



Go Local On a Better Environment

MINUTES AND ACTIONS OF CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING held 3 February 2011 at 7.15pm, Church House, Caversham.

Attendees Judith Barratt (Chair), Jennifer Millest, Dave Kenny, Richard Denney, Margaret Skinner, Jean Newbery, Tina Barnes, Malcolm Moye, Phil Bagge. **Apologies:** Peter Trout, Tina Gower, Margaret Wall, Councillor Isobel Ballsdon.

1. Minutes of 6 January meeting discussed & agreed for publication, with 2 minor amendments.
2. **RBC Parks and open spaces items & tree issues:**
 - a. Part of Warren Woodlands owned by RBC, where lease is due to expire and RBC may dispose of this land. Assurances requested that RBC ensure proper covenants for protection of this ancient woodland. Jennifer had spoken to Ben Stanesby and to Bruce Tyndall. Also, Dave had submitted letter for GLOBE, (to be appended to minutes) No satisfactory outcome yet concluded. **Councillor Stanway had undertaken to follow up awaiting response. Dave & Jennifer are pursuing.**
 - b. St Martins Precinct Trees - Dave reported that this issue had been raised at the recent Green City & Open Spaces Forum but was unclear what works were agreed. Also noted that the felled tree near Iceland has still to be replaced. **Cllr Stanway had undertaken to raise with Officer – awaiting response.**
 - c. Hill's Meadow. Jennifer has some iris and cowslip seeds for planting. **To be arranged**
 - d. Litter was reported on Promenade Rd, School Lane and footpath behind telephone exchange. **Cllr Stanway had undertaken to raise with Streetcare - awaiting response**
 - e. **Thames Promenade – Bank erosion on south side.** Malcolm Moye has raised with Councillor Stanway who will report matter to Parks Dept for action – **Councillor Stanway to respond**
 - f. Dave reported that 20 Plane trees are to be planted by RBC and volunteers along Richfield Avenue on Saturday 5 Feb.
3. **RBC Planning Matters:**
 - a. 10/02230/FUL. And 10/02229/FUL – DEVELOPMENT of property named 'Outlands' in Upper Warren Avenue, involving option of demolition. **RBC Planning Applications Committee to consider on 9 February. (Subsequent note – APPLICATIONS REFUSED)**
 - b. Amendments to maintenance depot granted Prior Approval under reference 10/00696/FUL. Amendments being the omission of one store building, increase in height of remaining store building from one storey to two storeys and the rearrangement of car parking and container storage. Noted that once again residents in Mill Green, in line of sight of this had not been part of consultation process. Nor had GLOBE despite having commented on the earlier application. **Councillor Stanway had undertaken to raise with RBC Officer responsible - awaiting response.**
4. **Finance Matters:**
 - a. Richard confirmed the purchase of 12 yellow HV safety vests - these are available for activists to retain for personal use on GLOBE business & publicity. Any spares will be provided to volunteers at GLOBE activities e.g. RESCUE, tree planting etc. A banner with GLOBE details has also been obtained for use during GLOBE activities. The portable Display Board to show GLOBE publicity & local environment information at future external events has also been purchased. Content for these GLOBE display boards is being developed with the Caversham 100yrs project in mind so as to avoid duplication. **Item Closed**
 - b. RBC has confirmed the award of our core funding grant of £375 for 2011-2012, the same amount as we received last year. It will be paid in April. Our service agreement with RBC has been extended until 31 March 2012.
5. **Caversham 100 years on.** Compilation of our display material for this project is progressing, with detailed content being developed by various contributors. Still much more work to do in order to bring a proposed draft to the 7 April Meeting. **Richard to co-ordinate.**
6. **GLOBE Annual report** – Dave tabled a draft for consideration, showing many of the activities that have taken place. Comments requested as this will be finalised at next meeting for submission to RBC and for subsequent public information.
7. **The Reading Cultural Partnership.** The Cultural Partnership. Richard and Peter had attended a launch on meeting at Reading Town Hall on 10 January 2011. Richard reported back that, whilst the meeting had been of passing interest, it had not come up to expectations: e.g. no opportunities for any specific action planning or co-ordination with people interested in common themes; also there was no Q & A.
8. **RESCUE.** (Rivers and Environmental Spaces Clean-up Event). Reading Borough is playing its part in nationwide major spring clean and litter clearance project. Caversham GLOBE activity dates are confirmed as Tuesday 8th March - 10am to 12 noon & 2pm to 4pm AND Thursday 10 March –10am to 12 noon; also Sunday 13 March – 2pm to 4pm approx. Muster points and detail to be publicised and confirmed subject to final decision at March meeting. **Richard and Dave to make final arrangements.**
9. **GLOBE Correspondence/activities this month.**

Dave had reported to RBC some graffiti in Kings Road/George Street area. Richard has submitted RESCUE article for Caversham Bridge March issue. Correspondence received re Neighbourhood Action Group (not GLOBE-relevant matters), also some miscellaneous emails.
10. **Any other business**
 - a. **Environment Audit dates** – dates still to be confirmed and details to be available so attendees can make commitment.
 - b. **Future meeting date** – 3 March 2011 Church House 59 Church Street Caversham at 7.15 pm.

Next GLOBE meeting on Thursday 3 March at 7.15pm in Church House, Caversham