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Happy New Year and welcome back after the Christmas break

Looking ahead to the New Year, several important developments are on the horizon.

Changes to the National Planning Policy Framework are currently under consultation. One significant proposal that could impact Cam is the automatic approval of developments located within a 15-minute walk of a train station. The consultation closes on 10th March, with no confirmed timescale for implementation. The Clerk has arranged a meeting with councillors from Slimbridge and Coaley, as these communities would be similarly affected. We are also awaiting confirmation of a meeting date with Stroud District Council planners.

We continue to meet regularly with key officers from Gloucestershire County Council to discuss limitations at the train station and the improvements that may be required. Discussions are progressing positively, and we are supporting the development of a feasibility study. This study will consider the station, platforms and rail line, current usage levels, future demand projections, and potential development impacts.

Protecting and enhancing our green spaces remains a priority. We are actively exploring opportunities to increase and improve recreational areas. A meeting is scheduled with Rednock to discuss how we might support the maintenance, enhancement and long-term protection of Normal Hill. In addition, we are engaging with officers at Stroud District Council to ensure we remain open to other potential opportunities.

Finally, the Village Centre proposals are progressing with the consultant, and we hope to meet with Bathurst in the coming weeks to align our ambitions.

Staffing

Our wonderful Administration Officer, Jo Lewis, has decided to retire in order to care for both younger and older family members. While we are very sad to see her go, we will make the most of having her with us until the end of March.