

### Extra Monies for Parks and Play Equipment

The Council plan to allocate £500,000 on Parks and Play Areas in Broxtowe over the next two years. It has been requested that £70,000 can be offered to replace the play equipment on King George V Park, hopefully helped by a grant from WREN.

### Golf Course Retirement Complex

Mineral testing has been undertaken on the site and a planning application is expected shortly.

### Town Street debris

Head of Environment advised that a debris clean-up is required.

### Future Events

Hemlock Happening is on 9 June 2018.

## 6. **Café in the Park**

Effectively still in year 1 due to setbacks (as reported in previous minutes) and whilst setting up the Community Interest Company there is now a need to become a charity, which offers its own complexities. A draft constitution has been received from the solicitors this morning. Just completed the tender documents for two architect companies (1 local and 1 from Derbyshire). The scale of the café and toilet is less than originally proposed; the café will be a total of 180 -220 square metres and the whole site will be approximately 440 square metres (includes access and seating). So far, what has been achieved has been funded by the National Lottery - Awards for All which is now coming towards the end. Have been raising funds ourselves through the charity ball etc. One of the most important aspects at the moment is endorsement from local community groups (as this supports funding applications) e.g., the Chairs medical practice on the health benefits, but if anyone knows of any local groups who would be willing to offer support/endorsement please let IT know – can use link on Bramcote Today

Important to note that the land will be leased from Broxtowe Borough Council – just in case this does not work out they will get the land back, and is part of the constitution.

Hope to have tenders back from the architects by July and expect to have started the development in the next couple of years from now. The revised building now reduces costs and working on finance of £350,000 - £450,000

Further information can be found on Bramcote Today – see link above.

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

Paul Heery sent apologies for tonight's meeting but sent the following update:

NCC have finally appointed a solicitor to deal with the land transfer – it has taken from the date of the committee meeting in October until the last fortnight to do this, so although we have been working behind the scenes to move things forward, we have not been able to do anything concrete or submit planning until this is approved. I hope we will begin to pick up pace again now, but this has obviously set up back somewhat.

Mrs Caley (Head of Alderman White) has been appointed to a promoted post in Derby from the start of next term. We are currently recruiting her successor.

We remain on track with our predictions for end of year exams, the picture is looking very positive; we expect all key outcomes to show continuing improvement.

This update caused quite a lot of conversation about the quality of the replacement head and also whether the land was transferred to White Hills Federation Trust (WHF). In short - the leader of NCC wrote to PN in January 2018 and PN suggests that PH update contradicts this letter and is confused as to what is right. JD commented that PH will have the documents and that the decision has been made and approved by committees. However, there was dissatisfaction with the clarity of the situation and actions therein. Moreover, there were additional discussions around an extra piece of land available to the WHF trust and clarity on who own the

land as comparisons were made with Carillion and their collapse and the stability of WHF trust – therefore the land needs to be protected from anything like this. The discussion was stopped to permit progress with the agenda. The decision has been made

## **8. Neighbourhood Plan update with Local Plan update - PN**

PN has not submitted the neighbourhood plan to the council as the council has asked the Neighbourhood Forum not to. Why? – There are 2 uncertainties that the council are juggling with 1. Where to draw the line with the revised Greenbelt Boundary (to minimise the land coming out of the Greenbelt) – This is going to the Jobs and Economy meeting scheduled for June (not March). In this meeting the planners will table an amendment to the Greenbelt but the level of amendment is unknown.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> uncertainty is the Coventry Lane development and the need for money (in response to the Forum, Broxtowe Borough Council explained the 300 houses would pay for a new school, however from the consultation the houses should pay for a new school and a new leisure centre). The Forum has no powers over the redevelopment or the land. PH is some time away from securing the deeds of the Freehold of the land and therefore some time away from submitting a planning application for the houses and school. PH needs the deeds before the planning application as the value of the land may increase from its current value, therefore we have a bit more time to finesse the housing, school and leisure centre application and therefore may be of benefit to us.

The recent release of the Strategic Housing Land Allocation Assessment Report which happens once a year was discussed at the January Forum meeting, Steffan Saunders (BBC) said figures used in latest plan were no longer current – now got the new figures from this report

Today, the release of a consultation of the National Planning Policy Framework which sets out planning policy in England and implements parts of the White Paper, released by the Government in April 2017, which looks to increase the powers of Neighbourhood Forums – in particular redrawing Greenbelt Boundaries. A productive conversation with Steffan Saunders ensued as to where the Council were with Part 2 and discussed the pros and cons of submitting a plan now or waiting.

Jobs and Economy controls Part 2, the final version of Part 2 that will be ready for examination will be Autumn and not Spring.

Cllr SC asked why the plan was not in the March agenda – PN responded with - didn't know but discussion around the Greenbelt land ensued.

Discussion moved to the maximum number of houses that may be possible on Coventry Lane and a number of 450 – 500 was discussed but not too sure. PN has not seen the layout of the plans for the 300 Broxtowe Borough Council have stated. PN raised concern on the area of land in Bramcote the County Council own and how this may or may not fit in with plans - it may be that the 500 dwellings included building on this land too.

A review of timelines was given about the plan and Part 2. Residents will be able to sign off on the Neighbourhood Plan by the end of the year. Part 2 will not be ready until approximately March 2019 – it is difficult to know what will be in Part 2 and therefore difficult to answer if the Neighbourhood Plan is compatible with Part 2 at the moment – also the National Planning Policy Framework consultation is open until 10 May, which increases the variables e.g., “Viability” which means will I make money out of these houses?, how is this profitable to the council? – PN will take this back to the steering group.

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

SAS provided an update - see Appendix 1.

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

Any update on the Stapleford Brown Field sites? A compulsory purchase order, upon legal advice, is temporarily on hold. Advice for any Brown Field sites identified by residents, is to contact Broxtowe Borough Council and let them know.

What is happening with the Biffa site? MP will seek an answer from the Council.

Residents to note that they do not need to wait three months to raise an issue – please feel free to contact councillors.

Residents registered their appreciation of Trent Barton running buses in the challenging weather. The “bin men” were also noted.

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

Cllr SC, as County Councillor, contacted by residents concerning the junction of Thoresby Road - as a pedestrian it is very difficult to go along Derby Road and cross Thoresby Road. SC is in contact with Highways England to try and get some phasing or something that tells pedestrians it is safe to cross.

Sandringham Drive is on a list SC presented for resurfacing. This will now be done in 2018/19 financial year. Thoresby Road will also be resurfaced. SC took note of resident's notifications of streets to add to his list of streets to be resurfaced.

#### **12. Date of next meeting**

4 June 2018, 7.00pm – 8.30pm  
Bramcote Memorial Hall, Church Street, Bramcote

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# Appendix 1

## NHW Update for CAT meeting

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

At July's South Broxtowe Safer Communities Forum meeting, Inspector Steve Wragg explained the changes in reporting crime from the previous year. It was agreed that the police would highlight current issues, rather than provide a table of stats that, in isolation, can be misleading. Crime updates can be located from the Police [local area page](#).

## Bramcote Police update for CAT meeting 5.03.18, from PCSO Andy Freeman:

There have been a number of burglaries around the Bramcote area. Please make sure that you lock your doors and windows, if you are going out close your curtains, try using a timer switch for lights to come on and off, also if you have a radio turn in to BBC radio 4 – it's all talk so sounds like someone is in the house. Think about having a good quality alarm system fitted and possible outside security lighting and should you go on holiday then seeing if any family members or friends/neighbours are able to keep an eye on your property.

There have been also a number of breaks into sheds and garages, again please make sure that you have any outbuildings securely locked. Main thing I would say is that if you have expensive pushbikes or any goods worth large amounts then please think of somewhere more secure.

Please also be aware that there have been a number of thefts from vehicles in and around the Bramcote area, again please do not leave valuables on display.

Anti-social behaviour is very low in the area, we have had a couple of calls in relation to issues along Town Street. There has been and is still on-going dispersal zone around the Stapleford area due to a major incident in Long Eaton so there have been police patrols in the area.

Please note Inspector Steve Wragg is adding a monthly blog to the [local area pages](#) of the Nottinghamshire Police website. (January's blog printed below.)

## Significant Events in Our Borough

I hope you all had a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope that 2018 is a very prosperous one for you and I personally look forward to some interesting changes over the horizon that will positively influence how best Nottinghamshire Police deliver local policing in Broxtowe. Some of these changes I'll allude to later in my blog.

For the majority the festive period and New Year passed largely without incident and a lot of that is down to your community mindedness. I was pleased to see key events such as the Friday before Christmas, the Christmas holidays themselves and New Year's Eve were policed in good spirit with some great stories of how local officers engaged with you. What did strike me throughout December was how bustling the Borough's town centres were. While as part of my role I am consulted on new premise

applications, to witness how these premises are positively contributing to the regeneration of our Borough was great to see.

## **Proactive Policing**

You will all likely to have read in the media the horrifying burglary that took place at the home of a vulnerable lady in Ilkeston Road Stapleford. Thankfully, it was not too long before one of the suspects was apprehended. Matthew Wilcox pleaded guilty at his first appearance and kept in custody pending being sentenced at Nottingham Crown Court on 18 January 2018. Investigations continue to identify the other two suspects involved.

At the beginning of December, a prolific shop thief from Derbyshire was convicted of a mere 45 offences that he had chalked up over a period of a few months until he was finally apprehended. Thankfully he is now off the streets having been sentenced to 16 months imprisonment.

## **Crime Prevention**

Regrettably, as much as for the majority of people in Broxtowe the month of December thankfully passed without incident there were some considerable crimes trends that are noteworthy. Areas of Bramcote suffered large numbers of shed and garage burglaries between Christmas and New Year and I know local officers have canvassed the area with Crime Prevention advice and sought to target harden those areas identified as most vulnerable.

Sheds and garages are inherently difficult for us to Police as they tend to be on private property, hidden behind houses. Please protect your belongings and consider using our advice centre (see below) to understand how best to do this.

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 [Crime Prevention Guides](#) where you will find a raft of information to help make your belongings less desirable to thieves.

## **Your Local Policing Team**

I wrote previously about two constable additions made to the team and these officers have embedded themselves well into Neighbourhood Policing. I've also received confirmation that Broxtowe will be assigned two Police Community Support Officers from the current batch of recruits. These officers will land with us in February 2018 and I'm sure, you like me, welcome this additionally.

[Advice guide - Securing your shed](#)

## **NottsWatch/NHW update**

Our Join Us campaign ([www.nottswatch.co.uk/joinus](http://www.nottswatch.co.uk/joinus)) has proved successful. We have recruited six new volunteers including Katy Adamson, a student living in Beeston and Uzair Suhail, a graduate also from Beeston who have been tasked by our national team with setting up a pilot scheme, Student Watch for Nottinghamshire.

**Useful links re community safety can be found on Bramcote Today's new website:**  
<https://bramcotetoday.org.uk/community-safety/>