

Bramcote Community Action Team Meeting Minutes

7th September 2020 7pm

Online Meeting Via Zoom

1. **Introductions and apologies** 19 participants including Cllr David Watts (chair), Cllr Steve Carr, Cllr Hannah Land and Cllr Ian Tyler. Apologies were received from Paul Heary of White Hills Park Partnership.
2. **County Council Update Steve Carr** – County council is grossly underfunded despite government increased funding. Incident with a county councillor making racist remarks online yet remained in prestigious role as chair of health and wellbeing board. Following pressure from the district councils and other board members he has been replaced. Acknowledged that current standards rely on group leaders to enforce disciplinary action. A new code of conduct to be implemented soon which should lead to more enforcement action around councillors' behaviour.
3. **Borough Council Update Hannah Land** – Committee meetings are happening online using Microsoft Teams. Extremely busy in the COVID season. The council was in the top 5 in country to respond quickly to support local businesses and administer the business support grants. A flurry of various committee meetings are happening in the coming weeks with some key Bramcote planning updates and decisions. Health & Wellbeing Board – watching on YouTube – unable to participate. Council has launched the climate change strategy. This document contains 200 pages of practical actions, with the aim to be Carbon neutral as a council by 2027 and close to that as a borough. Council website has the links to all these meetings. Cllr Tim Hallam streams them on his Facebook page which is easier to follow.
4. **Nottinghamshire Growth Options Consultation** – Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan – the consultation document is out for comments now. There is a link to make comments on the Joint Planning Advisory Board website, which is open for another week. This is the first part of compiling evidence base around planned housing base Nottingham. Explore every possible site ignoring green belt. Two sites in Bramcote include Bardills to Sherwin included but doesn't mean to be built on. Council said not suitable. No longer a problem in meeting targets as land on Toton sidings and Chilwell garrison provide more than enough. Devolution may change things but doesn't look likely to expand the city boundary. Next stage is for the council identify suitable sites.

<https://www.gnplan.org.uk/about-gnpp/joint-planning-advisory-board/> - 1 week left

Timing – start of post 2028 review. No alterations to current figures. Estimate 7300 but we have more available in addition to current target. 13000 + in total. Need 5 year housing supply. 2050 expect population to peak then fall. Estimated 6000 houses planned in Toton and Chetwynd Barracks.

Two plots should be allocated to travelling community, no plots have been identified as yet.

5. **Neighbourhood Plan / Forum** – Paul Nathaniel sent neighbourhood plan to Stefan Saunders in June – updated plan in line with adopted local plan part two. Is awaiting reply from council. Two online meetings in July including Bramcote Unity park application which was approved by the forum but received strong opposition from Beeston North residents. Council rejected application unanimously. AGM 28 September online. Paul expecting to hear from SS but not heard from him. David advised Stefan S resigned. Temporary acting head is Ryan Dawson (in post since July 2020). Need local authority to accept it has been submitted (not happened) then six week consultation period. Goes to independent examiner who produces a report. Chance to amend. Then goes to referendum. Planning Department response very poor. Ryan has a lot of ideas for improvements and implemented ideas. Councillors will chase with planning officers.
6. **Bramcote Hills Golf Course** - Revised planning application submitted 2-3 weeks ago. Street meeting Wembley Gardens & Gateford Close 48 people opinions unanimous – worst application ever seen. Massive impact on the residents of Wembley Gardens. Flooding and privacy issues. David passed on views to planning officers. Application will be discussed at October planning meeting, comments can be sent to planning department by the 10th September. Question around responsibility for Japanese Knot Weed. Council cannot require private landowners to remove knot weed but will enforce removal if it leaves their land. Not the council's responsibility, but breach of Act if encroaches other private land. The roots can travel up to seven metres under ground. Jean – at least 5 years ago raised the issue. Doubled in area every year. Detrimental affect on wildlife. Richard Wian asked if an environmental officer is monitoring situation. David – site checked regularly but public areas only. If private land, landowner needs to raise with council. Bramcote have better relationship with Wollaton west councillors following this. Steve advised of caselaw meaning that landowner is responsible, heavy fines issued. Two sets of council officers are monitoring public areas for knotweed. Legislation doesn't allow council to take action because of impact on wildlife.
7. **Other Planning Issues** – Bramcote Hills school Paul Heary will attend next CAT meeting to give full details. Very frustrated by Nottinghamshire County Council delays. Confidential discussions are happening with the school. Nottingham County Council waiting for legal advice. Expect it to be a major issue for voters in May 2021 council elections. No provision in 20-21 budget for Bramcote School
Consultation happening about development of Fish Pond Cottage and surrounding land. www.broxtowe.gov.uk/51ilkestonroad - unsympathetic modernisations have been done to the property in the past so there is not a lot to save. Water trough and pump and boot scraper may be salvageable but the fabric of building in poor state. May be possible to conserve roof tiles but these are not from 1840s. Cost of moving building to Bramcote Hills Park exceeds the property value. Mike Lyons pointed out 7 x3 bed and 1x 2 bed houses planned. Need to engage neighbours better than council have. Hannah Land has spoken with residents on Ashbourne Close and will take this forward with council officers. Council is

responsible for state of property which is council owned. Steve said original plan was to build dementia housing but this fell through. Field Farm phase two will be at planning meeting on the 30th Sept meeting. Coventry Lane around Hemlock stone will be at 7th October. All meetings online.

8. **Government - local government proposals** - White paper due today re local government reorganisation. Two sub documents have been submitted to Government – 1 from the district councils network – get rid of counties. 2. get rid of districts. 800,000 people. Nottingham County Council support abolition. Each district council is against. Letter sent to Robert Jenrick – every leader of every borough district signed it and Leader of city council. Chances are the county council will postpone election if this is passed.
9. **Severn Trent Water flooding** - In June 36 properties flooded in Bramcote – the councillors visited almost everyone affected. Survey of drains to try to prevent a repeat. Golf course is problematic without additional building. No drainage on Cow Lane or Bridle Road – runs down to Ullswater Crescent. Section 19 report is being prepared by Nottingham County Council to highlight issues and responsibility – 6-8 months then consultation process with relevant parties. Need proper drainage on Cow Lane. Steve A – sandy soil on Bramcote Hills – Deddington Lane changes to heavy clay Bramcote moor. Historically stream down A52 so did expansion cause the problem? Highways England also involved in survey.
10. **Covid 19 in Bramcote and Broxtowe** - Trowell school shut for 2 weeks. Headteacher in hospital with Covid. Spike in Broxtowe – up to 34 – big jump in last week. Parents at school gates concern. In danger of being on watch list for rate per 100,000 residents. Police have 4 E mantra engage, educate, encourage, enforce. They've tended towards the first two E's but started to enforce more. North Broxtowe is an issue of concern. Reminded people to be cautious and safe
11. **Bramcote Leisure Centre Consultation** – leisure strategy is being revised in light of Covid which has caused significant loss of income – plan is looking for next 2-3 years. Bramcote Leisure Centre is the only one council owns. Chilwell foundation is looking to build new school and have welcomed any joint proposals as to how enhanced leisure provisions could be developed for mutual benefit of the school and local community. Liberty Leisure meeting tomorrow – looking at how it can continue to best effect. £333k per month loss in gym memberships. Broxtowe needs hub in sports hub south plus north. Ian states its unlikely that Broxtowe Borough Council will continue to be involved with Kimberley Leisure Centre after 2 years as East Midlands Academy Trust want to take on running of Leisure facilities at the school. Steve Carr reported cost wise – it is more effective to build new facility in Bramcote. All councillors at meeting are committed to facility remaining in Bramcote.
12. **Any other business** - Sue Sambells reported to Hannah Land about fallen tree in Bramcote Hills woods and lack of info on about this meeting on Broxtowe Borough Council website. Hannah Land to report back to council. Agreed will ensure better advertisement of online CAT meetings as Broxtowe Council Website information is out of date and inaccurate.
13. **Bramcote & Stapleford Hub** – on hold with covid.