

CAM PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT END 2008/9

INCOME	2007/8	2007/8	EXPENDITURE	2007/8	2008/9
Precept	126050.00	138670.00	Administration	12940.04	10433.28
Interest received	8318.06	24190.91	Staff Costs	37924.57	44835.77
Recreation & Leisure (inc. allotment and grass keep rents etc)	6502.65	1316.00	S.137 Payments	2332.67	12943.00
			Advertising & Publicity	1384.00	888.00
Miscellaneous including grants	2023.03	6997.16	Tenancies (Council as tenant)	7000.00	7000.00
			Recreation & Leisure	14627.99	73081.42
			Community Development	4617.55	2225.00
	148587.37	171174.07	Community Initiatives/ Footpaths	18014.86	16578.27
			Miscellaneous + election	4449.54	4125.18
			Development of new Resource Centre	8230.00	0.00
				108949.61	172109.32
	2007/8	2008/9			
Earmarked Reserves	344411.97	335204.54			
Operating Reserve	90357.41	98628.99			

CAM PARISH COUNCILLORS AS AT MAY 2008

Name	Ward	Contact No.	Full Council Meetings Attended (total poss. 11)
Dennis Andrewartha	L	547251	11
Keith Pearce	L	544629	6
John Fowles	L	548529	9
Jeff Tyndall	L	519609	9
David Pritchard	W	543994	4*
Nigel Ledoux	W	548443	7*
Julie Sherman	W	549648	9
Maureen Poole	W	544248	0*
Julia Daniel	C	545214	9
Barbara Powell	C		11
John Hudson	C	546098	11
Ray Sherman	C	549648	3
Margaret Nolder	U	543452	7
Miranda Clifton	U	545512	10
Brian Whatling	U	547437	11
Jane Pearce	U	544629	0

L = Lower, C = Central, U = Upper, W = Woodfield

*Co-opted during the year – Meetings attended out of a total possible of 4, 8 and 11 respectively

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Chairman's Report

My final year as Chairman of Cam Parish Council has been one of contrast, many positives but regrettably some negatives also.

I am disappointed at not being able to report progress on the Chapel Street development, the one project I was so confident of progressing while I was Chairman. As a Council we had got closer this year to starting building on the site than we have ever been in the last 14 years. This time the major factor delaying progress, is the current financial climate affecting so much in this Country and throughout the world, this making the site no longer financially viable for the chosen contractor. The District Council are at the moment looking into the site's current financial viability, with a view to remarketing.

I had great pleasure officially unveiling the climbing stones on the Jubilee Field earlier in the year after securing funding from Stroud District Council's play strategy through the National lottery, in the previous year. Another tangible project completed was the installation of new play equipment in Cam Green. Woodfield play area is next, the funding already in place and a survey of residents views underway.

The appointment of our Deputy Clerk Jenny, is yet another positive, she has settled in well and is now the first point of contact when entering the Council shop.

There was sadness too at the untimely death of Councillor Mike Davis in November; he had been Chairman of the Planning and Highways and keen member of Recreation and Leisure Committees. He is greatly missed.

It was good to welcome a number of new councillors aboard, with the knowledge that every vacancy we have had on the council has been filled. With more than one candidate applying for each of the vacant posts, which means there are still plenty of residents of the Parish

interested in what the Council does and eager to get their opportunity to serve, the community in which they live.

After all the hard work by members of this Council and Dursley Town Council to get the night bus service re-instated its failure due to lack of users was frustrating to say the least.

Thanks must go to the Clerk, Sue and her team Jenny and

Ann for their hard work and dedication behind the scenes, without which many Council functions would cease and us Councillors would be completely out of our depth.

Future projects to mention are the ongoing process of applying for land at Woodview Road to become a village green, saving it from any future development. The Hopton Green War Memorial will be getting a face lift, with new hand rails to help those less able to climb the steps.

To finish I would like to say how proud I am to have been able to serve as Chairman of this Council for the past three years; it has been a real honour. I will continue to be a member of Cam Parish Council working with our

new Chair, Councillor Clifton and my other fellow Councillors to continue the work which we have started to make sure that Cam continues to be a place that people want to live in.



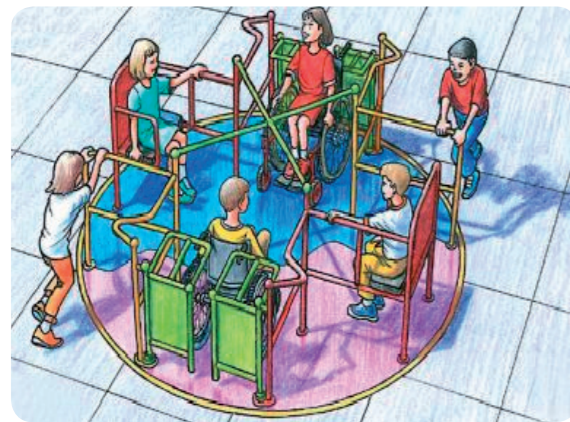
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Providing for play

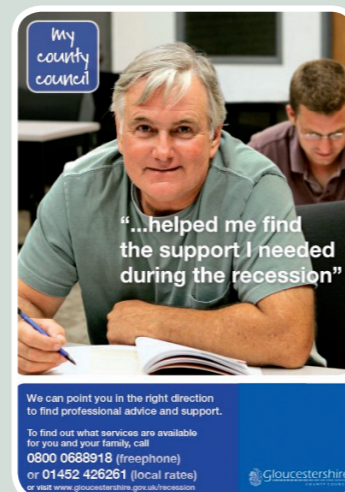
During 2008/9, the Parish Council has continued to extend local provision for play with the installation of a 'climbstone circle' at the Jubilee Field and refurbishment of the play area at Cam Green. The climbstones were part funded by the National Lottery as part of a bid from the District Council, with the Parish Council meeting the rest of the cost, and were among the first of their kind to be installed in the Country. New, more exciting, equipment has been installed at Cam Green, to replace the rather tired wooden 'fort' that had

been there for a number of years, and has been given a good response from younger children and their parents. 2009/10 will see further progress with the refurbishment of the Woodfield Play Area following a successful £40,000 funding bid to the County Council's Playbuilder Project. Consultation is currently being undertaken with residents in Woodfield, in particular the children themselves, before a decision is made on the equipment to be provided – some ideas can be seen here.



Providing Jobs

The Parish Council has recently been asked to comment on the planning application for a new employment site at Draycott. Whilst this site has been allocated in the Local Plan for employment for several years, it is exciting to see it progressing. Although in these difficult economic times, there can be no certainty as regards how quickly the development will progress, it should eventually generate around 900 jobs, which will be extremely good news for this community which has lost so many jobs in recent years. The Parish Council thus strongly supports this application, but, at the same time, will continue to comment on such aspects as environmental protection, consideration for the amenities of nearby homes, protection of public footpaths and the line of the proposed new cycle way and so on. In the meantime, the County Council has put in place a programme to help victims of the recession, details of which can be seen here:



Providing fun and enjoyment

Given the depressing nature of the current economic recession, it is important to try to raise people's spirits wherever possible. With this in mind, the Parish Council is providing support to a local young man who is working towards staging a

music festival in Cam in 2010. Plans are in the early stages, but we hope that Summer 2010 will see our own two-day event – watch out for more news as the plans develop.

Providing Health Care

Whilst Berkeley Hospital has served the local area well over many years in terms of accessible health care, it has to be acknowledged that the buildings are nearing the end of their useful life, and not well suited to providing the sort of integrated services that are needed in the 21st Century. The Primary Care Trust is therefore exploring its options to replace this facility with a new purpose-built centre – and this is very likely to be in Cam! A presentation made at this year's Annual Parish Assembly advised that the three potential sites are at Norman Hill, Draycott and Littlecombe. As, due to the recession, the necessary highway and other infrastructure at Littlecombe is unlikely to be in place for some years, it is likely that the chosen site will be a Cam one. The PCT has funding for the new facility, which be operated by GPs and nurses and will offer:

- 20 inpatient beds in single rooms
- An extended range of community therapy services (e.g. physiotherapy, occupational therapy etc)
- An extended range of outpatient services and diagnostic services such as X rays, which will mean fewer people having to travel to hospitals in Gloucester, Stroud and Cheltenham
- A minor injuries department open initially from 8am – 8pm

The time scale is fairly tight, with a planning application expected in August/September of this year and the new unit to open February 2012.

