



**Bramcote  
Community Action Team  
Bramcote Memorial Hall  
Monday 3 September 2018**



**Present**

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| 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 |
| Cllr Steve Carr      | Nottinghamshire County Council | Cllr SC |
| Cllr J Longdon       | Broxtowe Borough Council       | Cllr JL |
| Sue Sambells         | Notts Neighbourhood Watch      | SS      |
| Ian Tyler            | Café in the Park               | IT      |
| PCSO Andy Freeman    | Nottinghamshire Police         | AF      |
| Marice Hawley        | Broxtowe Borough Council       | MH      |

20 residents signed the register

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Cllr John Doddy welcomed everyone to the 69<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**2. Apologies**

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| Paul Nathanail | Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum | PN |
| One resident   |                              |    |
| Paul Heery     | Whitehills Park Federation   | PH |
| Peter Hillier  | Local Conservationist        |    |
| Tony Smith     | A52 Speed Cameras            |    |

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

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.

Comments

Cllr MP - Page 4 - The events in King George V Park were excellent

Cllr MP Page 5 - 1 cut was missed however Highways England's next cut is to be on 21/9 which will include Borough maintenance of the much improved looking Sherwin Island

Cllr JD page 8 - Hemlock Happening took place and was a fantastic event

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

##### ACTION TABLE

| Issue                           | Responsibility | Action/Response                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| A52 Speeding Monitoring Devices | Cllr MP        | Latest information from Highways England remains positive that an announcement will be possible later in the year. Residents – cars exiting Town street are having to do so at their own risk due to the speeding – can traffic lights be put on the town street exit<br>Cllr MP written to Highways England and asked for Anna Soubry’s support to make request for traffic lights to be installed at the junction of Town Street and Sherwin Island                                                                                                                  |
| Trees on King George V Park     | Cllr MP        | The trees on the Park bordering the Town Street houses are to be ‘pollarded’ in mid-September so reducing the autumn leaf fall and visibility as requested.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Top of Town Street Barrier      | Cllr MP        | The County Council are pressing for delivery from a third party contractor for delivery of the new specially made barrier. Original delivery promise by the end of June sadly missed I am now advised that the earliest date for a replacement is likely to be in the third quarter of the financial year with the proviso that this date may also slip. Resident – why has this taken so long and now we are told it has to be a special one which will take even longer<br>Cllr JD, Cllr SC and Cllr JL to chase up with NCC and Cllr Cottee to speed the project up |

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| Defibrillators               | Cllr MP        | Liberty Leisure confirm that defibrillators are available inside All our Leisure Centres accessible for all members of the public to use. Staff would also lead and be available for support. None are available outside any of the Centres.                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Golf Course Frontage         | Cllr MP        | Current owners have advised BBC Planners that the site is anticipated to be sold shortly. No further planning application has been submitted but it is anticipated that once the sale has been completed an application will then be forthcoming. The current owners have been asked to 'tidy up' the frontage advising BBC upon completion. Frontage cleared Friday 29th June                                         |
| Rufford Avenue Street Light  | Cllr MP        | A new street light on Rufford Avenue has been installed by Western Power after being out of action for a number of weeks. Resident – the new lamppost is higher and the spread of light is wider<br>Cllr JD to request taller lights from NCC                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Land For Sale Off Sandy Lane | Cllr MP        | The Auctioneer advised me that the land off Sandy Lane was sold for £200,000 to an undisclosed Buyer. They also confirmed that the Sellers solicitor was informed about the presence of Japanese Knotweed on the site for advising potential clients. It is hope the new owners will continue to allow access to this pleasant ridge used by scores of local residents. Resident – Japanese Knotweed what is the local |

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|                                 |                | <p>authority doing to manage knotweed on the site<br/> Environmental Health have advised the new owners of their responsibilities<br/> Cllr SC to discuss with Environmental Health regarding enforcement or removal taking into account need to keep land open to the public</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Field Farm Development          | Cllr MP        | Site work has commenced.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Speeding on Ilkeston Road       | Cllr MP        | <p>Police help being sought to enforce speeding restrictions on Ilkeston Road (Sherwin to Coop island) and a speed camera operation will be implemented<br/> Cllr JD and Cllr JL Request to be sent to NCC for speed cameras at this site</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Town Street/Village Maintenance | Cllr MP        | As requested I have asked the Borough Council to monitor and regularly maintain the village 'housekeeping'.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| King George V Play Park Areas   | Cllr MP        | <p>It is hoped the consultation with users, and potential users of the Park regarding developments of Play Areas as part of the £500,000 planned Borough spend over a 2 year period will be undertaken in the late Autumn, October/November with submission to WREN by 1st December at best<br/> Resident – we need to be mindful to maintain the rural aspect of the park with the children's play park is relocated<br/> Cllr MP to contact Broxtowe's Parks dept and request that the view of the Conservation Society be included in the consultation for the new play area</p> |

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| Planning Application on the Golf Course |                | No planning application has yet been received |

**5. Police Update – PCSO AF**

There have lately been a number of burglaries in the area when people are on holiday and homes are empty. A number of issues put on social media criticising the Police have not been reported to the Police. For the Police to act an incident needs to be reported. It is also very important to be prepared to make statements as without statements prosecutions can't go ahead.

Cllr JG - misinformation has been spread via social media on several occasions lately which has only led to fear among residents and has not helped the situation.

There are planned meetings to discuss responses to traveller encampments in the near future.

Resident – can statements be made any other way i.e. anonymously for court – no only statements are admissible at court for prosecutions to take place.

IT - At a meeting in Stapleford residents stated they were too intimidated to make statements is this really necessary is there no other way to do this. MH - The judicial system has to be certain that an incident has happened and any complaint is not malicious the way it does this is through signed statements.

Resident – had very good attention from the Police following 2 cases of criminal damage at the property. What evidential use is CCTV – CCTV is of very high evidential use and many convictions have been gained.

Resident – speeding issue on Ilkeston Road 50 – 70mph with a near miss last week.

Is Community Speedwatch a possibility – PCSO AF not enough volunteers came forward when previous schemes were proposed. If sufficient volunteers can be identified this can be taken forward.

**6. Police Update for Bramcote Neighbourhood Watch - written update provided by SS**

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 July/August blog Simon said (edited):

In keeping with my mention of the world cup last month, the England team surpassed all expectations and whilst they ultimately didn't bring 'it' home, they nevertheless brought people together in a way that hasn't been seen for some time in our nation. Friends, relatives, neighbours, all coming together with one common cause

was brilliant to see and there was a real feel good factor across the borough for those few, short, weeks. And whilst the England challenge ultimately fell slightly short of the ultimate goal, the power of sport to unify and change lives for the good should never be underestimated. This is a view which I have articulated to a number of elected members and partners in recent weeks as I have gotten around to meeting them for the first time. Sporting opportunities for young people can often be the difference between a rewarding teenage period, where good foundations are laid for adulthood, or a downward slope into criminality. As we are now into the summer holiday period, this is never more pertinent, as without outlets to relieve boredom this is often where youngsters take their first forays into unacceptable behaviour, ASB and ultimately criminality.

If anyone has ever thought of, or is thinking of, or has just set up some sporting activities for children or getting involved in provision of sport for young people then I would be interested in hearing from you. Clearly, work with young people can only be undertaken by people with a clean and current DBS certificate, but subject to that clearance, I would encourage anyone who feels they have something to offer to have a go. I speak from personal experience when I say that it can often be frustrating and at times you may feel like you are trying to herd cats, but ultimately it is hugely rewarding and from a community perspective can often make a difference to the quality of life in that area. One super local example of this is the Basil Russell Youth Club which is running throughout the Summer holiday period on Thursday and Friday evenings, from 5:30pm to 8:30pm, at Basil Russell Playing Field in Nuthall. Open to anyone between the ages of 11 and 18, this represents a super opportunity for young people to go and interact and join in activities in a safe and controlled outdoor environment (shelter is available should the British Summer revert to type!).

As a positive note to end upon, crime has continued to fall across the borough as a whole during July and the past 2 weeks have recorded excellent reductions in many offence types (a 36% reduction in shop theft for example). Nothing as spectacular as the reduction in burglary in June (which by the time the whole month's figures were taken into account was a staggering 52% and not the 48% I reported in my blog last month, which was written with 5 days of the month left), which has remained at the June levels through July.

One area of crime does stand out though, as it completely bucks the usual seasonal trend – we recorded only 4 shed/garage burglaries in the whole of July across the whole of the borough. I'd like to publicly thank my Neighbourhood Policing Teams, led by Sgt Deb Regan (South) and Sgt Andy Browning(North) for this, as they have worked tirelessly in pro-actively targeting addresses at risk of this type of crime and giving out crime prevention measures and advice provided by our partners on the borough Community Safety team. I'd also like to thank those of you who have engaged with this activity - you have undoubtedly prevented yourself from becoming a victim and have assisted us in keeping those crimes low in number. In addition, ASB in general is also down by comparison to where we would expect it to be at this time of year - again, this is down to proactive patrols and the right messages being given out, alongside support from the people of the borough. My challenge is now to keep Crime and ASB at the lower figure through the summer holiday period. Autocrime is still high in all areas of the borough and its reduction is one of my priorities over the coming weeks. If you see anyone acting suspiciously around

motor vehicles, especially during the hours of darkness, then please, please call it in, either by 101, or if it's a crime in action, by dialling 999.

And with that, I bid you farewell. If you are holidaying over the school holiday period, please have a great - but ultimately safe, time. Ensure your home security is preserved and don't publicise the fact you are away on social media - particularly if you have an open profile.

Happy Holidays!

Neighbourhood Policing Team

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

Crime Prevention Advice

Visit the Nottinghamshire Police Crime Prevention Advice Centre at [Crime Prevention Guides \(opens in a new window\)](#) where you will find a raft of information to help make your belongings less desirable to thieves.

Nottinghamshire Neighbourhood Watch Update (NottsWatch ®)

Our Connect 2 Protect Conference was a success. Highlights can be viewed from our website – [Nottinghamshire Neighbourhood Watch \(opens in a new window\)](#).

Following a relaunch of our Join Us campaign, we have eight new volunteers – including a Comms Team of four.

We are holding a Listening Skills course on October 2<sup>nd</sup> – an opportunity for NHW coordinators to learn/improve with engagement skills.

We are working closely with Age Friendly from the Communities Team at Notts County Council to extend tech surgeries throughout Nottinghamshire. The concept is for regular drop in events held in supermarkets, libraries and potentially schools where volunteers, confident in their tech skills, support members of the community (mainly older) who are less confident, with individual issues in an informal, friendly setting. – Tech & Tea currently offered Monday 2-3pm at Beeston Tesco. Silver Surfers takes place at St Michael's Church Thursday afternoons.

At the South Broxtowe Safer Communities Forum, held on 12 July and attended by PC Hannah Ward and PCSO Paula Hipkiss, the police agreed to, whenever possible, recommence attendance at CAT meetings as they recognised the need for improving police/public engagement.

At my invitation, Inspector Riley and PCSO Hipkiss joined a Community Organisers event in Beeston on 27 July to look at ways by working together we can [Create Connected Communities \(opens in a new window\)](#)

Useful links re community safety can be found on Bramcote Today's new website: [https://bramcotetoday.org.uk/community-safety/ \(opens in a new window\)](https://bramcotetoday.org.uk/community-safety/)

Contact me if you would like further information about this project or setting up a NHW scheme.

## **7. Roberts Ride Update - Toni Thorncroft-Smith**

At the last meeting he had cycled a total of 5,007 miles. The ride has had lots of good media coverage both for the ride and for Bramcote. So far around 50% of the total of £18,000 has been raised including £147 from a cake stall at Albany school in Stapleford. If anyone has speaking engagements following the ride these can be booked. A fundraising event, Meal in a Mug is also being organised.

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

Currently awaiting approval from the charity commission for charitable status to change from a community interest company into a charity however the application has been sent back for reassessment.

The architects Pinelog have been chosen, the height of the building has been lowered and the building will be marked out soon so photographs can be produced for the consultation.

Currently around £15,000 has been raised of an approximate total of £500,000

Resident – was Pinelog the company involved before who went bust – no this was a linked company. Would it be better to put it on the children's play area and move the children's play area.

Resident – are competitive tenders been done – yes due diligence has been undertaken.

Residents – have fund raising applications been made – yes a business plan is in place. The initial successful funding was for the set up cost and further applications will be made when the end design is in place.

## **9. Bramcote Hills School Development – Update in writing submitted by Paul Heery**

The project is now at a confidential stage so no update is available.

Residents – it's disappointing that there is no update or discussion.

Cllr JD guaranteed an update at the next meeting.

### **Alderman White School**

Alderman Year 11 students achieved the schools best ever outcomes with 67% achieving grade 4 or above in both English and Maths (previously C+), above national averages. Indeed Maths and English attainment is likely to exceed national averages at entry level.

There were some stunning individual performances, with a huge number of students achieving the very highest grade of 9, including 10 in maths students, 9 Physics, 8 in Biology and 6 in Chemistry, and 1 student joined the elite group who scored only 9's – one of only 200 in the country.



In the new term, we welcome Mrs Annwen Mellors as our new Head of School. Mrs Mellors is an experienced school leader with an excellent track record and a very good knowledge of the local context. She joins us from Ellis Guilford School in Nottingham.

Over the summer break, we have had extensive work to upgrade alarm and fire safety systems, funded by a successful bid to the Education Funding Agency. Less positive news is the fact that we had to replace one of the school boilers – this work should all be completed by the start of the new term.

Y7 numbers for the new school year are healthy, and show an increase on the 2017 intake.

### **Bramcote College**

Bramcote College Year 11 students also achieved the schools best outcomes with 63% achieving Grade 4 and above in Maths and English (previously C+), up from 50% in 2017. There was almost 20% rise in Maths Grade 4's, and 13% rise in English, alongside similar increases at every level of attainment.

Among many success stories, 2 students achieving 9s and 8s across the board (equivalent to a high A or A\*) and the proportion of students achieving the very highest grade of 9 is above the national averages.

These improvements are a great credit to the Head of School, Mrs Heidi Gale, and her leadership team who took up the post in September 2017, along with all the staff and students. To have made such strides in a year disrupted by the move from the Bramcote School site is very gratifying.

Y7 numbers have maintained the gains made in 2017, and are well above average compared to other years in the school.

### **Bramcote College 6<sup>th</sup> Form**

Bramcote College Y13 students achieved a pass rate of 96%, with 11% of grades at A\* or A. overall attainment rates were in line with 2017. All students applying for university secured places. University destinations include Cambridge, Manchester, Exeter, Nottingham and UCL, and courses include Law, History, Teaching, Nursing and Engineering. In addition all students on vocational routes have secured appropriate high-quality destinations, including apprenticeships at Rolls Royce and the Police service.

We are proud of all our students.

### **New Build Project**

Since early summer, we have been working more closely with Nottinghamshire County Council to move the project forward. We are working with their design team to finalise the draft proposals, which will go out to consultation. As has been reported, the proposals in the local Plan are very supportive of the project, and we are now putting proposals to the Education Funding Agency for approval. I would reiterate the fact that we want to make sure that our new school operates as a true community resource.

Latest valuations by the County Council and initial expressions of interest from developers indicate that the viability of the project is secure.

**10. Neighbourhood Plan update with Local Plan update – written update provided by PN**

Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum's next meeting will be on 6 September 2018 at 8pm in the St Michael's Church Centre, Church Street

Following Broxtowe Borough Council's submission of the Local Plan Part 2, the time has come for the Forum to submit our own plan to Broxtowe to take the next step in the process.

However, we have one important detail to discuss and agree

Last year we consulted Bramcote residents on 4 options for the land owned by the County Council and some of which is leased by the White Hills Park Federation. The responses were split equally between either having no building on the Coventry Lane playing fields - currently green belt - and linking house building there with a replacement school AND a replacement leisure centre. The options of supporting housing or supporting housing linked to raising funds for a replacement school received minimal support.

At the time of our consultation, we used a figure of up to 300 houses. However, Broxtowe BC has submitted a figure of 500 houses for that area and a small additional area that belongs to the Brethren Church and could take some 40 houses. The wording of Broxtowe's Planning Officers report to Jobs and Economy Committee suggests that the proceeds from 300 homes may not be sufficient to pay for a replacement school

In the last few days, Stapleford Town Council has published their consultation draft neighbourhood plan - the stage we were at last October. In this document, the Town Council are proposing the land on the west of Coventry Lane, that Broxtowe has plans for 240 homes, has no homes at all.

At the Broxtowe Council meeting where the Local Plan Part 2 was approved for submission, the leader of the council, Councillor Richard Jackson, said that he had opposed the figure of 6150 new dwellings across Broxtowe as it was too high before then going on to lament that his fellow councillors "found ourselves making the best of what we did not support in the first place". He went on to say that the council can only allocate where land is available so the 10% of the share that Bramcote is being given is just a fraction of where the land is available and that the larger the site the better as it gets better infra and transport improvements. However, he also said that at the end of the day it is the planning inspector's decision as to which land gets allocated. The Neighbourhood Forum will have our chance to present our evidence to the Inspector later in the year.

**So where does this leave Bramcote?**

Bearing in mind the views of Stapleford Town Council and the proposals in Broxtowe's Part 2 The choice we must now make as a community is whether to oppose any house building on Coventry Lane or to include a policy for 500 homes linked to raising funds for a replacement school AND replacement leisure centre

Once again thank you for your ongoing engagement with the Forum as we seek to come to a shared understanding of what kind of place we would like Bramcote to be and how to become that place.

Do pass this on to Bramcote residents who are not yet members of the forum and invite them to join via [Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum \(opens in a new window\)](#).

There are flyers promoting the next meeting at the back of the room.

Resident – are Cllrs attending the meeting to give their views

Resident – are there plans for 500 houses in Bramcote - there were 4 choices in the policy which have been reduced to 2

Residents' questions/comments

IT - The government have set the number of houses to be built in the borough. IT feels it is unlikely that enough funding could be generated from the building of 500 houses to build the school even if they were a smaller number of higher quality homes rather than affordable homes.

Are no houses an option – Cllr SC - Bramcote are taking the lions share rather than more in the north of the borough around Nuthall and Watnall. Several sites in the north are being built upon and other land has been statutorily safeguarded for the HS2 line.

Resident – every home in Bramcote had a copy of the plan and 200 responses were received.

Cllr MP – Final decision but Broxtowe needs to meet its allocation of new housing sites in order to safeguard our Greenbelt.

## **11. Residents' Issues**

- I. Why is the ward of Toton being asked to take more houses as there is a meeting next week – no one is aware of the meeting
- II. Are the trees on Town Street going to be cut back as they are blocking out the street lights – Cllr MP - NCC would cut back the trees after making every endeavour to trace the owners and following due process charging them for the service.

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

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

**The meeting finished at 21.05pm**

If you have any issues regarding the minutes or if you require them in large print or in audio format please contact Marice Hawley - Broxtowe Borough Council, Chief Executive's Department on 917 3492

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