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**MINUTES OF CAM PARISH COUNCIL – FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4th March 2026 6:30pm
AT CAM PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE, 4 NOEL LEE WAY, CAM**

PRESENT: J Fowler (Chair), S Temlett, J Dormer, T Walker, J Fulcher, C Wiggins, C Rees, M Grimshaw, K Chandler, G Gough, P Griffiths

APOLOGIES: R Green, S Angell,

ABSENT:

IN ATTENDANCE: L Biddle (Clerk), B Weeks (Deputy), A Clarke (Clerical Officer), MOP x 6, Cllr Hamilton, Cllr Hill

Attendees are reminded that the proceedings of this meeting may be filmed, photographed, or recorded.

FC.25.124 To RECEIVE apologies for absence.

Apologies were noted as above

FC.25.125 To RECEIVE Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations

None to note

FC.25.126 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 gave a short speech explaining we currently have a butterfly emergency. There is a 5-point plan which will be considered at Recreation & Leisure Committee.

MoP raised on going issues with specific road networks around Cam and the lack of action from either developers or County Council.

FC.25.127 To APPROVE the minutes from the meeting held January 2026 as a true and correct record

Council RESOLVED to accept the minutes as a correct record.

FC.25.128 To NOTE any matters arising from the minutes and not covered by agenda items

None to note

FC.25.129 To RECEIVE Co-option requests and AGREE actions

None received

FC.25.130 To RECEIVE Chairs and Clerks report

Received and noted

FC.25.131 To RECEIVE reports on issues affecting Cam from

a) **County Councillor**

Cllr Rees met with Local Highways Manager and has secured resurfacing on Tait's Hill outside Vale vets and Cam Green, along with the footpath along High Street and Dursley Road. The local highways budget has been reduced from £30,000 to £10,000. The TRO team will not be taking any further TRO requests due to the volume of 20 mile per hour requests. Cllr Rees will be meeting with residents of Chapel Street to those issues. Extra funding has been given to the Cam, Dursley, Uley Greenway.

(Cllr Rees left the meeting at 19:26)

b) **District Councillors**

Received and noted.

c) **Parish Councillors**

Cllr Dormer gave a report of the Dursley United Charities. Cam Sports Club are working hard on their new pavilion plans.

Cllr Fulcher met with the Patient Participation Group who would like to expand their membership.

FC.25.132 To RECEIVE minutes of Committee meetings held

- a) **Planning & Highways – January & February 2026** – Received and noted
- b) **Recreation & Leisure – February 2026** – Received and noted
- c) **Finance, Premises & General Purpose – February 2026** – Received and noted

FC.25.133 To APPROVE recommendations from committee for ratification including the following Finance, Premises & General Purpose

a) **To RECEIVE update on planned program of events and AGREE actions**

Council RESOLVED to approve the following program of events and associated spending -

Christmas event:

- Alpaca Walks – £650.00 from the Community Events Budget (Line 76) for an enchanted Rackleaze walk. Voluntary donations to be collected for a charity (to be confirmed).
- Laser Show – £2,500.00 from the Community Events Budget (Line 76).
- LEGO Party – £250.00 from the Community Events Budget (Line 76), delivered by volunteers as an interactive stall in the CPC Office.
- £174 to GCC for road closure license application

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Community cinema night:

- Screen Hire – £2,500.00 from the Community Events Budget (Line 76) for LED screen hire and technical support on Sunday 2 August 2026.

Geocaching event:

- Storage casing: £50.00 from the Community Events Budget (Line 76).

Geocaching is an outdoor recreational activity that combines technology and adventure, where participants use GPS devices to find hidden containers called geocaches at specific locations worldwide.

Council RESOLVED to accept £1,362.08 in external funding from local business Kerry Foods to deliver the following series of community engagement activities:

- Easter Egg Hunt (Woodfields, Saturday 11 April)
- Family Outdoor Yoga Sessions (Jubilee Park, 7 Saturday sessions during summer holidays)
- Community Arts and Craft Sessions (4 sessions at the Council Office, delivered by a neurodivergent-trained instructor)
- Rackleaze Nature Sessions (1 Bug Count and 1 Bat Walk)
- Community Nature Day (Saturday 18th April)

Otter sculpture trail

Businesses around Cam will be invited to complete an application form to host an otter through the 6 weeks of summer. There will be 2 levels of involvement – standard host only or optional sponsorship which will include additional promotion. Sponsorship is available for businesses willing and able to provide additional support to the project. This will not impact chances of being selected as the route will be decided on locations to make a viable route. Council RESOLVED the purchase of 15 fiberglass otters for the creation of the Cam Otter Trail at a cost of £3,600.00.

b) **To RECEIVE recommendation to approve new logo and AGREE actions**

Council RESOLVED to approve logo option B as the official logo of Cam Parish Council



c) **c) To RECEIVE new calendar of meetings and AGREE actions**

Council RESOLVED to accept the calendar of meetings as presented.

Planning & Highways

d) To RECEIVE update on acquisition of the car parks on Box Road and AGREE actions

Stroud District Council have confirmed they refused to issue the provision certificate due to the lack of detail and snagging issues. Gloucestershire County Council owns and operates the existing station car park and has long-term aspirations to expand parking capacity and improve the customer experience at the site. Given that the current facility is a strategic transport asset serving both local residents and the wider district, it is important that the operation of all associated car parks remains consistent, coordinated, and easy for users to navigate. In practical terms, this means having aligned terms and conditions, a unified management approach, and a single accountable operator across all parking areas.

Council RESOLVED to support this approach and allow GCC to managing the 2 car parks on Box Road on our behalf once they have been transferred. Concern was raised regards any future desire to impose parking charges which would not be supported by the Parish Council.

e) To APPROVE £2k contribution towards Gloucestershire Community Rail Partnership's (GCRP) Connecting New Communities programme from EMRS for the train station

As part of the emerging Cam Transport Hub project (E1), an application is being prepared to the GWR CCIF to fund a programme of community engagement and travel research. The findings will provide essential evidence to inform the larger transport hub feasibility study and future investment decisions. Cam & Dursley Station is a key local gateway to the rail network, providing sustainable travel options between Gloucester and Bristol. It is the only direct rail connection to Bristol within Stroud District. As Cam continues to grow, the station will play an increasingly important role in supporting sustainable travel and reducing car dependency. The project aims to encourage greater local use of the station, promote sustainable access modes, and inform future enhancements to facilities and access arrangements. It will build on successful interventions delivered through the Gloucestershire Community Rail Partnership's (GCRP) Connecting New Communities programme and will be delivered in partnership with local councils, community groups, and local businesses and developments. Total project cost: £14,000. Contribution from Gloucestershire County Council is Officer time and project management

Council RESOLVED to contribute £2,000 from EMRs for the station.

FC.25.134 To RECEIVE request to fund feasibility study of wider concept of E1 through Neighbourhood CIL and AGREE actions

Phase 1 is structured in two complementary workstreams running concurrently:

- Workstream A – Customer Behaviour and Travel Research, potentially supported by a funding application to Great Western Railway (GWR);
- Workstream B – Strategic Feasibility and Land Use Assessment, funded primarily through Neighbourhood CIL, and a contribution of £10,000.00 from Gloucestershire County Council.

Together, these workstreams will provide the evidence base required to determine the viability, scope, and long-term implications of the E1 Transport Hub concept.

Council RESOLVED to APPROVE the allocation of £55,000.00 from EMRs Neighbourhood CIL reserves to fund the strategic feasibility work forming part of the Phase 1 Feasibility Study for the Cam Transport Hub (E1) concept; and NOTED that subsequent phases of the wider E1 programme will seek strategic funding support from Stroud District Council and other external partners.

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FC.25.135 To RECEIVE recommendation from R&L to explore options for a SEND Family hub and sensory facility and AGREE actions

The proposal seeks to extend the existing Jubilee Pavilion so that it may operate during weekdays as a dedicated SEN Complex Family Hub. The hub, proposed by Parent and Carer Alliance CIC, would provide, therapeutic and wellbeing services, early intervention and preventative family support, advocacy and SEND guidance, peer support and parent/carer programmes, community learning spaces.

Council RESOLVED to APPROVE further exploration of the SEN Complex Family Hub at Jubilee Playing Field in partnership with Parent and Carer Alliance CIC. Officer support will be delegated to facilitate meetings, undertake costing exercises, and carry out initial funding research.

Council RESOLVED to AGREE in principle to the granting of a 100-year lease, subject to appropriate legal advice and detailed terms being drawn up, for Jubilee Playing fields (or an alternative suitable Council-owned site identified and agreed in partnership).

Cllr Dormer queried whether the clauses were illustrative to ensure the premises was not sublet. Clerk confirmed all details will be drawn up with a solicitor and brought back to council for final sign off.

FC.25.136 To RECEIVE recommendation from FPGP to award the handyperson contract and AGREE actions

Council RESOLVED to APPROVED (with 1 abstention) to award the five-year Parish General Services Contract to D R Howse Services Ltd, commencing 1 April 2026.

The approved contract sum will be:

- £12,000 per annum (payable in monthly instalments)
- £22.50 hourly rate for works outside the regular schedule

This provision has been incorporated into the Council's forward budget planning.

FC.25.137 To AGREE recommendations for grant funding requests

Council RESOLVED to APPROVE the following grants for payment in April 2026 –

GRANT FUNDING 2026/27 - FIRST ROUND							
	Date of Application	Name of Applicant	Aims & Objectives	Total cost of scheme	Amount applied for:	Amount awarded at FPGP	Approved at FC
1	05/02/2026	GL11	Coach day trips to both its summer holiday adventure play sessions for disadvantaged local <u>5-11 year olds</u> , and to its Ageing Well activities supporting <u>low income seniors</u> residents at risk of isolation.	£2,119	£2,119	£2,119	
2	10/02/2026	Parents & Carers	Contribution towards SEN facility at Jubilee playing fields to cover the cost of planning	£250,000+	£1,417	£1,417	
3	10/02/2026	Parents & Carers	Sensory toys, venue hire, IT costs, refreshments	£2,500	£2,500	£0	
4	03/02/2026	Dursley Rugby Club	Upgrades to community room to allow community use – acoustic panelling, new chairs, new tables	£9,000	£4,000	£0	
5	20/02/2026	Quarry Chapel	We want to lift aspiration of our current Quarry community, invite new people to take part in 'Why not Try' workshops and to learn about where we live through fossils.	£3,054	£2,654	£0	
6	20/02/2026	Breakheart Quarry	The project will update and improve areas of Breakheart community project along with main hall facilities used to deliver services and support learning education and fun.	£4,600	£3,950	£3,500	
7	20/02/2026	Cam Sports Club	Support with planning application	£40,000+	£820	£820	
8	20/02/2026	Cam Woodfields Community Centre	EICR inspection, fire door inspection, fire risk ass, Legionella ass.	£2,112	£2,112	£2,112	
Total requested					£19,302.00		
Total available					£10,000		
Total awarded						£9,968.00	
Total carried forward						-	

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FC.25.138 To RECEIVE monthly financial reconciliation reports, and CONFIRM member for internal controls arrangements for accounts

Cllr Temlett carried out the internal controls with no issues to note. Cllr Walker volunteered to carry out the next internal check.

FC.25.139 To AGREE payments for Monthly accounts and payments issued under delegated permissions

Council APPROVED the payments for January and February as presented.

FC.25.140 To RECEIVE training requests and AGREE actions

Cllr Wiggins and Walker will look for training on planning

FC.25.141 To NOTE any items for INFORMATION or REFERRAL only

With no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8:30pm