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**MINUTES OF CAM PARISH COUNCIL PARISH MEETING**

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10th JANUARY 2024, 6:30pm**

**AT CAM PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE, 4 NOEL LEE WAY, CAM**

**PRESENT:** J Fulcher (Chair), M Morton, S Temlett, D Andrewartha, B Tipper, J Bishop, K Chandler, J Dormer, G Gough, J Fowler, M Grimshaw, M Clifton

**APOLOGIES**: S Angell, B Walker

**ABSENT**: B Wilkes, T Munns

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Projects Officer 1xMOP

Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present.

1. **To Receive Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were noted as above.

1. **To Receive Declarations of Interest and any requests for dispensations**

None received.

1. **To receive any questions, statements, or submissions from members of the public in attendance**

Cllr Bishop presented himself as a Member of Press and requested an updated on the Youth call out. Clerk noted a working party has been organised for January and invites had been sent to all members.

Representative from Cam Sports Club attended to explain the situation with the lease which is about to expire in approx. 5 weeks. Communication with the landowners is non-existent and the future is uncertain. Chair offered all the support of the Council to protect this vital community asset.

1. **To approve and sign minutes of the meeting held December as a true and correct record**

Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a true and correct record and was signed by the Chair.

1. **To note any matters arising from the minutes and not covered by agenda items, for information only**

None noted.

1. **To receive Chairs announcements**

Received and noted. (attached).

Chair has been discussing the issues with Cam Sports Club lease with Cllr Gray and others and believes court action is inevitable.

1. **To receive Clerks report**

Received and noted.

1. **To receive police report**

Received and noted.

1. **Projects**
2. Market Town Vitality Funding – update

Projects Officer attended a briefing with SDC. Possible funding available in the region of £150K over 2 years for the market towns across the whole district, subject to approval. Cllrs to think about projects which we might be able to introduce. More information will come from SDC for Cllrs to consider next month.

1. Christmas evaluation report

Council RESOLVED to accept and approve all spends detailed below relating to the delivery of the Cam Christmas Lights Switch on event:

Total spend on delivery of event: £4,893.29 using earmarked reserves.

Clerk noted the large amount of workload and hours that staff put into this event.

Council RESOLVED to host a Christmas event on Saturday 30 November 2024, details to be agreed and recommended by working party.

Council RESOLVED that the Christmas Event for 2024 will be given high priority in terms of staff time and resources and the 2024 Projects Delivery List.

Councillors Gough, Temlett, Chandler, Clifton, Dormer, Grimshaw, Fowler, Fulcher & Morton volunteered to join the Events Working Party

Clerk to consider a Celebration Lights Policy for a future FPGP.

1. **To receive minutes of Committee meetings held in Dec**
2. P&H Received and noted
3. **To receive reports on issues affecting Cam from**
4. County Cllr – Cllr Tipper noted that flooding, high winds and resulting potholes and fallen trees have been taking up a lot of time. Looking at Highways Local funding to find a permanent solution to flooding at Hopton Green.
5. District Cllr – disappointment noted that no other District Councillors present. Cllr Tipper noted the extraordinary Full Council meeting on 25th January, 7pm at Ebley Mill to challenge SDC about their approach to the Local Plan inspectors’ requests and replies.

Request from Cllr Clifton for Cllr Tipper to look into secondary school places throughout the district due to concerns with Rednock and KLB being at capacity.

1. Parish Cllr – Cllr Fowler met with Deputy to look at the faulty pavilion door.
2. **To accept monthly financial reconciliation reports and receive internal control member report**

Cllr Bishop carried out the internal controls and noted 1 incorrect date. No further issues. Cllr Fowler volunteered to carry out the internal controls for February meeting.

1. **To agree payments for Monthly accounts and payments issued under delegated permissions**

Council RESOLVED to approve the payments list for January.

Council RESOLVED to approve an additional £55 payment for Major Entertainments for hire of ropes and posts noting the error with underpayment of original invoice.

1. **To receive budget update and agree actions**

Council considered the budget position with no issues to note.

1. **To agree precept request for 2024-25**

The tax base had been received from Stroud District Council (3325.83 Band D £94.59) The previous approval in draft from Full Council & FPGP had been worked on a zero increase. However, Cllrs expressed concern about restricting progress and reviewing the current budget situation considered that a small increase should be agreed.

Council RESOLVED to create a 2.41% increase by reducing the use from general reserves. This increase would equate to an annual band D cost of £2.23 per year, 4p per week on an average household. All budget lines should remain the same. A review of the earmarked reserves will take place at the next FPGP.

1. **To consider training requests**

Request from Projects Officer to attend –

* How local councils can benefit from the levelling up agenda

31 January 2024 — 12.00 – 13.15

Cost: £30.00

* RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES THROUGH COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

27 March 2024 — 12.00 – 13.15

NALC member: £30 – Non-member: £40

Request from Admin staff to attend

* Canva Part 1

Thu, 01 Feb 2024 13:00

£30 members;

Clerk - Planning/NPPF - The government has embarked on major and far-reaching reforms of the planning system in England.

[Monday 19 February, 11:00am - 12:00pm](https://www.slcc.co.uk/events/book-event/?book-event=2270)

Members: £30 + VAT

Request from Deputy Clerk to attend

* Site Facilities and Health and Safety (14 February)

Allotment – H&S Management

Date - Wednesday 14 February, 2:00pm – 3:30pm

Price - Members: £30 + VAT

Request from Cllr Bishop to attend procurement training to aid consideration of a legal challenge. With no seconder, the request was denied. No further requests.

1. **To receive Tree Inspection Report and agree associated works**

Clerk had asked that we bring the tree survey forward in order to budget for any resulting tree works in the next financial year. SDC have been through the formal procurement process and it had been previously agreed to piggyback on this contract, it was again agreed to continue with this option as best value for the work required.

The tree survey was completed in December 2023 and the associated documents are published on the website for information. All information was sent to the SDC contractor for tree works who provided a quote based on terms of the SDC contract.

Council RESOLVED to accept Midland Forestry quote to complete all tree works highlighted by the tree inspection at a cost of £1,398 for the high/immediate works required.

Clerk or Deputy, Chair & Vice Chair of R&L to attend walkabout with the contractor.

1. **To note any items for information or referral only**

Cllr Grimshaw noted that the Local Directory had removed details regarding Cam from its title..

Cllr Bishop noted his absent between 22nd January and 1st March.

Every Cllr invited to participate in the Earmarked reserves review, either through FPGP or via email.

RBS steps to bandstand at Upthorpe – Cllr Temlett will attend their next RBL committee meeting and will keep CPC updated.

There are lots of planned working parties and officers have been struggling to find suitable dates/ times to meet. Between various daytime commitments and evenings allocated to other activities, there doesn’t seem to be much flexibility. Therefore, we have decided to host any working party on a Wednesday evening prior to the scheduled committee meeting.

Youth call-out – 31st January 5:30-6:30

Grounds Maintenance – 17th January 5:30-6:30

Events working party – 12th January 12pm via zoom and then Wednesday early evenings as necessary.

Request to initiate NDP Review shortly.

Chair has increased pressures on his personal time and gave advanced apologies for working parties etc that he may not be able to attend.

With no further business to discuss, the Chair brought the meeting to a close at 20:55.