

District Councillors' Report to Cam Parish Council

2 April 2025

Ward Related activities

We have worked with CPC on three stakeholder engagement workshops to map out requirements for a feasibility study on the Cam Campus/Village Centre/Health Centre concept for employment 02.

We have established regular surgeries on the first Thursday of each month and these have now gained momentum with regular and varied attendance. It is a walk-in service with no booking required and is promoted on the CPC website.

We have now managed nearly 50 items of case work. Most successfully closed. The key themes continue to be housing settlement, housing maintenance and repairs, clearance of common areas, boundary disputes, voting and local democracy queries, and planning applications/enforcement.

Assisted a resident with access and disabled parking concerns.

Supported safeguarding concerns and worked with relevant authorities to resolve these.

Worked with a number of residents on reporting problems on 'Fix My Street.'

Listening to LCIC members on various concerns and coordinating with SDC where possible, including our colleagues in Dursley.

We have also helped with fielding enquires to GCC Highways, mostly concerning Everlands and Lister Road.

A concern has been the trash screen at Fairmead which has been prone to being blocked and causing flooding. It has been agreed that the screen will be lowered to work more effectively. We have also advised residents on how to report any further problems. It will also be inspected seasonally.

Similarly the footpaths above Manor Avenue were becoming flooded and blocked with leaves and tree debris from the winds. These have now been cleared and regular inspections scheduled to keep them open.

We have helped to ensure that the Car Park at Lister Gardens will be adopted by SDC and are pushing for renewables installation on the HP6 parcel.

Working with CPC to help gain recognition for Brian Addle.

Attended speed awareness check with CCAG

Wider and Committee Work

District Councillors co-authored a letter to the Planning Inspector regarding Box Road car park planning appeal Ref: APP/C1625/W/25/3358535. We stated (in summary) the rationale for rejection of the original application has not changed in any substantial aspect, therefore we oppose the appeal being allowed.

To note that SDC have agreed to be responsible for the car park on sale from the developers for £1. More work to come on just how this will operate.

The district Councillors are members of the Community Services and Licensing, Environment, NHS & Wellbeing Oversight and Development Control Committees.

Environment - Received the report on Jubilee Field PV (forwarded to CPC) and following up with the Wind Energy report.

To note - Housing improvement

We are coordinating a research project with the Chair of Housing and UWE to validate and review data on the social cost of poor housing and low uptake of domestic energy saving measures. Social housing stock in Cam could be the focus for the pilot stage of the project. This could deliver a cost-efficiency model for improving heating and insulation in our local housing stock. Report likely due by autumn 2025.

Communities – Working with Kingshill House Creative Arts Centre to agree tenancy with SDC and to support the Centre going forward. Also continuing to work with CPC on Cam Village Centre Concept.

Development – regularly attending site visits and participating in decision-making as required.

NHS & Wellbeing – Milly to be one of the SDC Health & Wellbeing Champions and will report in due course.

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