



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



**Present**

Cllr J Doddy (Chair)	Broxtowe Borough Council	Cllr JD
Cllr M Plackett	Broxtowe Borough Council	Cllr MP
Joy Balchin	Broxtowe Borough Council	JB
David Watts	Café in the Park	DW
Paul Heery	Whitehills Park Federation	PH
Sue Sambells	Notts Neighbourhood Watch	SAS

19 residents signed the register

1. **Welcome and Introductions**  
Cllr John Doddy welcomed everyone to the 66th Bramcote CAT meeting.
2. **Apologies**  
Apologies were received from 4 residents.
3. **Minutes and matters arising – Cllr JD**  
The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.
4. **Update on Action Plan – Cllr MP**  
Cllr MP provided the following updates:

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Lighting on the urban stretch of the A52 between the Priory and Sherwin Islands.	Cllr MP	ACTION – Cllr MP to contact Highways England (HE) 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 <u>Post meeting update</u> – Cllr MP, HE admit delays saying this due to design issues. New lights ordered for installation asap. HE to stockpile in future to ensure this doesn't recur.

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		Update – Date of 08.12.17 has been offered for replacements
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><u>Post meeting update</u> – 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>

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

Grass verge cutting – the responsibility of BBC on behalf of the County. A final cut was undertaken last week this the latest ever undertaken due to the mild Autumn. Verges look good, thanks to BBC.

Potential speed monitoring devices along A52. Responsibility of Highways England (HE) little to update HE surveys continue to be analysed and we await hopefully a positive response next year. Tony Smith the petition organiser has again met with Anna Soubry MP and HE, stressing our concerns underlined by the convictions of those involved in the fatalities last year.

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Stream of Poppies King George V Park. Responsibility of BBC

2018 marks 100 years since the end of the First World War. In order to commemorate this milestone BBC have agreed to seed a 'stream of poppies' in the park from the top of the hill down to a 'Pool' just above the play area. The area has already been treated and initially ploughed for seed planting in the early spring, to flower 'at best' end of June/early July.

Bramcote Conservation Society as the 'custodians' of the commemoration are in co-ordination with interested parties seeking to engage with the community to mark this special occasion. We have already been in touch with St Michaels to hold an open air British Legion Service in the Park on Sunday 1st July, and uniformed groups and school children will be invited to scatter seeds during the planting by the Council.

A meeting of interested parties is to be held in January and we again are in discussions with Bramcote's Historian Val Bird, the Church School and others regarding other 'events' that may form part of the commemoration.

Thank BBC for their engagement with the proposal and for funding the stream as we honour those who fell during the Great War and indeed those who have lost their lives or suffered in conflicts since.

Fitting that the stream is to be in King George V Park as he was our King during the War and I believe an opportunity to unite Bramcote to remember those who sacrificed so much on our behalf.

Refuse reschedule programme. Responsibility of BBC.

Following a review of collection rounds, the first in the Borough for twenty years, the new collection rounds to optimise routes taking into account new builds is beginning this week. Most roads in Bramcote apart from just 10 will have their bins collected on the same day but from 6.30 am to help avoid where possible peak traffic 'hot spots'.

New specific collection day rotas have been sent to all households. Initial communication facilities including extra phone lines will be operating to answer any queries or problems that may occur. The revised rounds will be more efficient hopefully helping to keep our Council Taxes as low as possible.

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Post meeting note

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Bramcote Leisure Centre - has been shortlisted in a national competition as the Best Performing Leisure Centre.

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

Cllr MP updated the meeting under Item 4.

**6. Police update for Bramcote/Neighbourhood Watch update - SAS**

SAS provided a Neighbourhood Watch update - see Appendix 1

The update includes Inspector S Wragg's November 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 and her ongoing contribution to Bramcote CAT meetings.

**7. Café in the Park update – DW**

DW together with Ian Tyler updated the meeting as follows:

Because the original architects, who were were being used to do design and build, have shut down their building department, a couple of alternative design and build companies have had to be sought. This has enabled time for rethinking and the intention is now to proceed with a smaller building than was first intended. The new building design will be circulated once a decision has been made as to who will be appointed.

Initially Café in the Park was set up as a Community Interest Company (CIC), however following advice from accountants the intention is to set up as a Charity which will run alongside the CIC. In order to assist with this a solicitor and a professional fundraiser have been appointed. Although being a charity is more onerous than being a CIC it will widen funding opportunities. The main priority now is to raise funds – there will be a Ball at Swann Carr Farm on 19.01.18, tickets can be obtained via the website [www.bramcoteparkcafe.uk](http://www.bramcoteparkcafe.uk) or from DW, Ian Tyler of Cllr MP.

The Café in the Park team will hopefully agree lease with BBC for land on the park, it is also hoped that a Statement of Intent can be acquired from BBC.

In terms of timescale it is hoped that the café will be up and running in 2019.

DW and IT took questions.

Cllr MP acknowledged the unabated enthusiasm shown by the Café in the Park team.

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

Executive Head, Paul Heery updated the meeting as follows:

### Building development:

There has been significant progress in that Notts CC have resolved to transfer freehold of part of the school land to White Hills Park Federation. This applies to Coventry Lane and the site of Bramcote School only, the rest remains in ownership of Notts CC. The federation is working with a solicitor to draw up the agreement. An outline Planning Application will be submitted after Christmas this will include a full size 3G football pitch which will be available for use by the community. The outline application is likely to include 350 dwellings and won't differ substantially from the initial drawings. There will be pedestrian access along the ridge and through any potential housing development.

It is hoped that any money raised from sale of land on Coventry Lane will provide viability for a new Bramcote School to be built, any surplus funds would have to go back to Notts CC. Some of the Bramcote School land will go to Notts CC for potential development of a Primary School.

PH took questions.

Outline planning - it was clarified that the purpose of this is to establish principles, if different plans were to be submitted subsequently there would be need to present another planning application. As such a developer would need to proceed in line with the outline planning application.

Alderman White site – most buildings are still fit for purpose as some rooms have been replaced. The English/Humanities block would benefit from development and a costed bid has been submitted in the past, however this was unsuccessful

Leisure Centre – Although this is not the responsibility of the federation, they are keen for a Leisure Centre facility to remain in the locality.

Cllr MP acknowledged the federation's ongoing commitment to working with the local community.

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

## **9. Neighbourhood Plan update with Local Plan update – CPN**

Prior to tonight's meeting Paul Nathanail, Chair of Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum, produced an update in relation to the Bramcote Neighbourhood Plan. This was read to the meeting by Rob Greer and is attached at Appendix 2.

Cllr MP has spoken with Steffan Saunders, Head of Neighbourhoods and Prosperity, BBC who awaits submission of Bramcote's Draft Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr MP highlighted that the Bramcote Neighbourhood Plan will need to be compatible with the Borough Local Plan Part 2. Consultation on the Local Plan Part 2 is complete and it will go to BBC Jobs and Economy Committee meeting next week. Comments in connection with the Local Plan Part 2 will be discussed at the meeting, BBC Planning Department may need to produce a revised Local Plan Part 2. If so this will be submitted to a meeting of the same committee early in 2018. Attendees asked if there would be further consultation following any changes made to the plan as a result of the Jobs and Economy Committee meeting next week.

**ACTION: Cllr MP to contact SS to ask if there will be further consultation following any changes made to the Local Plan Part 2 as a result of the Jobs and Economy Committee meeting next week**

Post meeting note – 04.12.17 Cllr MP contacted SS, the response:

The Council would not be looking to do additional consultation prior to the submission of the Plan, but those who commented would have the opportunity to make their case as part of an examination hearing session process which is anticipated would be in late Spring 2018 for the hearing sessions.

S Austin, on behalf of the forum - there will be a Steering Committee Meeting, followed by a Forum Meeting in early January 2018, after which the draft plan will be drawn up. The intention is for members of the forum to meet with SS towards the end of January to offer the draft plan.

**ACTION: Cllr MP to contact SS**

- **To advise that members of the Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum intend to meet with him towards the end of January to offer the draft plan to ensure compatibility with the borough Local Plan Part 2.**
- **To obtain a timeline observation from SS in relation to this.**

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An attendee asked if there is a strategic review planned for the future life and location of Bramcote Leisure Centre. Cllr MP advised that there will be a Leisure Centre survey to enable residents' views to be considered. Concern was raised that it is only 5 years since such a survey was conducted – the outcome of which suggested two possible sites, the existing one or next to the tram terminal.

**10. Residents' Issues**

Requests for wild flowers to be planted at the corner of Hanley Avenue and Eastcote Avenue were submitted

**ACTION: Cllr MP to contact Paul Summers, BBC to request wild flower beds at the corner of Hanley Avenue and Eastcote Avenue.**

Post meeting note – Cllr MP contacted PS who provided the following response - The ground maintenance budget is very stretched at the moment and the provision of additional features, even with limited maintenance costs, are unsustainable at present.

Bramcote Golf Course – a resident asked what is happening with the planning application?

Cllr MP advised there is no application at present.

**11. Any Other Business**

None

**12. Date of next meeting**

Monday 5 March 2018, 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Bramcote Memorial Hall, Church Street, Bramcote

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## Appendix 1

NHW UPDATE FOR CAT MEETING 4.12.17

**Bramcote Police update for CAT meeting 4.12.17, 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 has been an increase in reported crime; most of which is owing to residential burglary. It should be noted that residential burglary as recorded incorporates any burglary within the curtilage of a dwelling ie includes sheds and garages.

**Advice: Residents should ensure their homes, sheds and garages are secure. Don't leave valuables on display, lock windows and doors and ensure that garages and sheds are more secure than by just using easily removed hasp and staple locking mechanisms.**

**Advice: For noise nuisance issues, 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 [health@broxtowe.gov.uk](mailto:health@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 Health 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.

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

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

**Bramcote Neighbourhood Watch Update:** For details of existing schemes refer to the Policing section of Bramcote Today. Little to report re Bramcote. The next South Broxtowe Safer Community Forums (SBSCF) meeting will be held early next year in the Chilwell area – awaiting confirmation of the date. These meetings are now held twice per year and the venue alternates between Stapleford, Beeston and Chilwell.

**Nottinghamshire Neighbourhood Watch:** We are rebuilding our team, working closely with our national team and bringing in new key stakeholders, particularly from the city. There is a completely new set of trustees and staff working for our national team, who are reviewing the way NHW works within communities and alongside our partners. Also, our means of communication. Expect change and watch this space!

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

### **Proactive policing**

During October, the borough has suffered considerable levels of dwelling burglary and following some real one team problem-solving we were able to identify four individuals involved in such. Between them they have been charged with 19 offences including burglary and numerous associated frauds and handling of stolen goods. At this time, they await trial for these matters.

### **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. Theft from motor vehicles continues to be particularly prevalent over the past month and I have previously spoken here about the importance of security. We continue to deploy numerous police tactics to prevent and detect such and I hope that you visit our Advice Centre to assist us in preventing this criminality. 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. I would also ask you to be neighbourly. I have seen an increase in reporting concerns for those most vulnerable in our society. This is invariably a good thing. While it increases demand for our service it is only proper that we provide a premium service to protect those most vulnerable in our society. Please look out and assist those vulnerable people who you think may be subject of any form of harm as a result of the selfish means of another. Remember gut feelings count and raising concerns for another may help them immeasurably.

### **Your Local Policing Team**

This part is a bittersweet update. We welcome to the team PC Jo Sakkal-Appleby and PC Chris Copley who have joined the North and South teams respectively. While these are welcome additions to our team and will bring new skills and innovations, they replace PC Sanghera who has retired from the North team and PC Wright, from the South, who retires after 27 years of service. I wish them both all the best in their respective retirements.

Prepared and delivered by Sue Sambells  
Trustee for Nottinghamshire Neighbourhood Watch and  
Multi Scheme Administrator (MSA) for South Broxtowe.

### **Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum**

*A force for good in Bramcote for generations to come.*

The Forum has had a busy few months!

The consultation on the draft neighbourhood plan resulted in over 150 responses from residents and from several statutory consultees. The final response from a statutory consultee was received on 20 November and we are now working our way through the comments to ensure the Neighbourhood plan reflects as wide a range of views as possible. All the comments received and changes we make in response will be posted on to the Forum website and passed on to Broxtowe Borough Council. A big thank you to all who responded and to those who attended the two public meetings we held in October.

The Forum held a General Meeting to formulate the basis for a response to the Broxtowe Borough Council Part 2 of the Local Plan. Our response is on the Forum's website ([www.bramcoteneighbourhoodforum.org.uk](http://www.bramcoteneighbourhoodforum.org.uk)). It is fair to say that the strongly expressed views of local residents that the green belt boundary should not be changed have been ignored by the council so far. However the inclusion of some 100 dwellings in the Phase 2 redevelopment of Beeston Town Square was warmly welcomed. Residents have expressed a very strong desire to see the Bramcote Leisure centre replaced in due course in either the same location or immediately adjacent to it. We remain very willing to engage with the Council to take this forward in the near future.

We note that the revised draft Nottinghamshire Minerals Plan is now out for consultation and we will be formulating a response to this.

We are disappointed that Notts County Council is not securing the medium and long term future of education infrastructure in Bramcote by retaining the freehold of new buildings paid for from the sale of council owned land.

Many Forum members are excited by the plans promoted by the Bramcote Conservation Society to commemorate the Centenary of the end of the First World War in 2018.

Finally thanks to the Chair of the Bramcote CAT meeting for inviting the Forum to brief residents and to Rob Greer and Steve Austin for representing the Forum as I am away for work.

Paul Nathanail  
Chair

Steve Austin  
Vice Chair

Rob Greer  
Vice Chair

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