

Meeting:	Full Council
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August was a quiet month for meetings, but we've been busy as ever with –

Community Engagement

Cam Otter Trail

The Otter trail has been a huge success with both residents and the local businesses. We printed 500 maps and pretty much all of them have been taken. It's brought everyone involved a lot of joy.

We've drafted an evaluation form for the businesses and will be thinking of ways to improve for next summer.

Thanks to all involved.

Community Cinema night

This was a great evening. Numbers of residents who attended was less than the number which requested tickets so thought needs to be given on how to overcome this issue. That shouldn't however put a dampener on what was a very successful event.

Thanks to Cllrs and staff for supporting the event.

Please join the events working party if you want more of an input.

Bat walk

The Bat walk at Rackleaze is one of our most popular events and always sells out quickly with a waiting list.

Many thanks to those who volunteer.

Yoga in the park

This proved to also be popular – the warm weather hasn't put people off with good numbers attending.

Strategic Development

SDC Local Plan

SDC ran three consultation workshops around the initial concepts of a new local plan. Staff, Cllr Walker & Cllr Chandler attended a the workshop for parish councils in the South of the district.

Inspired by the format of the South workshop, Cam Parish Council hosted a similar event for local residents on 29th July 2026. The purpose was to support residents in considering and responding to the consultation, while also encouraging a wider discussion about the future of Cam and the community's priorities. The workshop was extremely well attended, with more than 30 residents taking part alongside local Councillors.

The feedback has been submitted to SDC for consideration. SDC received around 900 responses across the district.

The call for sites data is currently being reviewed.

Speculative development

CPC continues to engage with developers on School Close and Woodend Lane.

Conversations continue with Bathurst and the Medical Centre Developers but no further progress has been made to date.

DCC passed the speculative development of 235 homes at the Robert Hitchins site with all matters reserved.

Strategic Meetings

CPC continues to meet with SDC and GCC. Recent discussions have been around the bridge access to the Vistry site.

Strategic CIL Bids

Cam should be significantly represented at the next Strategy & Resources Committee as there are multiple strategic bids and EIOs related to Cam. More information will be available through SDC but projects include –

Cam sports ground pavilion redevelopment

Cam Station improvements

Cam Clean Air Project

Pedersen Way improvements

