



**Bramcote  
Community Action Team  
Bramcote Memorial Hall  
Monday 4 June 2018**



**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 B Hull	Stapleford Town Council	Cllr BH
Sue Sambells	Notts Neighbourhood Watch	SAS
I Tyler	Café in the Park	IT
P Heery	Whitehills Park Federation	PH
Toni Thorncraft Smith	Roberts Ride	TTS
Steve Austin	Neighbourhood Forum	SA
M Hawley	Broxtowe Borough Council	MH

20 residents signed the register

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Cllr John Doddy welcomed everyone to the 68<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**2. Apologies**

Joy Balchin	Broxtowe Borough Council	JB
Paul Nathanail	Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum	PN
Tony Smith		TS
Resident		

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

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.

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

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<b>Issue</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Action/Response</b>
Planning Application for the Retirement Complex on the Golf Course.	Cllr MP	No detailed planning application submitted, although discussions have taken place with Developers and Broxtowe Planning Department. Broxtowe understand that the land has yet to be sold to a Developer.

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		A request has been made to have the frontage tidied up. The has been an ongoing issue for 10 years
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 The glass collection vehicle is fitted with an audible reversing warning signal.
Town Street – Autumn Rubbish	Cllr MP	Cllr MP This has been cleared.
Provision of a 'Wild Flower Bed' on Hanley Avenue at its junction with Church Street	Cllr MP	Cllr MP BBC Environment Department concedes that on a one off basis it could be financed by Divisional County Councillor Funds, but on-going maintenance would have consequential financial implications for subsequent years, they would also not wish to disturb the drifts of crocuses already planted and in their opinion it would not be an eye catching location due to the close proximity of the hedge and are therefore unable to support the suggestion.
Update on the Biffa site.	Cllr MP	Cllr MP BBC Parks dept - Phase One, (30% on the Southern edge) of the transfer

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		<p>of the Site is at final snagging stage, a number of outstanding issues still need to be resolved and subject to their completion by Biffa, Broxtowe's Legal Team are hoping to process the finalising of the handover by early Summer.</p> <p>The remaining area has still got a number of issues to resolve including path surfacing , access creation and car park provision, the Department believes it will be another 18 months before this is at a point of transfer</p>
King George V park	Cllr MP	<p>Cllr MP</p> <p>The park has been included in BBCs Pride in our Parks Scheme</p> <p>Dependant upon hoped for grant funding an extensive refurbishment and extension of the PLAY AREAS in the Park are under consideration for 2019/2020.</p> <p>Ideas being considered include new equipment and refurbishment of the 'Toddlers Area', an adjacent but separate area for older children and an Adult Fitness Area.</p> <p>It is hoped a consultation for users and potential users will be undertaken later this year with a tendering process early in 2019.</p> <p>An exciting prospect for Bramcote's lovely village park!</p>
WW1 Bramcote Commemoration Events	Cllr MP	<p>Cllr MP</p> <p>In April in the presence of the Mayor, Cllr Halimah Khalid MBE, thanks to Broxtowe Borough Council Parks Department poppy seeds were sown in the form of a stream at</p>

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		<p>King George V Park. Local Scouts, uniformed organisations and local school children helped with the sowing, the children also planted 15 crosses in memory of the Bramcote men who lost their lives in the conflict. Grants of £300 and £200 have been obtained towards the production costs of a Drama to be performed at a Church Service in the Park starting at 2.30 pm on the 1st July by both Nottinghamshire County Council and Broxtowe Brought Council. Look out for more details regarding a further Event to be held in the Memorial Hall on the 11th November</p>
Poppy Stream Update	Cllr MP	<p>Cllr MP Despite a further complete sowing by the Borough Council due to adverse weather conditions, very wet in the early Spring to prepare the ground and seasonally very hot and dry after the sowing, the seeds sadly have NOT germinated. However our Parks Manager believes there is a possibility that they will do so given the right conditions giving us that much hoped for Poppy Stream in 2019</p>
A52 Street Light	Cllr MP	<p>Cllr MP After much correspondence with Highways England the light close to the fatal 2016 accident site has finally been repaired</p>

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A52 Urban Stretch Grass Cutting	Cllr MP	Cllr MP Highways England sadly did not undertake the planned first cut in April. After pressure from the Council and myself the first cut was undertaken on the 18th May. A further 6/7 cuts are planned for later in Summer/Autumn
Top of Town Street Barrier	Cllr MP	Cllr MP County Council inform me that an order for a new Barrier is about to be placed with a specialist contractor for delivery and installation hopefully by mid-Summer, a little later than originally promised
Sherwin Island	Cllr MP	Cllr MP Planned maintenance by Broxtowe Borough Council on the Island is planned for the next Highways England A52 Grass Cutting, Week Beginning 4th June 18 likely to be on Friday 8th June

#### **5. Café in the Park – Update Ian Tyler**

The outline building proposal and a 3D interactive modal should be available at Hemlock Happening. An application will be submitted and a decision on its suitability should be available within 12 weeks. Currently awaiting approval from the charity commission for charitable status to change from a community interest company into a charity.

The group currently have £6,000–£6,500 fundraising and £7,000 legal costs funding available.

How long have Westermans been sponsoring Hemlock Happening – Liberty Leisure have been seeking sponsorship for sometime and Westermans came forward with support.

A pledge was made of £10,000 some years ago from Westermans – this will be taken up when the Café is developed.

**6. Bramcote Hills School Development – Update Paul Heery**

The freehold of the land at Coventry Lane needs to be transferred to the trust so they are able to proceed to planning and contact developers. The meeting with the County Council has been delayed however the reason for this is not clear.

The school has been assured that the county council are supportive of the project and it was passed unanimously at committee. Due to the age and condition of the buildings it would be difficult to justify improving the buildings further at this time.

How far has the building been pushed back due to the delays – heads of terms are in place and these need to be placed into a legal agreement. Consultation still needs to take place. These actions would take a month or two so it is possible that outline planning could be in place before the end of the year and it could be a year for building to start. The outline planning permission is only a guideline to numbers of properties this information would be within the planning application from a developer.

Has there been any conversations about the old school site – there are restrictions on what the school is able to do with the land however it is possible the land could be part of a larger development site for the school.

Why is the old Bramcote School being transferred to the federation – something has to be done with the land however it can't be sold and the County Council have no use for it so the only option is to transfer it to the federation. Residents would like this land to be used for leisure facilities.

Will the sale of the land bring in enough funding to build the new school. The federation can't be in a position where there do not receive enough funding to build the new school.

Has the development adversely affected student numbers – numbers are up on previous years so the numbers are healthy and the budget is balanced so the school is positive.

Cllr J Doddy will provide an update from the County Council at the next meeting.

The Head Teacher at Alderman White is leaving and she has been replaced with the current Head of Ellis Guilford school.

Talks will be taking place with local feeder primary schools with regard to extend the federation. This year over 50% primary and 85% secondary school will be academies so the school are offering the opportunity to join the federation rather than feel they need to join another one.

There is an exchange trip planned between the school and their sister school in China in the autumn.

**7. Neighbourhood Plan update with Local Plan update – Steve Austin**

A consultation document was put out last autumn on the draft plan which received approx. 200 responses which have informed the redrafted of the plan and the final document is now almost in place. The plan has to form part of the Borough Council's Local Plan so has to be aligned to this. Leisure facilities have been

highlighted by residents as a need on the Coventry Lane site however there is no funding for this.

Does the Local Plan or the Bramcote Plan come first – the group can object the Local Plan. Bramcote Plan is meaningful however it is an unknown until the Local Plan is agreed as this may make any Bramcote Plan obsolete if it does not align.

Cllr MP wished to applaud the work of the forum.

BBC is looking to set up a consultancy to provide a revised Leisure Strategy. Cllr MP believes that leisure facilities should be available in the area and all options should be on the table for consideration.

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

SAS provided an update - see Appendix 1.

## **9. Update on Robert Cleaves 18,000m Cycle Ride – T Thorncroft Smith**

Cycle ride started on 7<sup>th</sup> April with a start point of Morocco and has so far completed 1,664 miles and is currently in Spain. He has reached his first of target of £10,000 and broken all his perceived targets both on and off the bike so far. Donations can be made through just giving or direct to team Robert and updates are posted each day. The team of ambassadors are able to come out and talk to community groups. An update will be given at the next meeting.

Robert's Ride coordinator Toni Thorncroft Smith wished to place on record his and her thanks to Tim and BBC's help in organising Robert's 'send off'.

## **10. Residents' Issues**

- I. Golf Course** – the community has not been communicated with regarding to where access to the site is proposed – Cllr MP there has been no planning application received which is the appropriate time to query the access. Do the public have access – Cllr MP it is private land.
- II. King George V Park** –The hoped for improvements and additions to the Play Areas, again in King George V Park were welcomed, one resident suggested the Adult Area might be best sited in the current toddlers' area creating a new toddlers' area near to the tennis courts. Recommended that this 'suggestion' be offered at the time of consultation later in the year.
- III. Town Street** - Bramcote is a conservation area in Broxtowe however the village is a very depressing sight at the moment gullies have not been cleaned, pavements swept and verges cut on Derby Road it is all looking very run down. Broxtowe BC is not giving it any special concern. – Cllr MP has requested a tidy up and thorough clean of Town Street.
- IV. King George V Park Entrance** - Cllr MP someone contacted Cllr MP last week about the nettles at the entrance to George V Park Whilst noting the nettles had been cut down at the entrance to the Park from Town Street they had been done very quickly leaving an untidy mess.

- V. **King George V Park** - Residents who back on to King George V Park would appreciate the trees behind their properties being viewed with the hoped they might be crowned. Overhang and autumn leaves are to these households a serious problem. Cllr MP to contact BBC Parks dept
- VI. **Land is for sale at Sandy Lane** - part of the site is in the city and part is in Broxtowe. There is currently knotweed on the site. Cllr MP has reported it to Paul Summers.

Cllr MP has spoken to Planning and currently there is no planning application and no developers are in place however if BBC receives a planning application it has to be looked at with an open mind and it is up to the planning committee to make a decision. The land is however subject to various planning protections;

- Open Space
- Prominent Area for Special Protection
- Local Green Space
- Green Infrastructure Corridor
- Wildlife Area

It is the opinion of Cllr MP that planning permission would not be granted.

- VI. **Defibrillator** - has anyone considered putting one at the Leisure centre – a resident is happy to fund one – MP to contact Liberty Leisure to ascertain if one is already in place or being considered.
- VII. **Field farm** - what is the hold-up – it is thought to be hold ups on other development sites
- VIII **Street Lamp out** - how long does it take to change a light bulb in a street lamp – this has not yet been reported to the County Council – Cllr MP to report to the County Council.

## 11. **Any Other Business**

- I. **Hemlock Happening** – Flyers were made available at the meeting. The event will take place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018 1.00pm – 6.00pm

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

3 September 2018, 7.00pm – 8.30pm  
Bramcote Memorial Hall, Church Street, Bramcote

**The meeting finished at 21.15pm**

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## **NHW Update for CAT meeting**

Please note Simon Riley replaced Steve Wragg as Neighbourhood Policing Inspector for Broxtowe on April 1st. Steve has moved to a new role as a Detective Inspector on the County Division.

In his May blog he said: I have spent the past month finding my way around the Borough, getting to know some of our partners, arranging to meet with others I've not yet had the opportunity to meet and settling into my role. Apologies to those whom I haven't yet had the chance to catch up with, but you are on my list!

During the past month or so, we have waved goodbye to PC Chris Copley, who has gone to the County Burglary team, but at the same time have welcomed two new faces onto the beat manager team, Pc Laurence Clemente and Pc Ben Penson. I am sure would all join me in thanking Chris for his efforts on the borough and in wishing all three officers well for their respective future careers.

As I think I mentioned in my previous blog, we have also had a dedicated response team move back onto the borough as part of Chief Constable Guildford's local policing plan. We have now got additional officers based at Beeston and Eastwood and hopefully, their presence is being noticed. We will also be having a team of local CID officers working from Beeston in the very near future.

It has become clear that my team and I are facing a number of challenges. Whilst I can never guarantee specific results in specific time frames, what I can guarantee is that the officers under my command, together with our partners in the borough are working tirelessly to try and resolve the most pressing of these issues. I understand peoples' frustrations, particularly in respect of burglary on the borough, but I would ask that you bear with us - I am confident that very shortly we will be in a position to deliver some good news.

## **Broxtowe South**

Whilst burglaries remain higher than anyone would like to see (1 burglary is 1 too many), this week we had a notable success with the arrest and subsequent charging of Lee Carnell with 9, yes NINE burglaries in the Beeston area, as was communicated across our social media platforms this weekend. His arrest follows the introduction of a dedicated burglary team on the county division. Carnell appeared at Nottingham Magistrates' Court on Saturday 26 May 2018. We are currently working with the burglary team and headquarters departments to identify further offenders and bring them to justice as swiftly as we can.

We also arrested and charged a local man for 2 knife point robberies last month. He was charged with robberies at 2 local hair salons and is currently on remand in prison, awaiting trial in October after some great work from our colleagues in CID.

I am aware of the concerns many residents have aired regarding ASB and shed/garage burglaries in the Chilwell/Toton/Stapleford areas. This is a challenging piece of work which is still ongoing. What I will say, is whilst I am seeing a lot of disquiet on social media, the comments are generally not backed up in similar number by calls to the police. Please - it is vitally important that you call the police if you spot anyone in your garden, or acting suspiciously in the street around your property. If you suspect a crime is taking

place at that time, then please call 999. For all other occurrences, please call 101 and report the issues to us.

### **Crime Prevention**

Burglars will always look for the easiest option. Please don't make it easy for them to break into your properties and steal your belongings. Simple little measures like closing and locking your doors and windows overnight or when away from the property, go a huge way to reducing the likelihood of you being burgled. Never leave valuable items or car keys within easy reach of a window or door and if you have one - always set your burglar alarm. If you don't have an alarm then please consider getting one fitted. Similarly, the installation of good security lighting and making it look like someone is at home also go a long way towards deterring burglars.

This advice will be particularly pertinent during the Football World Cup, which kicks off next month. I'm sure that many of you will be out, in the pub or at friends' houses to watch a lot of the games, especially the England matches. This sort of occasion creates a target-rich environment for burglars who are by nature, opportunistic criminals. Go out, enjoy the football but please don't make it easy for thieves to target your properties whilst you are out celebrating.

Additionally, we are approaching that time of year where historically, we do see an increase in break ins to sheds and garages and currently, this year is no different, sadly. Please be vigilant and to ensure that expensive items are securely stored - ideally, items such as power tools, mowers, garden tools and bicycles should not be stored in sheds, but where there is no alternative, then the shed should be made as secure as possible by fitting heavy duty security locks, security lighting, mesh grilles on windows and doors and shed alarms. Items such as power tools and bicycles should be security marked.

More crime prevention advice can be found on our website:

<https://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/advice/prevention/shed>

Finally, we are now almost halfway through the month of Ramadan. May I take this opportunity to wish all of our Muslim residents 'Ramadan Mubarak.' Have a peaceful, happy month as you near the end of your period of fasting and reflection and you approach the celebrations of Eid-al-Fitr.

### **Neighbourhood Policing Team**

Details of our neighbourhood police team, plus monthly blogs, can be viewed on the Notts Police [local area](#) pages. Please note the team covers the whole of South Broxtowe – ie Stapleford, Beeston and Chilwell police clusters.

### **Crime Prevention Advice**

Visit the Nottinghamshire Police Crime Prevention Advice Centre at <http://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/advice/prevention> where you will find a raft of information to help make your belongings less desirable to thieves.

### **Nottinghamshire Neighbourhood Watch (NottsWatch ®) & NHW update**

NottsWatch conference/AGM will be held on 23 June. If you are interested in attending, contact me for details. There are still a few seats available.

The next South Broxtowe Safer Communities Forum will be held on Thursday 12 July. If you are involved with community safety in South Broxtowe and haven't received an invitation, contact me, advising your community role. Inspector Riley hopes to attend.

A new NHW scheme was recently set up in Chilwell Meadows following a spate of anti-social behaviour/crime. It was encouraging to see strong support from a local Broxtowe Borough Councillor, plus Richard Jackson, Notts County Council. Cllr Martin Plackett has offered assistance in promoting community safety in Bramcote and NottsWatch can provide initial funding. If you have concerns, ideas or just a keen interest in keeping you and your neighbours safe and well, please contact me, giving details of where you live.

**Useful links re community safety can be found on Bramcote Today's new website:**

<https://bramcotetoday.org.uk/community-safety/>