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Allotments

Ashmead 2 allotment site has been reploughed and power harrowed to allow more plots to be created so Cam residents can enjoy the option of growing their own fruit and vegetables. If you are interested in taking an allotment plot, we currently have several available at the newly ploughed site. With more than 80 plots at various locations throughout the parish, growing your own is an excellent way to get out for some fresh air and exercise with the added advantages of fresh produce. Each plot costs just £25 for the year and some sites have half plots available at £14 per year. Contact the parish council for more information if you are interested.

Grit Bins

With the colder weather upon us, the requirement for the salt in the grit bins is more prevalent. If you are located near a grit bin and you notice that it needs topping up, please contact the Parish Council or report to GCC Highways on 08000 514514. For those residents who do not have bins nearby, we do keep a small stock of bagged grit for use on the highways and if you are able to collect, we would be happy to supply.



For more information on anything in this Newsletter, or on the work of the Parish Council in general, please contact the Parish Clerk, Jenny Walkley, on 01453 548884, email clerk@camparishcouncil.gov.uk Office: 4 Noel Lee Way, Cam, Glos, GL11 5PS (open 9.30am – 1pm Monday – Thursday, 9.30am – 12 noon Friday)

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ATTENTION Cam residents – A further 930+ Houses...

Stroud District Council is reviewing its current local plan to allocate the increase in housing numbers that are required within the district. The higher numbers have been allocated by the Government and SDC needs to consult with the community to investigate potential sites. To enable SDC to keep its local plan current and ensure enough housing is being delivered, it has proposed a large-scale allocation for land at North West Cam which would allow for 700 homes and further including Draycott, Upton/ East of River Cam and Tilsdown.

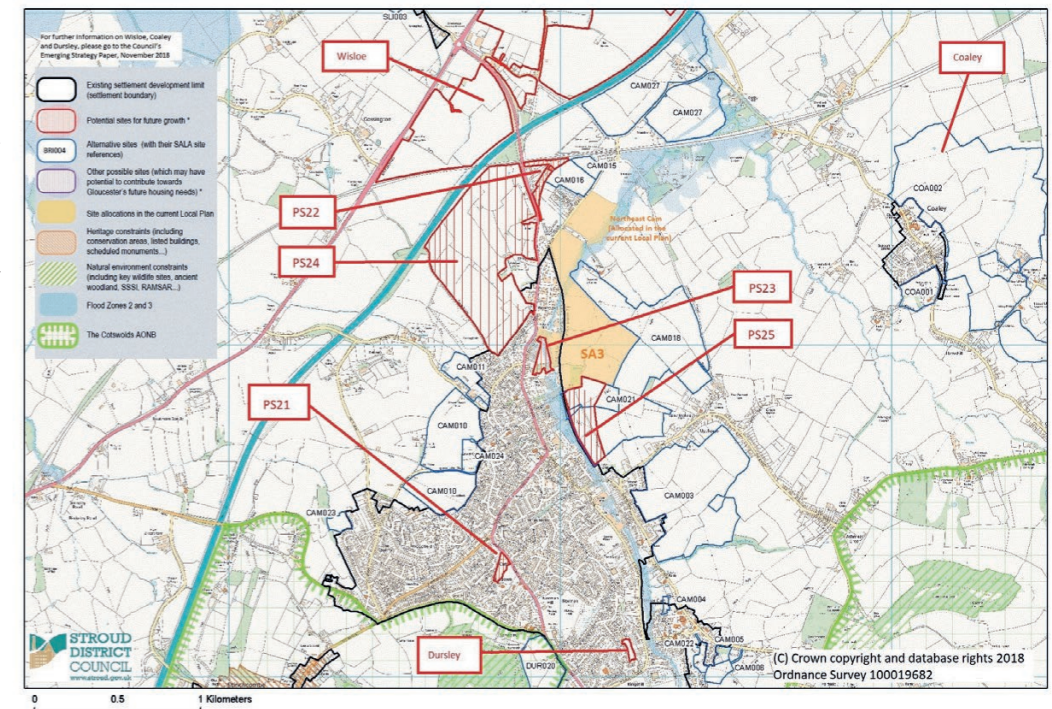
Many residents have expressed concern that the true impact of the current local plan has not yet been realised, and the delivery of a further 930+ homes on top of the 450 homes already allocated at Box Road/Draycott would not be fairly assessed; whilst other residents feel that the housing is very much needed and the suggested location is suitable. Stroud District Council is requesting feedback on their plans by the end of January, so Cam parish council will be holding open events to invite residents to come along and have your say on the proposals:

January 19th from 11am til 1pm, **January 21st** from 2pm til 4pm, **January 22nd & 24th** from 5pm til 7pm and **January 25th** from 10am til 12 noon

to give as many residents as possible the chance to air their views. **Please spread the word to your friends, family and neighbours as the only way for the council to represent your views is to tell us what you think.**

On December 8th, SDC and Cam PC held a public open day and this was attended by approximately 120 residents.

Feedback was taken but many people reported they were unable to attend and therefore the further open evenings have been arranged. This will be an opportunity for residents to chat to members of the Parish Council and our Neighbourhood Plan team. **Please try to attend – and let us know what you think about these plans.**



The public consultation started on November 16th and runs until January 18th. The document can be found on the district council website (www.stroud.gov.uk/environment/planning-and-building-control/planning-strategy/stroud-district-local-plan-review) with the relevant information for Cam on pages 68,69 and 70. **The proposed development will impact all residents in many different ways, your views are important.**

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Neighbourhood plan

Cam Parish Council has been working very closely with a group of volunteers and Place Studio to create a Neighbourhood Plan. They have been very pleased to report recently that a light can be seen at the end of the tunnel with the assistance of a Government grant of £7k. The five years of work has sometimes been a struggle, sometimes enlightening but all times, worthwhile! The draft plan is on schedule to be available to view by the end of April this year when SDC will assess it all for conformity with the current local plan prior to independent examination. The final stages will be for all residents of Cam to vote to accept the plan and then it will be in place to help shape the future of Cam.

A Neighbourhood Plan is a document which has been produced by the voices of the community and contains the policies and codes that the community would like to see in

the future planning of Cam. This will include things such as where development should go, what facilities are needed, what services should be delivered as part of a development as well as what they would look like. There are also accompanying documents – a Village Design Statement, Landscape Assessment and an Open Green Spaces report which provide all the evidence base for the neighbourhood plan. A transport survey has been carried out as well as business surveys, housing surveys and a questionnaire was delivered to all homes in Cam. So much work has already been done but we need you to help us by voting when the time comes.



War Memorial



November saw the centenary of the end of World War I. To commemorate this event, Cam Parish Council ensured vital work was completed to the two war memorials in Cam. The Lower Cam war memorial was professionally steam-cleaned, some much-needed work done to the hedgerows and rose bushes and two sacks of spring bulbs planted in the flower borders on the site. This was topped off with the installation of a wonderful new memorial bench. We believe this makes a busy area

of Cam even more of a delight which can be enjoyed by many. Many thanks to the Blooming Cam volunteers who worked so hard to clear the garden around the Lower Cam war memorial. If anyone would like to help out with future planting and clearing projects, contact Jo Lewis at the parish offices.

The Hopton Green Memorial was also steam-cleaned and received a general tidy up in time for Remembrance Sunday, but further work will be needed in the coming year. The centre of Cam was poppy yarn bombed creating a wonderful spectacle for all to share and remember loved ones and their families. Many thanks to the yarn bombing group whose fantastic efforts transformed Cam.

Christmas Light Event

The annual festivities to celebrate the Christmas light switch on went very well. More than 1,000 people turned out on the day to meet Pooh Bear, Paddington and Peter Rabbit who helped the chairman of the parish council to push the button and light up the area outside the parish offices. Guy's Fairground attended for its fifth consecutive year and transformed the car park to create a wonderful fairground experience for all to enjoy. Hopton School House decorated the Santa's Grotto, GLI I held a craft fair in the Memorial Hall and everyone was thrilled to see Santa arrive with Dursley & District Round Table on the back of the tractor! Huge thanks again to all the traders of Cam and the hard work put in by the Traders Association and volunteers to make the event so successful. Thanks too to all those who attended to make the annual event so special. Volunteers are desperately needed to make this event happen in the future, please get in touch if you would like to get involved.



Play Reviews at Play Areas in Cam

Woodfield play park off Hadley Road in Cam has been regenerated and upgraded! The play park has been transformed with new play equipment, colourful fencing, fresh line markings and improved football and basketball areas. The ambitious project was made possible with the help of S106 funding from SDC and careful budgeting from the Parish Council. It followed public consultations held by Cam Parish Council on site, at local schools and in the parish offices. Many local people attended and had their say on what they wanted to see at their local play park.

The toddler area has been completely overhauled with new swings, springers, a see-saw and a multi-play unit with a slide and climbing frame. Following concerns raised by local parents, fencing has been installed around the toddler area keeping young children safe from running under the original, wooden fencing and into the road. The project also involved new line markings and fencing around the basketball area with hopscotch and a colourful number snake painted onto the surface of the path. The football zone has been improved with the existing surface removed, re-turfed and a "D" shaped wetpour kickabout area installed. The Parish Council is keen to promote diversity on its playparks to allow as many people as possible to enjoy using the facilities. It was felt that marking the hard-court area and making it suitable for netball and football as well as basketball would increase its appeal to a wider range of people of all ages.

Much of the existing equipment suitable for older children has been retained and two flat swings and an accessible ground-level roundabout have been added. The work has been carried out by play designers - Sutcliffe Play.

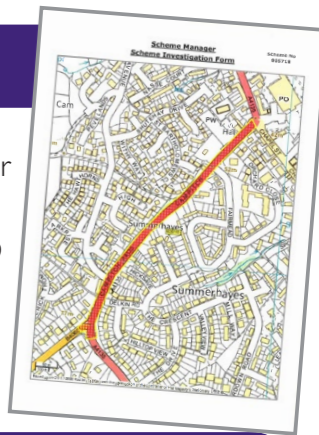
A further consultation was held at Cam Green play area which highlighted a need for a new swing. An exciting new unit was installed consisting of a tango seat to enable a toddler at one side and a flat seat opposite for a parent or an older child to use, as well as an extra traditional swing.



Cam Pitch resurfacing

Please be advised that Gloucestershire County Council have a blanket temporary traffic order for resurfacing works between the dates of 25th January 2019 and 31st March 2019.

The main road at Cam Pitch (A4135), Cam is proposed to take place from 22nd February 2019 to 8th March 2019 between the hours of 09.30 hrs and 15.30 hrs each day. Any date changes will be advertised by advance warning signs on site. If you require any further information regarding this closure please contact Gloucestershire County Council on 08000 514514.



Chairman's Report

Being Chairman of Cam Parish Council is a most fulfilling job as well, at times, as a most frustrating one - but I love every minute of it. It has been a pivotal year with many changes taking place among both staff and councillors. My thanks go to all for their hard work, support and commitment. Mrs Jenny Walkley took over as the clerk of Cam Parish Council last year and a new deputy has now started.

It's been a busy year and the work continues. This work includes liaising with the local schools to encourage safer roads in Cam. Future developments and link road changes are imminent so our "school safety committee" is working extremely hard to get several road problems resolved. Of course, the "elephant in the room" is the 930+ houses

which are scheduled for Cam. Our Planning and Highways Committee are watching these developments closely. The Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) committee are fully involved in setting out what developers can and cannot do when the time comes to start building. Their work needs your support.

It's fair to say that Cam Parish Council has had a very busy but fruitful year and with its new budget being prepared, we hope to again fulfil our task and support the residents of Cam. We currently have a vacancy for a new councillor and if you feel you can help, simply call into Cam Parish Council for details.

B. J. Whatling Chair Cam Parish Council