

**Bramcote Community Action Team Minutes**  
**6<sup>th</sup> March 2023**  
**Held at Bramcote Memorial Hall and on Zoom**

**Present:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Initials</b>	<b>Contact details</b>
<b>Cllr David Watts</b>	Broxtowe BC	DW	<a href="mailto:david.watts@broxtowe.gov.uk">david.watts@broxtowe.gov.uk</a>
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Around 30 residents attended and 10 users logged on the zoom during the meeting.

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Cllr Watts welcomed everybody to the meeting and introduced the panel including 2 representatives from the Police. Cllr Watts acknowledged that Cllr Tyler is stepping down in these elections and thanked him for 20 years of public service as Councillor and representative for Bramcote.

**2. Apologies**

County Councillor Steve Carr. Councillor Ian Tyler. No response from County Councillors John Mcgrath or John Doddy, both of whom had been invited.

**3. Minutes and Updates on actions from last meeting**

Cllr Watts apologised & took responsibility for the delays with the last meeting minutes. These have been circulated on the council website and Bramcote NG9 Facebook page.

Advised golf course development and battery storage application would be discussed later this evening.

Also advised that a correction is needed in that councilors had been contacted by the head of Foxwood school to say that negotiations were ongoing regarding them joining White Hills Park Trust and the development of an additional school building for foxwood. Cllr Watts explained that at the previous meeting we had been told by White Hills Park Trust that it was going ahead so circulated the news accordingly in our focus leaflet.

Bramcote Leisure Centre –plans still being worked out but can confirm there will be a new centre in Bramcote. Building costs have risen hugely so options such as modular system or two phase building being considered. Resident suggested consultation should be had at this stage to consider public opinions to aid plans. Cllr Watts agreed to take this back to the council. Leisure centre rebuild is not reliant on school plans. Temporary parking issues and access would be submitted in planning application.

Japanese Knot Weed – No update, has been chased with the Council.

Coventry Lane Development – confirmed Avant homes is highest bidder for land.  
Private matter between school and developer. May come to committee after election.

#### **4. Update from the Neighbourhood Policing Team**

The policing team reported that figures in Broxtowe show a 2% reduction in crime overall. Bramcote has very little crime. Violence is down 6%, burglary and robbery reduced. Shop lifting and antisocial behavior has increased in Beeston along with bicycle thefts. Theft of and from motor vehicles (mostly vans) has increased. Reminder to keep tools and equipment stored elsewhere overnight as thieves are targeting vans.

Policing priorities are dealing with car cruising at Toton Tram site, protests in Stapleford and Trowell and bike thefts. There are capture bike operations occurring in Beeston to target bike theft – encouraged to get decent locks for bikes.

Member of the public asked a specific question about an incident not in Broxtowe – advised if crime number is issued then it will be investigated. Members of the public cannot request CCTV footage from businesses.

Use this [link](#) to see the break down.

You can read the Inspector's recent update on the [Notts Police website](#)

#### **5. Planning Matters.**

Battery Storage

Application Details - Ref: 22/00799/FUL

<https://planning.broxtowe.gov.uk/ApplicationDetail?RefVal=22%2F00799%2FFUL>

Application has been returned to developer to consider options for sites at Toton. Paul Nathaniel asked councilors to confirm if the developers are correct their claim that they were told there is no land available. Councillor Watts confirmed the planning team had this incorrectly. The economic development team have since advised there are options in the Toton site and Toton Masterplan has some flexibility. Will not come to planning committee before election. There is some new material added to application which will be available on the planning site this week. Councillor Watts will alert residents as and when it is resubmitted.

Residents were advised a Battery storage site is live in Ashby near the A42 can be viewed to give an idea of size, scale and view. Concerns raised about battery safety in terms of fire risk. Alerted to Private Members Bill by Maria Miller (MP) having second reading in parliament so should get passed. Acknowledged this bill ties up a number of loose ends around battery storage safety. Also acknowledged there are alternative chemistry options for batteries.

Councillor Watts acknowledged that a national energy strategy is required. Recommended the Climate Book edited by Greta Thunberg, Application for storage site on Toton land would need new application.

Paul Nathaniel highlighted that the Neighbourhood Forum has supported the application on the basis that the land would be restored to greenbelt once the site runs off. Feels greenbelt argument is reduced if land on Toton site is available.

Councillor Watts explained housing plans in Toton Master plan involves housing development on both sides of Stapleford / Toton Lane

Bramcote Golf Course

Application dismissed as outline permission has expired. Another application of its type would not be approved by the council. Councillor Watts advised that the land as some environmental value as protected open space, but limited financial value as green space. Council could purchase land. Paul Nathaniel pointed out it is not listed as such on the local plan. Councillor Watts advised it had been protected on the 1<sup>st</sup> local plan and that should hold. Also holds sway with footpaths needing to remain publically accessible.

Bramcote school application has been approved under delegated powers. Councillor Watts advised that Coventry Lane application would come to committee most likely after the election.

Discussed access to self build plots – council has a register for residents interested in self build plots but none available and none being accounted for in larger developments. Acknowledged that planning system is weighted in favour of large development companies, not individuals interested in self build projects.

## **6. Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum**

Paul Nathaniel reported that Chetwynd Neighbourhood plan is being prioritized by the planning team. Bramcote neighbourhood plan is awaiting approval from the planning team who will be prioritising Chetwynd's neighbourhood plan. The forum updates all members of the planning applications in Bramcote and beyond.

The forum took the following decisions at its last meeting where councillors were present:

Voted in favour of the battery storage site on the basis that other sites aren't available and placing a condition that the land be restored to greenbelt once the battery site ends. Paul acknowledged that the forum would have a different view given the news about options in Toton.

Voted to oppose the Coventry Lane application on the grounds that it is not sustainable.

Voted against spur road connecting A52 and Toton barracks site. Waste of money and unnecessary. Alternative suggestions have been suggested. Paul urged residents to question council candidates seeking election.

## **7. Road / Pedestrian Safety Issues**

Deddington Lane will be resurfaced and repaired along with crossing on Thoresby Road next financial year. Moor Lane and school issues being addressed slowly.

Cow Lane / Claremont junction is deteriorating. Concerns raised about Hanley Avenue - Councillor Land advised that council unlikely to have budget or appetite to create parking spaces out of grassed areas. Question would be asked.

Concerns about Valmont and Russley Road would need raising with County Councilors Macrath and Doddy.

#### **8. Any other business**

Brown bins not emptied on Russley Road and Rufford Avenue. No reply from council. Councillor Watts will chase up.

Remember voter ID required for elections if voting from polling station. ID not required for postal votes.

#### **Dates of future meetings**

Early, June, September and December 2023 at Bramcote Memorial Hall. To be confirmed following election in May

**Meeting finished at 09:00**

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