



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

Attendees. Judith Barratt (Chair), Dave Kenny, Richard Denney, Tina Barnes, Jean Newbery, Phil Bagge, Margaret Skinner, Chris Burden, Keith Seal, Jim McMaster, Monica McMaster, Cllr Richard Davies, Cllr Tom Stanway

Apologies for Absence: Jennifer Millest, Peter Trout, Jenny Hicks, Malcolm Moye, Vicky Abel, Margaret Ormonde, Margaret Wall

1) **Minutes of 10 May 2012 meeting** - approved for publication after minor amendment.

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

a) **4 Planters by Caversham Telephone Exchange** – planted on 16 May - 1 was planted with Lavender, 2 with geraniums and the 4th with a shrub. Thanks to all GLOBE supporters and RBC Officers & Councillors who were involved. Further care and replanting will be done later in year.

Keep in view

b) **Trees** – noted that vandalism has occurred to some of the trees recently planted by GLOBE on RBC Housing land in Charles Evans Way. This should be reported to police.

c) **Balmore Walk - Resurfacing of footpaths.** Resurfacing of the existing path and extension across back field to Rotherfield Way is still planned and likely to go ahead in July. (see minutes of previous meetings). **Liaise with RBC and seek assurances on matters of concern**

d) **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 investigating.**

e) **Hills Meadow:** Dave has sent comments to RBC Parks about the landscape plan and proposal for removal of earth mounds and replanting near the Mill Stream backwater. **Keep in view.**

f) **Hedge at Balmore steps on NCR5** – Dave reported that some of the hedging is dying back as though it had been sprayed, including some of the hawthorn, hazel and elder. **Site visit arranged for Margaret/Dave/Richard on 8 June to do soil samples, take photos and report to RBC for comments/advice.**

3) **Planning matters.**

a) **Former Arthur Legge Centre, Wolsey Road** – Concerns about inappropriate fencing around site which is attracting graffiti. **Keep in view.**

b) **Former Nursery Building by Westfield Rec.** Derelict and fire damaged site, causing concern. **Keep in view**

c) **Derelict site in Gosbrook Road (former commercial premises, near opposite Ardler Rd jnc)** Site has recently been tidied. **Keep in view**

d) **George Street Petrol Station** – noted that trees had been felled and work was being undertaken on the site frontage. Objections had been lodged by GLOBE. **Keep in view**

- 4)**Finance Matters** – We need to be fully aware of the RBC grants process and other sources of funding for our activities in case of future need. **Richard and Chris to discuss**
- 5)**Environmental Issues** – Recent EVAs had been attended by GLOBE supporters and follow-up reports are made available to GLOBE by RBC via email. These reports are available on request
- 6)**GLOBE Correspondence/activities.** -
- a)Confirmed that Waitrose “Community Matters” customer “green disc” collection is taking place in June. This will be for allocation of a grant from Waitrose to GLOBE, which will be welcome.
Thanks to Tina for arranging this.
- b) **Liaison with Caversham Traders** – we have been invited to attend a meeting of their organisation in case there are matters of interest. We have suggested litter and abandoned supermarket trolleys as 2 issues of concern for action. **Tina agreed to attend**
- c) **TREGA (The Reading GLOBE alliance)** - Dave is planning to attend this meeting on 12 June.
- 7)**AOB - Reminder that we will change the meeting date to the fourth Tuesday of each month - starting on 28th August.** Remaining dates for 2012 are: **July 5; Aug 28, Sept 25; Oct 23; Nov 27; Dec 18 (a week early due to Christmas).**

Next meeting: Thursday 5 July - 7.15pm. In Church House, 59 Church Street. Caversham