**Bramcote Community Action Team Minutes**

**2nd Septmber 2024**

**Held at Bramcote Memorial Hall**

## Present:

| Name | Organisation | Initials | Contact details |
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| Cllr David Watts | Broxtowe BC | DW | david.watts@broxtowe.gov.uk |
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Around 40 residents attended and 20 joined the zoom call.

## 1. Welcome and Introductions

Cllr Watts welcomed everybody to the meeting and introduced the panel. He gave an apology for the lack of minutes being circulated and assurances that this would be rectified.

## 2. Apologies

No response from Cllr John Doddy.

## Minutes and Updates on actions from last meeting

 Cllr Watts advised minutes will be circulated in the next few weeks.

# Matters Arising

Japanese Knot Weed – residents report further spread of knot weed into Broxtowe Council Owned land that may have been missed by the council. Report has confirmed tuba’s will be growing further under ground on houses at top of Sandy Lane and likely elsewhere. Frustration from residents that they feel council has allowed this to spread. Given that the council spent money repairing former quarry site in Chilwell, questions to ask about similar investment to deal with knot weed. Will likely now require full excavation. SC is awaiting further update from the Council.

Action – Cllrs will ask question at next full Council meeting.

# School Development Update

White Hills Park group are aiming for school construction works to commence in January 2025 with a 2 year timeframe. SC informed that section 106 agreement was signed last week. Now needs County Council sign off and then the Deputy PM also has to sign off. So further delays likely. Question if money from link road could be allocated to school build.

# Bramcote Leisure Centre Update

Further meetings will be occurring. No update available.

# Planning Matters

Battery storage application has been approved by the planning committee. Ward cllrs spoke against it, as did residents. Decision now with Secretary of State. Cllrs also wrote to Secretary of State to appeal the decision, awaiting response. Neighbourhood Forum believe there are questions to answer about viability of project given National Grid have no stated plans to update Network at Toton and current set up is not sufficient. Conditions around project starting within 3 years and land being returned to original state.

Action – Cllrs will keep residents informed.

National Planning Policy Framework

Government has circulated new policy framework which has radical changes. Consultation is available online – google search will bring up document. Over 100 points to consider. Big issues are:

New definitions of housing requirement. This will increase Broxtowe’s targets by 70%

If no 5 year land supply then greenbelt is at risk.

Areas of Greybelt – greenbelt land that doesn’t serve purpose.

Council Cabinet will consider tomorrow.

Discussion – framework could be from Developers who have seized on new Government, others feel this is Labour Manifesto policy.

Action – Residents and Cllrs to participate in consultation.

Chilwell Barracks site – news headlines and statements from Council suggesting MOD have withdrawn this site from allocation of land for housing. This means Broxtowe no longer has 5 year land supply and puts greenbelt at risk. Link road won’t be going ahead at this stage. Paul Nathaniel shared an email from Toton and Chetwynd Neighbourhood forum from the Defense Infrastructure Organisation stating that the land was withdrawn by mutual agreement with Homes England. MOD intend to market the site themselves. Cllrs advised that Broxtowe appear to be unaware of either. Questions will be asked.

Action – Cllrs to monitor.

Boots Site – developer has gone into administration. Question if development will go ahead. Question if larger density such as apartment blocks would be considered for site. Cllrs explained land is committed for development in local plan. Cllr Kingdon explained Government is asking local authorities to identify housing development sites of 1000’s of houses or more that have delays.

Golf Course Site – Notice blocking right of way. Cllr SC explained that after 20 years an application can be made for land to become public right of way, providing proof of access can provided. Countdown starts from now.

1. **Highway Issues**
2. **Devils Bend –** Cllr SC explained wall repairs set to complete by 18th June, remaining gas works will then be completed and road should reopen by 24th June 2024. Thanks expressed to the hard work by contractors getting the wall repaired so efficiently.
3. **Coventry Lane –** Repairs to balloon woods junction commence on July 1st 2024. County Highways responsible
4. **Other Planned Works –** Peache Way by St John’s college – unadopted road and no knowledge of landowners. Developers using this to access St John’s site but should be using Baxter Green entrance. Fire is being investigated by Police and Fire authorities. Information handed over to Police.

**Action –** Cllrs to liaise with planning team and developers.

Concerns about flooding on the A52 and safety of the Bramcote / Sherwin Round about. Rumours that National Highways are considering removing the bridge and looking at the junction. Numerous accidents have occurred. Not a priority for highways until fatality occurs.

Action – SC and other Cllrs to liaise with highways.

Cllrs will continue pressure to county highways about Deddington Lane, Kilburn Close and other areas of the ward. SC advised residents send information to him. Can only submit reports on my notts app once so not worth residents repeatedly trying to report.

1. **General Election**
2. Polling Stations – Locations have changed in Bramcote Hills and Bramcote Moore.
3. Need for Identification – reminder that ID required for voting, expired passport is acceptable.
4. Postal Vote Rules – Application Deadline is 19th June 2024. Only direct family members or carers can request postal votes for individuals.
5. **Neighbourhood Forum**

Neighbourhood plan remains with Planning Department, currently looking at how to amend areas of local green spaces. BNF has opposed the Battery Storage applications. Included comments from the National Battery Storage Forum and comments about the potential of hydrogen storage in the East Midlands.

Congratulations given to Toton and Chilwell NF who have successfully had their Neighbourhood Plan approved. BNF disagree with aims of link road and leisure facility. Will oppose any attempts at link road.

BNF AGM is 30/09/2024. Join BNF here.

1. **Any Other Business**

Fishpond Cottage – Cllr Land in touch with residents. Work commences on site in early June, remedial work to cottage has begun and removal of hedges for new buildings. Council have issued letter to residents. Cottage will be restored on completion of houses.

Beeston Waste and Recycling Centre – Notts CC considering closure and merger of sites, preference likely to be for site in West Bridgford. All Cllrs present oppose this and will speak against it. Residents very concerned about risks of increased fly tipping and burden on residents and Broxtowe Borough Council. Beeston is the most accessible site – potential equality issue. Questions around use of Mayoral Funding / influence to pressure council.

Hedges on Moor Lane need trimming – reminded by resident that hedges cannot be trimmed between May & August due to nesting birds.

Thanks to Cllr SC for sorting bus stop on Derby Road.

Issues with pavement on Arundal Drive – resident has sustained injuries following fall on paving slab. SC will assist.

Thanks to all Cllrs expressed as aware they are busier than usual with work, council and election season.

1. **Dates of Future Meetings**

2nd September 2024

2nd December 2024

3rd March 2025

2nd June 2025

**Meeting finished at 09:00**

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