



**MINUTES AND ACTIONS OF CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING  
10 May 2012 at 7.15pm, Church House, Caversham.**

**Attendees:** Judith Barratt (Chair), Tina Barnes, Phil Bagge, Jean Newbery Margaret Skinner, Peter Trout, Chris Burden, Dave Kenny, Richard Denney, Cllr Richard Davies

**Apologies for Absence:** Jennifer Millest, Jenny Hicks, Malcolm Moye, Vicky Abel, Cllr Tom Stanway

1) **Minutes of 5 April 2012 meeting** - approved for publication.

2) **Parks and Open Spaces and Tree issues.**

**a) 4 Planters by Caversham Telephone Exchange** – After months of delay by RBC, GLOBE has now met with RBC Highways on site and plans to plant the 4 Planters in coming week, subject to obtaining RBC approval of planting plan and permission from BT to “enter onto BT land” as demanded by RBC Highways. **Dave K to get plants. Richard to muster GLOBE labour force. (subsequent note – 6 GLOBE supporters planted these on Weds 16 May – thank you all)**

**b) Trees** – Regarding proposals to plant some replacement trees in Charles Evans Way (5 ornamentals). Due to recent rainfall we have now planted 5 trees on this RBC Housing land. **(subsequent note – less than 2 weeks afterwards it has been noted that 2 of the Whitebeams have been vandalised by snapping off at mid-trunk. Was it worth it?)**

**c) Balmore Walk - Resurfacing of footpaths.** Ben Stanesby (Parks manager) has advised us that he had not approved of the resurfacing of the paths. (see minutes of previous meetings) **Keep in view and pursue RBC on this matter**

**d) Beech Wood, off Grove Hill – RBC** Lease to Scouts has now been amended to reflect GLOBE's concerns and we have agreed to withdraw our objection to the lease of the area. We plan to work with the Scouts in future on aspects of upkeep of that natural environment, including restoration of the ancient hedgerow on Surley Row. Where it has been vandalised. **CLOSED**

**e) TPO trees at St Martin's Precinct - no change since April meeting. i.e.** It would not be acceptable for two lost TPO trees to be replaced by only one. **Tom Stanway still investigating.**

**f) Hills Meadow: no change since April meeting. i.e.** site meeting with Ben Stanesby and Marcus Hermon from RBC. A landscape plan has been drafted. Our opinions discussed. **Dave to report view of meeting back to RBC.**

**h) Caversham Court Gardens.** Re: concerns that due to budget cuts the gates would no longer be locked shut at night at Caversham Court. **(Subsequent note – We have been advised by Councillor Richard Davies that RBC had decided that the existing arrangements for locking of gates at night will now continue to be funded for this financial year)**

### 3) Planning matters -

- a) **Former Arthur Legge Centre, Wolsey Road** – Concerns about inappropriate fencing around site which is attracting graffiti – see also April minutes. Councillor Davies would investigate **Keep in view. (subsequent note - Concerns raised that the building may have asbestos and that high secure fencing may prevent arson, as is suspected in the recent case of the former Nursery building by Westfield Rec.)**
- b) **Former Nursery Building by Westfield Rec.** Chris raised issue of intruders using the abandoned building and grounds, causing disturbance & damage. **Councillor Richard Davies to raise with RBC. (Subsequent note – the building was fire damaged 3 days after this GLOBE meeting)**
- c) **Derelict site in Gosbrook Road (former commercial premises, near opposite Ardler Rd jnc)**  
No planning application successful yet. Site looks untidy – **noted.**
- 4) **Finance Matters** - Dave reported that we have now been paid our £375 Community Grant from RBC. Most of this will cover annual meeting room and insurance costs. Recent GLOBE running expenses approved include: £102 on 5 trees for Charles Evans Way; £9.82 stamps prior to price rises; £58 printing costs; £100 for shrubs & bedding plants in Church Street planters.
- 5) **Environmental Issues** – Tina had attended 2 EVAs and gave brief summary of some problems. e.g re potholes in Emmer Green shopping area car park - , these should be dealt with shortly. Dave & Tina cleaning graffiti in private alley next week. Also, email received from RBC asking whether GLOBE could clear fly-tipped items from private alley off Oxford Street, as RBC could not do it. **(subsequent note – 7 sacks and scrap metal/wood gathered on 16 May by 3 GLOBE supporters). Next EVA – 15/5 South View Ave. 10.30am**
- 6) **GLOBE Correspondence/activities. - Readipop at Christchurch Meadow for Caversham Festival.** A request for help again for litter picking. GLOBE not able to help this year. **Richard to inform Tom Langley of Readipop.**
- 7) **AOB - Change of meeting day. It has been agreed that we will change the meeting date to the fourth Tuesday of each month - starting on 28th August.** Remaining dates for 2012 are: **June 7; July 5; Aug 28, Sept 25; Oct 23; Nov 27; Dec 18 (a week early due to Christmas).**

<p><b>Date of next meeting(s): Thursday 7 June - AGM 7.15pm. June monthly meeting follows that. In Church House, 59 Church Street.</b></p>
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