**Bramcote Community Action Team Minutes**

**3rd June 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 |
| Cllr Hannah Land | Broxtowe BC | HL | hannah.land@broxtowe.gov.uk  |
| Cllr Andy Kingdon | Broxtowe BC | AK | andrew.kingdon@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. Cllr Kingdon arrived late due to a meeting about the general election. The meeting was advised that there would be an opportunity after the meeting for residents to hear from the following Parliamentary Candidates who were present at the meeting. James Collis (Liberal Democrat), Darren Henry (Conservative), Theresa Needham (Green). The Labour Candidate had not responded to an invite and the Workers Party Candidate did not have any contact details.

Cllr Watts also explained the special rules which apply to public sector meetings during the election period. Restrictions apply so certain topics may be prohibited from discussion during the meeting.

## 2. Apologies

Roger Jones, Cllr John MacGrath. No response from Cllr John Doddy.

## Minutes and Updates on actions from last meeting

 March meeting Minutes had been circulated on facebook group Bramcote NG9. Cllr Land apologised as technical issues had meant she was unable to access the minutes to circulate them elsewhere. Cllrs explained the council used to give officer support with community meetings – stopped during covid and there has been some challenges with getting minutes uploaded to the council website. Paul Nathaniel asked for it to be formally noted that the council appears to constraining the ability of this meeting to operate by withdrawing the support previously offered.

Action – Cllrs will liaise with the Council and ensure the minutes are circulated publicly.

# Matters Arising

Cllr SC thanked for his efforts regarding Japanese Knot weed on Sandy Lane Plantation and neighbouring areas. Concerns that the JKW has spread to other areas of the plantation and the council have underestimated level of spread. SC confirmed council are treating some of the known areas with pesticide.

Action – Cllrs to liaise with council regarding other areas of concern.

# 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 delays are with the developers and awaiting section 106 agreement, along with discussions about the social housing element of the development. Also county flood team concerned about flood risks. Regrettably no money released for recreation so not able to use funds for café development on Bramcote Hills Park. Schools group reporting S106 agreed on 24th May. According to school, Foxwood development will start around the same time.

Concerns about broken fencing around site.

Action – SC to seek clarity about timeline. Cllrs will liaise with planning and developers regarding fencing.

# Bramcote Leisure Centre Update

Broxtowe Borough Council have had cross party group meeting to look at proposals for new facility. SC reported pool will be 25m and 4’6” deep. Michael Bird stated that depth is not suitable for competitive swimming. Long history of swimming clubs and galas at Bramcote. Pool needs to be deeper. SC explained depth is industry standard for modern day pools.

Action – HL and SC will feedback to the council group regarding pool depth

# Planning Matters

Battery storage application has been appealed to the planning inspector and is awaiting response.

The second application was rejected by the council.

No other planning issues raised.

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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