

Cameley Parish Plan 2012

Foreword

On behalf of the Parish Plan Steering Group I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped in its production. In particular, the other members of the committee: Kate Atkinson (resigned), Tony Dando, Tom Hemmings and Pete Hutchinson.

In addition I would like to thank the following who spent many hours toiling over completed questionnaires to ensure we are in a position today, with our completed Plan. It is also worth noting that some are Clutton residents who happily gave up hours of their own well earned retirement to help their neighbours out. So and in no particular order: Chris and Ann Border, Malcolm and Eve Bowring, Pete Murphy, Lynda Hooper. Thank you.

But last and certainly not least, the 216 households who have taken the time and trouble to complete the questionnaires. When we started the process some people warned the return would be low but by hand delivering and collecting the completed forms we have ended up with a sparkling result. An astonishing 43.7% of households have returned and we thank you

On the following pages you can see the results and how that may affect our village. What we can not say at this time is how the Bath and North East Somerset Core Strategy will affect us.

As I write the Parish Council are coming to grips with the new Neighbourhood Planning Protocols which are to be found in the Localism Bill.

As a village we will also need to find a balance between the needs of people who would like to live within our community and those already living here. It is clear from the Plan results that there is a divide between those wishing more development and those opposing it. There is a clear call for more local services and a desire for many young people to be listened to. It was staggering to learn that in answer to the question "Do you belong to any clubs outside the village?" 37 different activities were recorded.

But we are also reminded that the Parish of Cameley has been outgrown by the village of Temple Cloud and that is reflected by a clear majority who wish the Parish name to change to reflect this.

I also hope this plan and the data produced will help give strength to those wishing to start new ventures in the Parish. There is such an over whelming demand for a community café and a substantial number of people amongst us who have expressed the wish to volunteer it would be very sad not to try to bring them together.

Finally, I hope everyone finds something in this report to make them proud to live in our community in what is still a rural Somerset village, despite the best efforts of those responsible for boundary changes.

Tony Hooper
Chairman
Cameley Parish Plan Steering Group
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About you

(Or more properly, about us)

Of our 216 replying households, 140 or 65% have lived in the village over 10 years. This figure does not include the recent homes built on the site of the former Goldney House but still gives a feeling of stability. Yet 30% of homes have children of school age in.

When we look at where people work, 31 responders work from home and a further 16 work within Cameley Parish. This makes local working second only to working in Bristol and pushes working in Bath down to a distant 3rd place.

How people get to work is also interesting; after “by car” the most popular, the local option of walk and cycle is a clear second.

Our challenge in the next 15 years will be to retain the village “feel” that people clearly want whilst managing sensitively and expansion of the village that demands from inside and outside our boundaries are met.

It is clear the growth of home working can be aided by 4th Generation mobile and fibre optic technology. This is essential if we are not to only become a commuter village for Bristol and Bath. More importantly the strengths of being a village must not be lost to over development. Neighbourhood Planning protocols and Neighbourhood Plans will become more relevant over the next 15 years and will face the village with significant challenges. But done correctly can also assert the kind of village we wish to live in.

About You		
How many adults live in your house?		
1.	37	
2.	122	
3.	26	
More than 3	6	
How many are in full time education?		
1.	26	
2.	26	
3.	10	
More than 3	5	
How long have you lived in the village?		
Under 1 year	8	
1-5 years	24	
5-10 years	44	
10-25 years	71	
Over 25 years	69	
If you work, do you work:		
From home?	31	
In Parish of Cameley?	16	
Bristol?	54	
Bath?	23	
Wells?	4	
Elsewhere?	47	
How do you get to work?		
Walk?	15	
Bus?	11	
Cycle?	4	
Car?	108	
Other?	5	
How many cars do you have in your household?		
None?	10	
1	91	
2	75	
3 or more	32	

Do You Use: Local shops?		
Garage/Spar	153	
Post Office	31	
Chinese takeaway	37	
Butchers	7	
Dandos	1	
Murco	2	
Hairdresser	9	
PAC	3	
Paul Gunstone	1	
Farrington Farm Shop	4	
Stowey Farm Shop	1	
Car Wash	1	
Local Services?		
Spar/Garage	16	
Paris Retro	7	
Doctors	13	
Venture Tyres	32	
PAC	2	
Scrapyard	1	
Computer Services	1	
Hairdresser	4	
Paul Gunstone	1	
Paul Harris	2	
Mobile Library	1	
Local Tradesman?		
Building Services	3	
Electrician	6	
John Jeffries – window cleaner	4	
Post Office	1	
Butcher	2	
Chimney Sweep	1	
Roofing	1	
Digger	1	
Plumber	2	
Milkman	9	
Holbrook Plumbing	1	
Biggs	1	
Brian Bailey	1	
Chris Stevens	1	
John McRae	1	
R Myers	1	
Cameley Laundry	1	
T Dando	1	

Do you use (Continued)		
Village Hall:		
Regularly?	29	
Once or Twice a Year?	70	
Never	85	
Church:		
Regularly?	20	
Once or Twice a Year?	69	
Never?	94	
Cameley Surgery:		
Yes	145	
No	51	
Temple Inn:		
Regularly?	26	
Once or Twice a Year	72	
Never?	128	
Cameley Lodge:		
Regularly?	8	
Once or Twice a Year?	86	
Never?	99	

Recreation

We are lucky in the village that we have both a football club and a cricket club both who cater for all ages from under 11s to, well, more senior players. In both cases local people support both clubs both as players and spectators.

But perhaps what is not so well known, but has more active participants, is jogging. Of those surveyed 43 individuals or 21% said they jogged in the village. Is there a need like in Clutton, for an organised group for safety and encouragement?

However, even that pales into insignificance with those who declare they walk in the village for exercise; an astonishing 151 people or 72% of responders.

And young and old actively use both the playground and/or playing field, with 42% positively responding.

Finally, 22% of responders still had enough energy left to want an allotment should they be available. There is an obligation on the Parish Council to provide such facilities but to date have been unable to identify a suitable plot of land. This is something that will re occur later in the report.

What is clear is that villagers, particularly young villagers would like to see more facilities available locally. This is reflected in 12 separate activities being mentioned although not one of them has high support.

It is worth recognising that villagers belong to 10 identifiable clubs in the village and yet belong to a further 37 outside the village. Many are based in Clutton but many more are based further a field. There is little doubt we are busy people and are prepared to go to some distances to fulfil those needs. Could some of these activities be provided within the village? Do we have enough volunteers to start and run such activities? Well, 20 activities were identified by villagers including at least one that is already present in the village! This is a theme we will call upon again in this report.

Recreation		
Do you play for any Cameley football teams? Yes?	11	
No?	201	
Do you support any of the Cameley Football teams? Yes?	22	
No?	184	
Do you play for Temple Cloud Cricket Club? Yes?	4	
No?	206	
Do you support Temple Cloud Cricket Club? Yes?	10	
No?	193	
Do you go jogging in the village? Yes?	43	
No?	160	
Do you walk for exercise in the Village? Yes?	151	
No?	58	
Do you or your family use the playground or playing field? Yes	85	
No?	114	
Would you like an allotment if they were provided in the village? Yes?	43	
No?	153	
Would you like to see more facilities for exercise in the village?		
Skate Park	5	
Play equipment	5	
Youth Club	1	
Tennis Club	3	
Swimming Pool	2	
Gym	4	
Olf	1	
Yoga	3	
Football	1	
Cycle Path	1	
More!	2	
All weather pitch	1	
Do you belong to any clubs in the village?		
Monday Club	7	
Women's Institute	6	

St Johns Ambulance	4	
Skittles	4	
Badgers	3	
Cycle Path	1	
Running	1	
Football	5	
Scouts	1	
Church Conservation	1	
Dog Training	1	
Cricket	1	
Do you belong to any clubs outside the village?		
Guides	2	
Brownies	2	
Slimming	1	
Gym	6	
Stomp Dancing	3	
Karate	1	
Tennis	21	
Swimming	1	
Music	1	
Knitting	1	
Badminton	2	
Women's Institute	3	
Yoga	1	
Bowls	1	
Golf	6	
Football	2	
Cricket	2	
Clutton Social Club	51	
Bees	1	
Riding	1	
Sailing	1	
Archery	1	
Pigeon Club	1	
Dog Training	1	
Age Concern	1	
Bingo	1	
Clutton Crib	1	
Clutton History	3	
Clutton Youth Club	1	
Dog agility	1	
Playgroup	1	
Bridge Club	1	
British Legion	2	
Skittles	1	
Hockey	1	
Choir	1	
Cinema	1	
Are there any clubs or groups not run that you would like to join if available?		

Arts and crafts	2	
Women's Institute.	1	
Badminton	2	
Yoga	6	
Youth Club	4	
Painting	1	
Film	1	
Computer	1	
Sewing	1	
Tennis	2	
Climbing	1	
Baseball	1	
Keep Fit	2	
Choir	1	
Play/Reading/Drama	7	
Gardening Club	1	
Flower Arranging	1	
Ballroom Dancing	1	
Martial Arts	1	
Astrology.	1	

Transport/Highways

We have already established that many of our residents exercise by running and walking around our community. That is despite very high car ownership, 95% of households having at least one car. In fact 15% of homes have more than 3 vehicles at their disposal.

It is comforting that an overwhelming majority consider it safe to walk around both Temple Cloud and Cameley. Despite the car ownership 61% of people use the buses, mostly to Bristol although this is no surprise considering the limited availability. When we asked people where they would like to go they came up with 12 destinations which at the time were out of bounds.

It should be noted that some towns, like Paulton and Radstock are now covered by the introduction of the 379 route. Still, 44% of people would like to have a route to Bath, which after all is still the centre for much administratively; it is also the centre of shopping, culture and entertainment within our District.

Despite some resistance, most people consider the speed limits on both the A37 and other roads “about right”.

On cleanliness, 68% of those replying felt their roads were clean and 56% felt their pavements were as well.

Challenges over the next 15 years will be the balance between motor traffic and pedestrians/cyclists. More development will inevitably lead to more traffic and with no likelihood of a by pass in this period creative thinking will be needed so that man and machine can co exist

Transport/Highways		
Temple Cloud is safe to walk around. Agree?	131	
Disagree?	68	
Cameley is safe to walk around. Agree?	126	
Disagree?	43	
Do you use local buses?		
Yes?	128	
No?	81	
Where do you go on them?		
Bristol?	114	
Wells?	71	
Midsomer Norton?	4	
Other? (Street)	1	
Where would you like to go on the bus you can't currently?		
Bath	92	
Keynsham	7	
Chew Valley	5	
Radstock	1	
Shepton Mallet	3	
Midsomer Norton	7	
Paulton	3	
Frome	1	
Hallatrow	1	
Clevedon/Nailsea	1	
Yeovil	1	
Weston Super Mare	3	
Speed Limits on A37		
Too High?	54	
Too low?	14	
About right?	130	
Speed limits on other roads		
Too High?	51	
Too Low?	13	
About right?	110	
Are your roads kept clean?		
Yes?	128	
No?	60	
Are your pavements kept clean?		
Yes?	101	
No?	78	

Development

For some residents it is apparent that this is the topic that will define, if not be the main point of interest of this report. A public meeting held in the Village Hall last year showed passions running high on both sides of the argument.

At the time of planning the questionnaire upon which this report is based Bath and North East Somerset were planning a Core Strategy to run alongside Parish Plans. This redefined villages into a number of states, eg RA1, RA2, etc. It is clear from the questionnaire results that a high number of respondents claimed to understand the Core Strategy and what it meant to the village. And they didn't like it by almost 2-1 (31% supported RA1 status and 57% against with the balance as "don't know")

However, when we asked the question "In next 15 years do you support building more houses?" the "Yes" vote was 51.5% and the "No" vote was 48.5%. The contradiction is clear which doesn't really help planning the future!

Since we started this process, the Government have enacted the Localism Bill which puts in doubt many of the certainties that did exist. As we put the finishing touches to this report it is still not clear how the district plan and this Bill will affect us. But affect us it will as the Government aimed to give a presumption to planning consent that did not previously exist. At the Parish level we are still coming to terms with Neighbourhood Planning Protocols.

It is clear that whatever direction is taken we must ensure that any development is sensitive, proportionate and sustainable. It is the duty of the Parish Council to get full value from any development for the betterment of the community. As can already be seen there is potential for a schism in our community if things are rushed through and the village does not get full value for money from any developer.

As I write this one developer has already come forward with a desire to build on land between Meadway and Temple Inn Lane. Land at Temple Bridge is currently for sale by auction as "Investment Land"; this is another long standing developers dream. There are other plots of land and green fields that will come under pressure to be developed in the next 15 years, but with no realistic hope of any infrastructure improvements, particularly to the roads. It will be interesting how the utilities plan to invest in the village to enable these potential new developments.

However, there are also opportunities to have improvements; 87% of people who expressed a view would like to see more shops. This may give an opportunity to create a genuine village heart. People were also in favour of offices and light commercial, however, the "Where" question was more difficult to answer and Brownfield sites, topped the list although difficult to see where people had in mind.

When asked what we should do with contributions from developers we had 30 different answers, although the top one of Playground had 10 votes but seemed to ignore the fact we already had one. Perhaps some work to do there!

Development		
Do you understand BANES Core strategy? Yes	85	
No	109	
Don't know	9	
Do you support Temple Cloud being an RA1 village? Yes	53	
No	95	
Don't know	19	
Do you understand what RA1 means to T.C.? Yes	108	
No	75	
Don't Know	6	
In next 15 years do you support building more houses? Yes	100	
No	94	
If Yes, how many?		
Under 30	47	
30 – 50	43	
50-100	15	
Over 100	3	
Where? Along the Main Road?	44	
Next to existing houses on green fields?	51	
New green field sites	5	
If No, why?		
a. Sevices/Facilities	14	
b. Traffic	10	
c. Big enough	15	
d. School	4	
e. Green	7	
f. By pass required	1	
What sort of houses (status)		
Rent	38	
Buy	57	
Shared equity	24	
Self Build	27	
Size? 2 bed	50	
3 bed	58	
4 bed	19	
Larger	4	
Terrace	27	
Semi detached	42	
Detached	31	
Bungalow	37	
2 storey	49	
3 storey	5	
Next 15 years, more:		
Shops Yes	102	
N0	15	

Offices	23	
No	20	
Light Commercial	40	
No	15	
Industrial	18	
No	15	
Where?		
Brownfield site	6	
Temple Bridge	1	
Glass factory	1	
Main Road	4	
Temple Inn area	2	
A37	1	
Quarry	1	
New estate	1	
Village Hall	1	
Industrial estate	1	
Stowey Road	1	
Outskirts	2	
If Yes to above, would you be likely to occupy?		
Yes	5	
No	74	
Developer rewards		
Village Hall	8	
Allotments	5	
Playground	10	
Swimming Pool	3	
By Pass	4	
Tennis Court	2	
Skate Park	2	
Changing rooms	7	
Bar	1	
Youth employment	1	
OAP's	1	
Farming	1	
Children	1	
Youth Club	3	
Sports facilities	1	
Pre School group	1	
Cafe	5	
Post Office	1	
Doctors surgery	4	
Bakery	1	
Electric car points	1	
Cycle path	1	
Workshops	1	
Bridleway	1	
Park	1	
Sports pavilion	1	
Village Square	1	
Monument	1	
Nature Reserve	1	

Village club	4	
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Education and Community

There is only one statistic that's important with regard to education and the village and that is 91% of those who responded indicated it was important that the school remains in the village.

On the wider aspects of our community, 25% of residents use the mobile library which perhaps indicates the reliance on public transport to get to such facilities out of the village or perhaps those regular users really do value the service that has only recently been saved from the axe. I hope those in power take note.

On the question of community facilities, a remarkable 60% indicated a wish for a community coffee shop and information point. This is perhaps not such a surprise considering the excellent attendance at Monday Club and the monthly coffee morning run by the Church. Such a community initiative could add a new dimension and focal point to village life. We just need a group of volunteers to come together and help run it!

A question specifically for the under 18s and what they wanted had a very modest result. Of those that replied the largest single request was for a youth club. Other results within the survey have equally produced modest requests. It seems we need to find sufficient enthusiasm from parents and BANES together to try to achieve this for our young people.

There was a good return to the question "Should we enter Britain in Bloom" with 53% of people indicating we should. Many of our neighbours enter the competition and with so many green fingered residents we have a fine chance to lift the look and feel of our village and community.

Similarly, there is over whelming support for a War Memorial in the village with 63.6 expressing support. At the time of writing we have been offered much local support but need a few willing hands to bring the project to fruition.

Which brings me to the thorny question of our name. The ancient parish name goes back to the early settlement of Cameley. From at least Victorian times the movement of people along with growth of the settlement has been what we now know of as Temple Cloud. So next to each other we have Cameley School and Temple Cloud village hall. Many people outside of the village do not seem aware of where Cameley is. So the question was: Should we rename ourselves as Temple Cloud and Cameley to reflect the current day? 55.4% thought we should!

And finally, we appeared to have tapped into a desire to volunteer. Hence this report is being launched amongst many groups in the village, both operating and potential who all need volunteers to support and help run them. If you think you could help and do not know who to contact please ring 01761 452233 and we will put you in touch with people who need your help.

The hopes expressed in this report are those of the villagers who took the trouble to respond and for that we thank you and look forward to your active participation over the next 15 years until we have to go through the whole process again. But nothing is set in stone and if you want to change and mould your community get involved with any of the village groups and get involved as well with the Parish Council. All residents are welcome at all our meetings and the first section of the gathering is given over to you, the public.

Education		
Do you have children Yes	131	
No	72	
Attend Cameley School. Yes	83	
No	64	
Is it important school remains in Village? Yes	174	
No	17	
Do you use the mobile Library? Yes	49	
No	146	
Community		
Would you be interested in a community run coffee shop/info point?	120	
No	81	
If u18 what would you like to see in Village?		
Youth Club	10	
Meeting place	2	
Skate park	4	
BMX track	2	
Bigger play park	3	
Teenage shelter	1	
Starter homes	1	
Sports facilities	1	
School holiday clubs	1	
Swimming Pool	1	
Would you help run it?		
Yes	49	
No	79	
Would you be interested in more open spaces for all?		
Yes	111	
No	79	
Should we enter Britain in Bloom?		
Yes	97	
No	85	
Would you help to organise it?		
Yes	30	
No	127	
Should we have a War memorial in the Village?		
Yes	112	
No	64	
Should we change name to Temple Cloud and Cameley?		
Yes	102	
No	82	
Do you feel part of the		

village?		
Yes	130	
No	62	