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**MINUTES OF CAM PARISH COUNCIL, PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2025, AT 6:30pm
AT CAM PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE, 4 NOEL LEE WAY, CAM**

MEMBERSHIP: D Andrewartha (Chair), M Grimshaw (Vice-Chair), J Fulcher, M Morton, S Temlett, C Evans, R Green, B Tipper, C Wiggins, T Walker

PRESENT: D Andrewartha (Chair), S Temlett, M Grimshaw, M Morton, T Walker, R Green, J Fulcher, C Evans,

APOLOGIES: C Wiggins

ABSENT:

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk, 2 MoPs

Cllr Andrewartha opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present.

PH.25.051 To RECEIVE apologies for absence
Noted

PH.25.052 To RECEIVE declarations of interest and requests for dispensations
None to note.

PH.25.053 To APPROVE and sign minutes of the meeting August 2025 as a true and correct record
Committee RESOLVED to accept the minutes as a correct record.

PH.25.054 To NOTE any matters arising from the minutes and not covered by agenda Items, (for information only).
None to note

PH.25.055 To RECEIVE any questions, statements, or submissions from members of the public in attendance
20 minutes will be allowed for public question time under this agenda item (open to any resident of cam). it should be noted that no decisions may be made on issues raised, other than to make referral to a further meeting, an officer, or another agency.

MoP spoke about development and making it a positive contribution to the existing village and concerns about the effectiveness of the districts nature recovery strategy.

MoP has been in touch with the Sever Vale partnership regards the River Cam amid concerns around the impact of development. Cllr Chloe Turner will discuss with the flood management officer. MoP is working her way through the documents associated with the Robert Hitchins development.

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Following these discussions, Chair brought forward the 2 agenda items below –

PH.25.056 To RECEIVE update on planning application S.21/1913/OUT: Land West Of A4135, Draycott. - Residential development (up to 235 dwellings), vehicular, pedestrian and cycle links, strategic landscaping and green infrastructure including areas of informal and public open space and other associated site infrastructure and community uses.

PH.25.057 To RECEIVE update on appeal S.25/036/APPND, CONSIDER advice and AGREE actions
Chair is away prior to the appeal on 7th October so council RESOLVED for Cllr Green to attend on behalf of the Council.

There is still some concern that the views of the parish council, as represented at DCC have been watered down. Clerk will contact the inspector to make sure the points around density and concentration are explained correctly as well as the importance of the spine road. Emphasis should be on building a sense of place rather than just houses, the lack of protection through a Local Plan and the associated S106 benefits, and the strength of our NDP.

PH.25.058 To AGREE observations for new planning applications in the Parish

Erection of a first floor rear extension.

6 The Croft Cam Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 5NW

Ref. No: S.25/1600/HHOLD | Validated: Thu 28 Aug 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision

Committee RESOLVED to support this application as a good use of space.

Partial discharge of condition 13 (noise survey) from S.22/1973/REM for plot 27 only.

Land South Of Railway Line Box Road Cam Gloucestershire

Ref. No: S.25/1466/DISCON | Validated: Fri 01 Aug 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision

Committee REQUESTED that the Clerk obtain the noise report for information.

Erection of a single storey side extension and additional parking space.

10 Exell Close Cam Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 6BT

Ref. No: S.25/1438/HHOLD | Validated: Thu 07 Aug 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision

Committee RESOLVED to REFUSE this application. Committee felt that developing a 5-bedroom house in this small, narrow and architecturally designed cul-de-sac would be gross overdevelopment of the site and out of keeping with the original aesthetics of the design. There was also concern about the president this development would set over the use of car parking spaces.

Erection of one dwelling & associated works

Land At 20 Everlands Cam Gloucestershire

Ref. No: S.25/1446/FUL | Validated: Fri 08 Aug 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision

Whilst committee had no issues with the development itself, they RESOLVED to support the BNG officer and REFUSE this application based on a missing plan for bio-diversity net gain.

Garden area used for E(c)(iii) builders yard for more than 10 years

Hengaston Farm Bristol Road Cam Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 5JE

Ref. No: S.25/1415/CPE | Validated: Tue 05 Aug 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision

Committee RESOLVED to remain neutral on this application with no observation.

PH.25.059 To NOTE decisions in the parish.
See attached

PH.25.060 To NOTE appeals or appeal decisions made within the parish.
None to note

PH.25.061 To RECEIVE update on bus shelter refurbishment project and AGREE actions

Committee RESOLVED to accept the quote from Core Cleaning at a cost of £720 to carry out a deep clean and cut back of the 9 bus stops.

Committee RESOLVED the budget of £1,000 for a Jubilee themed painting by Stephanie Cole. The design will be simplified due to the rough finish of the bus stop. Committee also RESOLVED for her to work on a design around the mill industry for the other bus stop on Cam pitch at a cost of £1,000.

PH.25.062 To RECEIVE update on relocation of Draycott telephone kiosk and refurbishment of Cam Green telephone kiosk

Committee considered the quote presented which was above the allocated budget for this year. Committee RESOLVED the costs for relocating and refurbishing the Draycott kiosk only are £6,900 - £3,610 from the insurance - £1,000 from Kissing Gates – remaining balance from Bus shelters.

The use will be debated at the next meeting for either books, plants or a defibrillator.

PH.25.063 To RECEIVE monthly report and AGREE actions for
- **Bus shelters**

Pending a good quality one off clean of the bus sheltered, Committee RESOLVED to consider the quote from Core Cleaning to carryout a quarterly clean of the 9 Perspex bus shelters on a quarterly basis in the new financial year.

- **Benches**
- **Street signs**

Clerk is still trying to complete this work through SDC as there have been staff changes and the admin support in Community services has changed.

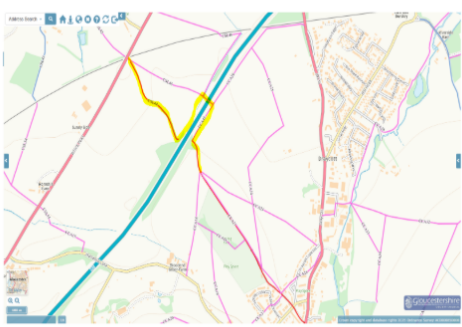
- **Litter bins**
- **Telephone kiosks**
- **Heritage assets**

The final list is almost ready for consideration.

PH.25.064 To RECEIVE information, DISCUSS issues and AGREE any actions relating to

- **Closures and roadworks** (<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/highways/roads/roadworks/>)
- **Highways**
- **PROWs & footpaths –**

Committee discussed the request from PROW for the following work –

Parish	Path No	Proposal	Estimated Cost	Nearby Development	Location
Cam & Slimbridge	CCA 45 CSL New CSL 44	Clear back hard CCA 45, un-numbered path between CCA 45 and CSL 44 and CSL 44. Will involve cutting back trees/brambles/shrubs. Re-establish ditches and build up surface with stone	£25k	Draycott (existing & new) Everside Lane (new but no permission yet) Gossington (new but no permission yet)	

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Handyman has cleared the route along the side of the Jubilee Playing field CCA45. CSL44 is not a viable route. It's nonfunctional as it does not cross the motorway - it's a dead-end. The proposed new section of footpath will bring you out at the A38 directly in front of the crash barriers. Therefore, it would not really work as a path. It also then drops down the embankment. You could follow the A38 along to a more suitable crossing, but it is not a straightforward route. It has been suggested that the budget of 25k would be better spent using the path CSL46 as an alternative route. However, this path takes you across the railway line and again comes out at the A38 - a new gate is needed here. The footpath is in good condition and is wide enough. We're still curious where the idea originated as these paths would link Cam to Gossington to Slimbridge but do not particularly link any facilities or create a particularly pleasant circular route due to the A38 and railway crossing.

Cllr Fulcher will walk it again our end and make further comments if necessary.

- Pavements

Cllr Michael Rees has proposed a new section of footpath along High Street in Cam. Committee had concerns that his proposals didn't address the worst part of this path which is outside the Chinese takeaway. Clerk will discuss further with Highways and Cllr Rees.

- Verges & hedgerows –

Committee RESOLVED to maintain the verge alongside Hopton Green to the rear of Millbank as part of the village green pending consultation with the residents.

PH.25.065 To RECEIVE update on snickets map launch and Parish Walk and AGREE actions

Date: Wednesday 24 September

Time: meeting at 6pm at Parish Council Office

Walk of a snicket route: 45 minutes, followed by light refreshment at Cam Parish Council Office

Administration Officer & Cllr Kim Chandler have identified a suitable route and walked the route to look for any obstructions. A risk assessment has been produced – please note, the public footpaths will be used as intended, and therefore no change is being made to exiting public rights of way.

PH.25.066 To RECEIVE update on Heritage assets, and AGREE actions

This agenda item was included to ensure progress could be made but the final list needs a little more work, therefore, it will be included again on next months agenda.

PH.25.067 To REVIEW budget expenditure to date and AGREE actions

Committee reviewed the budget spend to date.

Community Improvement		Receipts			Payments			Net Position	
Code	Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend	
1	Bus Shelters				10,000.00	1,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	(90%)
3	Footpaths/Kissing gates				1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	(100%)
5	Handyman Contract				18,000.00	5,050.83	12,949.17	12,949.17	(71%)
6	Highway Support				2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	(100%)
7	Neighbourhood Wardens								(N/A)
8	Social Development Fund				22,000.00	4,635.00	17,365.00	17,365.00	(78%)
9	SVP Service Level Agreement				9,200.00	120.00	9,080.00	9,080.00	(98%)
74	Community Grants				10,841.00	8,773.41	2,067.59	2,067.59	(19%)
76	Community Events		3,140.00	3,140.00	15,000.00	6,489.79	8,510.21	11,650.21	(77%)
93	Street Furniture				9,000.00	920.25	8,079.75	8,079.75	(89%)
101	Neighbourhood Development Plan				2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	(100%)
105	Cam & Dursley Station								(N/A)
111	Maintenance Fund								(N/A)
113	Cam Cycleway								(N/A)
114	Sustainability/ Climate Change								(N/A)
116	CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy)		44,619.27	44,619.27		100,000.00	-	55,380.73	(N/A)
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	SUB TOTAL		47,759.27	47,759.27	99,041.00	126,989.28	-27,948.28	19,810.99	(20%)

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PH.25.068 To REVIEW projects for next year and associated budget commitments and make REQUEST to Full Council for budget allocation.

Committee discussed continuing the projects on telephone kiosks, bus stops refurbishment with an emphasis on the Perspex shelters, quarterly cleaning of the bus shelters and replacement benches. Formal requests and figures to be resolved at next months meeting

PH.25.069 Any other Planning & Highways matters for INFORMATION or REFERRAL ONLY

Clerk to enquire about what is happening with the Climate and Nature Strategy.

Cllrs noted the issues with the buses and HGVs turning right trying to get out of Box Road on the A4135.

Cllr noted issues with parking along High Street but Police and GCC have previously said that these cars create a speed buffer.

River sampling of the River Cam to be looked at by R&L

With no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:05