



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



Present

Cllr J Doddy (Chair)	Broxtowe Borough Council	Cllr JD
Cllr M Plackett	Broxtowe Borough Council	Cllr MP
Marice Hawley	Broxtowe Borough Council	MH
Sue Sambells	Notts Neighbourhood Watch	SAS
Paul Heery	Whitehills Park Federation	PH
Cllr B Hull	Stapleford Town Council	Cllr BH
Ian Tyler	Café in the Park	IT
Cllr J Longdon	Broxtowe Borough Council	Cllr JL
Paul Nathanail	Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum	PN
Cllr R MacRae	Broxtowe Borough Council	RMR

24 residents signed the register

1. Welcome and Introductions

Cllr John Doddy welcomed everyone to the 70th meeting.

2. Apologies

Cllr J Goold	Broxtowe Borough Council	Cllr JG
PCSO Andy Freeman	Nottinghamshire Police	AF

3. Minutes and matters arising – Cllr JD

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record with the following amendment;

Page 11, paragraph 8 – replace” however only” with “and” in next to last para

4. Update on Action Plan – Cllr MP

ACTION TABLE		
Issue	Responsibility	Action/Response
A52 Speeding Monitoring Devices	Cllr MP	Highways England have advised that speed monitoring devices are to be installed between the Sherwin and Priors Islands in the next financial year, a lasting legacy in memory of Bramcote

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		<p>Campaigner Tony Smith who sadly died in October who was responsible for organising the petition in late 2016/early 2017 which was presented to Parliament by our M P Anna Soubry.</p> <p>Resident comment – there is more concern over the speed of traffic coming out of Nottingham rather than the other way.</p> <p>Cllr MP to clarify with Highways England if speed cameras will be places on both sides of the A52</p>
Trees on King George V Park	Cllr MP	Thanks to Broxtowe Borough Council trees in the Park have been 'pollarded' to the satisfaction of Town Street residents.
Top of Town Street Barrier	Cllr MP	Following continuing pressure on the County Council who insist that a bespoke structure is necessary, measurements have been taken and we still await fabrication and an installation date, in addition our current safety concerns have also been strongly advised to the Council and a further safety check will be undertaken before installation of the new barrier. This is particularly disappointing since it is just a year ago that pressure to replace the barrier was first initiated however it is still hoped that it will be in place by the end of the month.
Land For Sale Off Sandy Lane	Cllr MP	<p>Cllr Steve Carr to report on his discussions with Environment at the next meeting.</p> <p>Cllr MP - Land Owners are responsible and liable for prosecution if the weed is</p>

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		transferred by root to neighbouring properties. I am advised it cannot be airborne spread.
Speeding on Ilkeston Road	Cllr JL	Cllr JL has applied for an "actual speed" awareness sign at this site as his divisional project for this year and has requested a reduction in the speed limit and for the Police site a speed van at this site.
Sherwin Island Maintenance and Town Street lights	Cllr MP	Maintenance of the Island was undertaken by Broxtowe Borough Council on the 21st of September at the same time as the last cut of the grass verges on our urban stretch of the A 52 by Highways England. The County Council are endeavouring to seek the ownership of the land on which trees require pruning where they are badly obscuring street lights so causing safety issues on Town Street. Latest update the County Council have instructed their Forestry Team to cut the trees.
King George V Play Park Areas	Cllr MP	A consultation process with users and residents is underway. (150 responses were received in the first week) The Conservation Society and Cllr MP have met with the Borough Council Environment Team to offer support and suggestions as a bid is prepared for a Grant from BIFFA. The meetings between BBC and Cllr MP are continuing, indeed we had an excellent meeting this morning, and the Council of course will be taking into account the results of the Consultation.

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		Conservation Society comment - the group put its views for improvement forward to a very positive meeting.
Planning Application on the Golf Course		There is no further update to report Resident comment - the land is up for sale for 100 ExtrCare units.
Town Street Traffic Signals	Cllr MP	Highways England responded to our request for lights to be considered at this dangerous junction by reiterating that no serious accidents had been recorded and that the flow of traffic along the A52 would be disrupted and congestion would ensue. Residents comment - Highways should reconsider the timing of the lights Cllr MP will request Highways England to survey the timing of the traffic lights so allowing a longer time for drivers to exit Town Street.

5. Cllr Update – Cllr MP

Bramcote Leisure Centre - Broxtowe Borough Council are to commission a full structural survey of Bramcote Leisure Centre to consider the possibility of extending the life of our much used and loved Centre. A report is expected in the New Year.

Along with our Neighbourhood Forum we will continue our aspirations to seek funding for Leisure facilities following the sale of the Coventry Lane site for development and hoped for, but not guaranteed, residual monies post the new school build.

Cllr MP – ‘Statement of Common Ground’, between the Borough and County Council. ‘The Borough Council are endeavouring to seek agreement with the County Council that any possible surplus monies available following the build of the New School be used for potential Leisure facilities. All Bramcote Councillors are supportive of this aspiration.

Resident comment – this is fantastic news

Resident comment – it should be a priority to replace the Leisure centre not refurbish the old one.

Cllr MP – a new Leisure Centre may be prohibitively expensive and should the survey support a refurbishment instead this would be appropriate.

IT – a review of the borough strategy for leisure centres was held previously and it is worthwhile someone looking at this previous review.

6. Police Update – Apologies received as they were unable to attend the meeting

7. Roberts Ride Update – Update Cllr MP

Robert Cleave is progressing well on his 18,000 mile cycle ride around the world. He is currently in India having completed over 8000 miles and will be in Asia over Christmas. We continue to wish him well.

8. Bramcote Neighbourhood Watch - SAS

The October blog written by Insp Riley below was provided as an edited update by SAS and snippets from his November blog were given verbally by SAS at the meeting and is available on both the Police and Bramcote Today websites.

Schools and Early Intervention Officer Appointment

We recently welcomed another new member to the team. Pc Dave Blundell is the new Schools and Early Intervention Officer (SEIO) for Broxtowe Borough. The SEIO role is a key one in identifying at an early stage, those young people who are at risk of being drawn into a criminal lifestyle and is extra pertinent at a time when many youngsters are being lured into gang culture and its associated risks, such as knife crime and drug dealing. Chief Constable Guildford has provided funding for each Borough in the county to have an SEIO. Dave will work closely with the neighbourhood's teams at Beeston and Eastwood, along with the schools and our other partners to ensure that we divert as many young people as we can away from destructive lifestyles.

Priority Crime Update

The past month has seen some fluctuations in our priority crime areas. Whilst there has been an increase in crime across the board over the past 12 months, as reported this week in the national media, we are now beginning to see stabilisation and a return to more normal patterns in many crime areas. We have had a number of successes in the fight against criminals burgling peoples' homes this past month. these include a male at Eastwood who was arrested whilst burgling a house within hours of having to be released from custody whilst being investigated for a commercial burglary. He is, fortunately, now on remand awaiting trial.

Also remanded are 2 males who conned their way into a disabled, elderly couple's home in Eastwood and stole a large quantity of cash. This was a particularly despicable crime and one for which I hope they receive a lengthy custodial sentence. Some excellent work was done here by our colleagues in CID to get an early arrest on the 2 males.

Two local criminals who went on a county-wide burgling spree, including one at Chilwell were given significant jail sentences this month. Ashley SIMPSON was jailed for 7 years,

with Timothy Wilson receiving a sentence of 5 years and 4 months for his part in the spree. Again, these convictions and sentences came about as the result of some excellent work by the County Burglary Team and their local CID colleagues and is worthy of special mention and thanks for a job well done.

We have also recently had some successes with arrests of some of our more prolific local shoplifters. This is currently a priority crime area for us on Broxtowe and my team is currently trying to re-invigorate the Shop Watch Scheme in our town centres. If you are a local shop owner / shopkeeper / manager, then we want to hear from you. There are a number of things we can do in partnership to try and reduce this type of offending and ensure that those responsible are a) brought to justice and b) have control measures applied to try and reduce their re-offending rates. The greater bulk of our shoplifting offences are committed by what I would describe as 'professional, recidivist shoplifters' - not kids nicking Mars bars - and its these offenders that we really need to be tackling. As with all crime types though, enforcement is rarely the only part of the solution, so I would welcome some more involved engagement with our shop businesses, so we can try and tackle this problem together.

Finally, thank you to everyone who engaged with my team during national hate crime awareness week and helped us to get the important message out there that there is no place for hate in Broxtowe.

The priorities will be refreshed every 12 weeks and I will be providing an update each month as to progress made and headline activities for each identified priority.

During the early part of 2019, the force website and the neighbourhood's pages will be changing to a nationally-agreed model, which should hopefully make it easier for communities to access information relevant to them. As I get more news on this, I will of course, keep you updated.

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 – i.e. Stapleford, Beeston and Chilwell police clusters. Detailed information relating to the current policing priorities can be seen on these local pages.

Priorities for Stapleford

Motor Vehicle Crime

Date:

October 2018

Between April 2018 to October 2018, compared to the same period in 2017, the South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership (CSP) area, which includes: Broxtowe, Gedling and Rushcliffe has seen a -6.6% reduction (1,132 crimes TOTAL). Longer term, an issue for the CSP is Theft of Motor Vehicle (TOMV) which has seen an increase of +16.9% (298 crimes TOTAL).

♣ Broxtowe: -16.3% (425 crimes TOTAL)

Shop Theft

Between April 2018 to October 2018, compared to the same period in 2017, the South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership (CSP) area, which includes: Broxtowe, Gedling and Rushcliffe has seen a 7% increase in shop-theft (1,073 crimes TOTAL).

♣ Broxtowe: +16.6% (554 crimes TOTAL)

Burglary - Residential

Date:

October 2018

Between April 2018 to October 2018, compared to the same period in 2017, the South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership (CSP) area, which includes: Broxtowe, Gedling and Rushcliffe has seen a 5.7% reduction in Burglary. This includes commercial and residential burglary. Having said this, these general reductions are being supported by good reductions specifically in Gedling and Rushcliffe:

♣ Broxtowe: +10% 508 crimes TOTAL (residential +7.5%)

More information is provided on the local pages by clicking on the relevant priority. Visit the local page, each month, to keep up to date with the Inspector's blogs or see my posts on Bramcote Today.

Crime Prevention Advice

Visit the Nottinghamshire Police Crime

Prevention Advice Centre at 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 Update (NottsWatch ®)

Our Connect 2 Protect Conference was a success. Highlights can be viewed from our website – www.nottswatch.co.uk.

Following recruitment of a Comms Team of four new volunteers, we have commenced issuing seasonal newsletters. Our Autumn issue can be viewed from our website – www.nottswatch.co.uk

We are developing a new and improved, mobile optimised website, from which it will be easier to read about the various projects we are involved with.

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

<https://bramcotetoday.org.uk/community-safety/>Contact me if you would like further information about this project or setting up a NHW scheme.

9. Café in the Park - Update Ian Tyler

The group is currently in consultation with the Charity Commission regarding the 2nd charitable status application.

The initial bid for funding was for a mixed charitable and commercial bid however this did not meet the full application requirements due to the commercial aspects. The revised application will go in possibly in January following advice from the councils legal team.

Resident comment – we need to ensure that the name won't be construed that the two communities are conjoined as this may weaken any protection of the green space between the two communities in planning terms. IT response - the community which the group are seeking to provide the hub facility for is much larger than the two communities of Bramcote and Stapleford and the plans include meeting rooms for wider community use.

Resident comment - There are 700-800 homes being built very close by so could section 106 money be used for the provision of a toilet at this site instead.

Resident comment - There is a need for toilet facilities however the land is in the greenbelt so this would not be possible under greenbelt legislation. IT response - the original plan has been withdrawn and a new plan is being submitted.

The meeting requested it to be recorded that it wished this project well.

10. Bramcote Hills School Development – Update Paul Heery

A Nottinghamshire County Council media release and an update on the project were handed out to the meeting.

The revised proposal by NCC is simplified and confined to plots 1&2 on Coventry Lane.

The school will transfer the lease of the land back to the County Council and the County Council will then develop the land.

It is unknown what figure the County Council have put on the value of the land.

It is currently unknown what the cost of the new school will be but the County Council will cover the full cost and it will house up to 150 in each year group with 200 post 16 places.

There are a number of permissions now which need to be gained to return the land back to the County Council and to build on school playing field land.

The new school should be in use by September 2020 however there is a risk of delay.

The school would like to be involved in discussions around new leisure center facilities as community leisure facilities are a key aspiration for the school.

Cllr JD – who will own the freehold of the school?. PH response - The status of the school won't be changed. The school does not currently and will not in future have freehold of any land, the building will be owned by the Academy Trust as the current building are.

Resident comment – does anyone know why the number of houses went up from 300 to 500 – PH the figure of 500 came from the architects designs for the land, the original figure without a design was for 450.

Resident comment - What is going to happen to the old school site? PH response - the leasehold will be transferred to the County Council and it is understood the plans are to return it to green space.

Resident comment - How many students are in the 6th form college? PH response - 120 currently

11. Neighbourhood Plan update with Local Plan update – written update provided by PN

The number of planned properties has been increased to 500 due to increases in density, there are also 40 houses extra because the Brethren Church want to build some houses on their land and a section of the site is not as special as at first thought.

Based on advice from planning the plan has yet to be submitted.

PN read out the submission sent to the planning meeting which starts tomorrow.

SAS – when was the suggestion to give up greenbelt to build a new school changed to include far more greenbelt than originally planned. PH response - the school has no control over land they do not own.

PN – 640 properties are made up of 500 on Coventry Lane, 40 on the Brethren Church site and 100 on the golf course.

PN Opinion can't be presented at a hearing only evidence.

Cllr RMR – “affordable” homes on the site are to be sold at £250,000.

PN - Two things have been achieved the plan has been changed to strengthen the wording around education and leisure use of the land and the site should only be accessed from Coventry Lane.

12. Residents' Issues

- I. Gateford Close pot holes – the response from NCC was that these would not be a high priority to fix as they were not dangerous.
- II. What's happening about the Biffa site – Cllr MP to enquire further however it is believed that 1/3 of the site would be handed over to the Local Authority to maintain but this hasn't happened.
- III. Town Street/Cow Lane junction dangerous parking is causing a danger to cars exiting out of Cow Lane – Cllr MP to contact the County Council however it is believed that residents cars are parked legally.
- IV. Cllr BH - A homeless Shelter is being opened in Ilkeston if anyone has tinned goods or food they could donate to this cause please contact Cllr Brian Hull.
- V. Cllr RMR – collects food from large stores and distributes it to food banks in the area and provides boxes to people in need. if anyone knows anyone in need please contact Cllr RMR.

13. Date of next meeting

TBC, 7.00pm – 8.30pm
Bramcote Memorial Hall, Church Street, Bramcote

The meeting finished at 21.00pm

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