



**Stapleford
Community Action Team
Stapleford Town Council
Thursday 18 January 2018**



Present

Cllr Richard MacRae	Broxtowe Borough Council	RM
Cllr John McGrath	Broxtowe Borough Council	JM
Cllr Christopher Rice	Broxtowe Borough Council	CR
Cllr David Grindell	Stapleford Town Council	DG
Cllr Dave Pearson	Stapleford Town Council	DP
Alex McLeish	Broxtowe Borough Council	AM
Sally Bestwick	Citizens Advice Broxtowe	SB

Apologies

21 residents attended

1. Welcome and Introduction

RM welcomed residents to the meeting.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Having attended, as a resident, the meeting held on 19 October 2017, may I suggest that certain points recorded in the minutes of that meeting under "Item 4. Residents' Issues", should be considered for clarification and recording based on the following:

Re the advisory 20mph speed limit on Wadsworth Road, the resident's suggestion at the meeting was that the present 'advisory' speed limit should be upgraded to 'mandatory/enforceable', not simply made 'permanent' as recorded in the minutes.

There was some general discussion concerning possible yellow lines on Brookhill Street etc. The reference in the minutes to a "request for yellow lines on Wadsworth Road" was actually not a request but information given to the meeting by a resident that there had recently been a public consultation concerning the County Council's proposals for yellow lines at certain junctions on Wadsworth Road, the outcome of which was awaited. (Since notified that these proposals are to be implemented).

3. Police Update

Police not in attendance – apologies sent via AM. RM explained they were dealing with an incident in the area.

RM read Inspector Steve Wragg's Blog. Click on link for full details:

<https://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/neighbourhood/stapleford> (opens in a new window)

From a report that RM read, Burglary, Vehicle Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) are priorities. A good discussion was held around many aspects:

Car crime on Frederick Road

Examples of ASB

Residents known by name on 101

“Police do not want to know” sentiment voiced by many residents

“Nothing changes”

“Reporting makes no difference”

“It’s a playground for them” due to lack of police presence in the area

“The forgotten town”

“Police must attend the next meeting”

ACTION: A special meeting with P Tipping, A Soubry and Inspector Wragg is needed before the next meeting in April. **RM** to look into this.

The discussion moved onto issues of underage drinking and noise within pubs – (Larry’s Bar and The Old Rock mentioned). It appears to be that there are a lot of fake IDs. Residents were in agreement that a more responsible drinking attitude should be adopted by landlords to control the noise and not serving overly intoxicated persons.

It was suggested that if residents had a problem with a pub, to contact Broxtowe Borough Council, Licensing Enforcement Officer on (0115) 917 3241.

An issue was raised with regard to broken glasses/bottles left on the street.

ACTION: **RM** to take to the Traffic and Transport Committee and will contact Broxtowe Borough Council to arrange a road sweeper.

Moving back to the subject of policing, it was described by residents that there is a cultural issue which is much deeper than just the Police.

It was asked as to how many Police Stapleford have lost.

ACTION: **RM** will investigate the exact numbers lost.

4. **Sally Bestwick from Citizens Advice Broxtowe (CAB)**

CAB is a small independent charity that receives no government funding apart from Grant Aid from Broxtowe Borough Council and Nottinghamshire County Council. CAB covers the whole of Broxtowe with bases in Stapleford, Beeson and Eastwood. It costs approximately £300,000 a year to operate. Last year approximately 13,000 people were supported, mainly with benefit enquiries and debt.

Leaflets were made available on volunteering with CAB. Currently have 65 volunteers. Additionally, residents were advised that they could train as an advisor at NVQ level 3 but would be required to offer 8 hours volunteering per week. It costs £1,600 to train every volunteer.

CAB has a twin aim to campaign on local and national issues eg, a local issue around the level of pay at a care home to the national issue of Universal Credit.

CAB has saved £2.6 million in benefits to Broxtowe residents that they might otherwise have lost.

The Stapleford office is based within Stapleford Care Centre and operates there three times a week. A CAB presence has been in Stapleford for 12 years but NHS Nottingham West Clinical Commissioning Group (they experienced budget cuts) withdrew funding for it 18 months ago and CAB have been using their savings ever since. It takes £7,000 to run each year and will cease to operate by the end of the year if no funding is found.

Doctors would send patients to CAB if they prescribed stress/depression tablets to find out what the cause of stress was – debt etc.

CAB is working in partnership with MIND (a mental health charity at the Beeston office). Demand for supporting stress and mental health issues will become more important as Universal Credit launches in Broxtowe later in the year.

Whilst Stapleford is the area at most risk, Beeston and Eastwood are also at risk if CAB does not get Grant Aid from Nottinghamshire County Council.

All residents agreed that a presence needs to be kept in Stapleford. A discussion was held around ideas to organise a community event to raise funds. Sally guaranteed that any funds raised would stay in Stapleford. Other ideas:

Elected Member divisional funds

Approach local businesses

Instead of sponsoring a roundabout (flowers), sponsor CAB

All ideas/donations welcome. The CAB Development Manager has a SOS – Save our Stapleford campaign – leaflets circulated. Donations can be made on the fundraising page <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/broxtowe/> (opens in a new window)
(bottom left of page).

5. Neighbourhood Plan

There have been three meetings on this and only 37 responses to the consultation from the whole of Stapleford – disappointing! However these have been used to inform the plan. A 2nd draft plan will be ready for consultation by the end of February.

A resident enquired about the Field Farm site where 450 houses are to be built. Permission has been given for 118 houses of which 33 will be classified as affordable housing but works depend upon finishing the road works first.

ACTION: RM to contact the Head of Albany Junior School to discuss further – there is little capacity to take so many children.

ACTION: RM to find out where the Section 106 money went.

6. Town Centre Update (Local Plan Part 2)

A discussion was held around the plans by Broxtowe Borough Council to shrink the size of Stapleford town centre. RM and DP spoke to businesses about this. Businesses are opposed to the reduction in size of the town centre as are Stapleford residents and Councillors. The Clerk at Stapleford Town Council has sent Broxtowe Borough Council a response to this plan describing this view.

A resident commented that this is Degeneration not Regeneration of the area.

7. AOB

ACTION: RM to find out what is happening at the Roach as cars cannot get through. RM will bring up the issue at the Traffic and Transport Committee

8. Date of next meeting

Thursday 19 April 2018, venue to be confirmed.

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