

CAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

ELECTIONS SPECIAL – MARCH 2024

Have you thought about becoming a District or Parish Councillor?

If you have a keen interest in your local community and are passionate about making a difference in the Stroud District, then becoming a Councillor could be for you. For further information on the role of being a Councillor, please visit the Stroud District Council webpage.

To stand as a prospective Councillor, you will need to complete a nomination paper. Nomination papers can be collected from our offices at 4 Noel Lee Way and District Council Nomination papers are available to collect from Stroud District Council Offices.

Nomination papers must be delivered by hand to Stroud District Council. Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud, GL5 4UB between 10am and 4pm from Tuesday 19 March 2024 – Friday 5 April 2024.

**CALLING ALL
COMMUNITY HEROES**



Councillor nominations OPEN

10am
19th
March

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4pm
5th
April

Councillor Nominations deadline

Nomination papers must be **delivered by hand by 4pm Friday 5th April 2024**. Whilst appointments are not necessary, they are recommended due to the quantity of nominations expected.

For enquiries or to book an appointment, please email elections@stroud.gov.uk or call 01453 766321

Midnight
16th
April

Register to vote deadline

Registering only takes a few minutes, you will need your national insurance number to complete the registration. **If you are not registered, you cannot vote in any upcoming elections.**

Remember you are now also required to **present photo ID at the polling station**. More information on Voter ID can be found on Stroud District Councils' website including how to apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate if you do not have an acceptable form of photo ID.

5pm
17th
April

Postal vote deadline

You can now complete postal vote applications online. To apply for a postal vote online go to www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote

5pm
24th
April

Proxy vote deadline

You can now complete certain proxy vote applications online. To apply for a proxy, vote online, go to www.gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote

7am - 10pm
Thursday 2nd
May 2024

It's Polling Day!

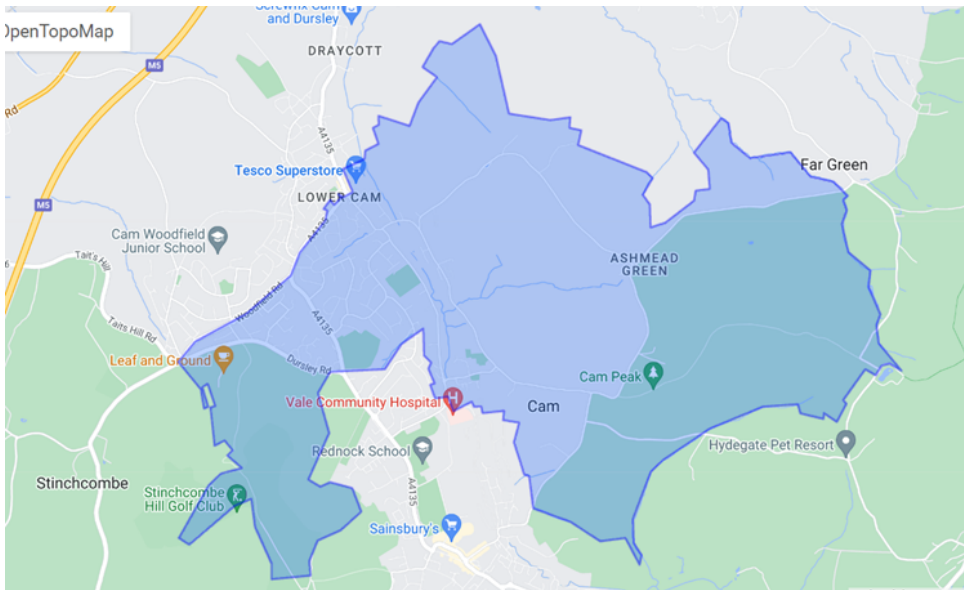
Check your poll cards for details of your polling station and remember to bring your eligible photo ID!

Elections Timeline

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A PARISH COUNCILLOR IN CAM?

Cam Parish Council is made up of 2 wards - Cam East (with 7 seats) and Cam West (with 9 seats).

As of February 2024, it had a total electorate of 7,328 across the 2 wards, making it the second largest parish in the Stroud District after Stroud Town (with a total electorate of 10,456). The 5 year forecast estimates an increase to 7,857 with almost all of the growth within the new developments along Box Road and through the back of Draycott. Once elected, the ward boundaries mean very little and the Parish Council operates across the whole of Cam.



Cam East

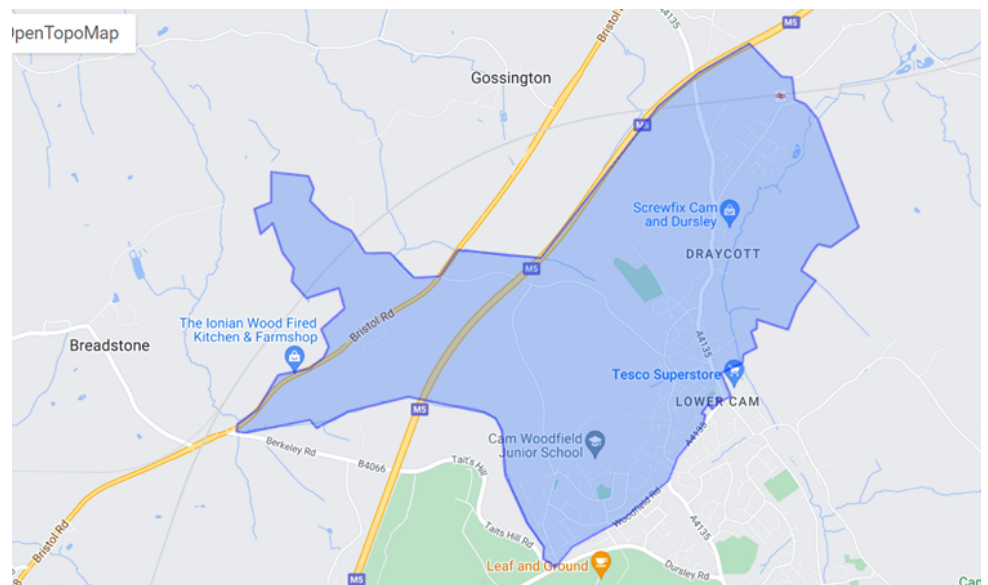
Cam East stretches from the boundary at Stincombe to Far Green, hugging the boundary with Kingshill, Dursley. It follows Woodfield Road, down Cam Pitch, to out across Draycott and Upthorpe until it meets the Coaley boundary

As of September 2022, it had an electorate of 3,607 represented by 7 councillors.

Cam West

Cam West goes as far out as Berkeley Road at the A38 before doubling back and following the motorway way along to meet the Coaley boundary. It follows the boundary with Cam East through Draycott and Woodfields as far as The Quarry.

As of September 2022, it had an electorate of 3,461 represented by 9 councillors.



To be a councillor you need to be:

- British or a citizen of the Commonwealth. Please check on the gov.uk website for advice about EU citizens' voting and candidacy rights in local elections.
- At least 18 years old.
- Registered to vote in the area or have lived, worked, or owned property there for at least 12 months before an election.

LIFE AS A PARISH COUNCILLOR

Cam Parish Council holds its Full Council meetings on the first Wednesday of the month, except in August.

The Planning and Highways Committee usually meets on the 2nd Wednesday in each month. It's responsible for -

- Agreeing recommendations to District Council on all planning applications for Cam.
- Monitoring decisions made by District Council.
- Discussing, monitoring and responding to, as appropriate, strategic planning matters, e.g. monitoring and reporting of public transport issues, provision and maintenance of bus shelters, County Structure Plan, local regeneration proposals etc.
- Monitoring and reporting highway problems.

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YOUR LOCAL
COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!
MAKE A CHANGE
BECOME A COUNCILLOR

WEEKLY TO DO

DATE

MONDAY	Walk dog at Jubilee Playing Field and talk to people about what they like about the park
TUESDAY	Read papers and prepare for R & L Committee
WEDNESDAY	R & L Committee meeting - 6:30pm
THURSDAY	Call into the office for a coffee and chat
FRIDAY	Volunteer for local charity

The Recreation and Leisure Committee usually meets on the 3rd Wednesday in each month. It's responsible for -

- Allotments
- Play Areas and equipment
- Amenity Areas/Open Spaces
- Amenity Furniture
- Development of Jubilee Field
- Public Rights of Way



Here's a typical week in the life of a Councillor.

Being a Councillor can be a really rewarding role as long as you have a keen interest in improving life in Cam.

You will need to find your own balance between meetings and workload and there are different levels of engagement but the more you put into it, the more you get out of it.