

MINUTES AND ACTIONS OF CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING held on 5 August 2010 - 7.15pm, Church House, Caversham.

Attendees: Peter Trout (Chair), Jennifer Millest, Dave Kenny, Jean Newbery, Richard Denney, Margaret Skinner, Judith Barratt, Liz Jackson, Maria Rodic. Councillor Tom Stanway (Lead Member for Culture & Sport, Reading Borough Council).

Apologies: Tina Barnes, Phil Bagge, RBC Councillors: Andrew Cumpsty, Isobel Ballsdon

Annual General Meeting

The AGM minutes will be issued separately. The minutes below are for the August meeting which followed the AGM.

1. Minutes of 1 July meeting agreed for publication, as amended.
2. **RBC Parks Department:** Issues requiring action:
 - Clayfield Copse – concern about the roots of oak trees by the tennis court/car park being affected by bank of soil **RBC to check the authorised boundary and the proximity of trees to ascertain likely affect on long term health of the oaks.**
 - Balmore Walk and Caversham Cemetery various issues about tree debris & recent maintenance. **Dave & Richard to audit and report to RBC.**
 - At entrance on Rotherfield Way midway between Hemdean Rd and Surley Row into back field of Balmore Walk some large trees have been recently felled and left strewn across the undergrowth. **RBC to check why/if felling of mature trees was authorised and why this work appears uncompleted.**
 - Serious concerns about approximately 20 dead or dying young trees that had been recently planted by RBC but appeared not to have been watered during the recent very long period of dry weather. **Tom Stanway to raise with Parks**
 - Press item referred to by Jennifer Millest where it was reported that RBC had received funding from the Waterways Trust to restore and preserve View Island. **Tom Stanway will follow up and provide information**
3. **10/00696/FUL Railway land parallel to Napier Road** – Railway offices and maintenance depot. Jennifer had contact RBC Planning Officer about lack of consultation with Mill Green & Heron Island residents who may be affected. Globe and CADRA had written to express concern. A 3m wide hedge and tree screen is to be planted along frontage. The application was approved at July Planning Applications Committee.
4. **RBC Core Funding Grant & Globe Insurance** – Ongoing uncertainty of future RBC grants and costs of insurance. **(Keep in view)**
5. **Environmental Visual Audits** - Organised by RBC Street Care with Street Wardens, PCSOs and other community representatives. Next one is scheduled for Lower Henley Road 10 August. **Jean plans to attend.**
6. **Visits /Activities** - Possible daytime visit to the RE3 Recycling Centre - **Richard to arrange for September.**
7. **New Planning issues.**
 - **10/01274/FUL Unit 1 Paddock Road Ind Estate** – concern over lack of landscaping at frontage. **Tom Stanway will follow up**
 - **10/01380 FUL Land north of railway between Caversham Rd rail bridge and Wigmore Lane including Cow Lane Allotments.** Turbo depot, train washing facility, fuelling point, depot offices, car park & stores. Concern expressed over this major application which has potential visual and noise impact on the Thames Prom area and parts of Caversham (eg the Warren) **Jennifer to alert CADRA**
8. **Future meeting dates** - 2 September - Church House at 7.15 pm.

Next GLOBE meeting on Thursday 2 September at 7.15pm in Church House, 59 Church Street, Caversham. All welcome. Agenda will be circulated at the meeting.