



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

Attendees. Judith Barratt, Tina Barnes, Phil Bagge, Vicky Abel, Peter Trout, Chris Burden, Jean Newbery, Jenny Hicks, Margaret Skinner, Dave Kenny, Cllr Tom Stanway, Cllr Andrew Cumpsty,
Apologies: Jennifer Millest, Malcolm Moye, Margaret Wall, Richard Denney, Cllr Isobel Ballsdon, Cllr Richard Davies

Minutes of 7 June meeting - approved for publication.

1) Parks and Open Spaces and Tree issues.

a) **4 Planters by Caversham Telephone Exchange** – the plants we put in on 16 May are all doing well. The plan is to replace the summer bedding in the autumn. Repairs to the large planter have not yet been carried out by Highways. **Keep in view** (*discussion on related issue regarding Globe Insurance minuted separately under Finance Matters*)

b) **Balmore Walk - Resurfacing of footpaths.** Resurfacing works due to commence on 10 July. Concerns remain over the details. A new area of concern is the installation of a bench on the open grass area near the Surgery entrance, with a huge over-sized concrete base. **Richard & Dave to arrange site meeting with Ben Stanesby RBC Parks manager**

c) **Balmore Walk - Hedge by surgery steps** – Margaret, Richard & Dave inspected the hedge on 8 June. pH soil samples tests were normal. There are now signs of regrowth, **Keep in view.**

d) **TPO trees at St Martin's Precinct** - A large Dawn redwood is due to be planted in October, discussions ongoing on replacing the dead Holm Oak. View of meeting remains that it is not acceptable for two lost TPO trees to be replaced by only one. **Tom Stanway to follow up.**

e) **Hill's Meadow:** Dave sent comments to RBC Parks on landscape plans, proposed removal of earth mounds & replanting near Mill Stream backwater. No further news yet. **Keep in view.**

f) **Clayfield Copse Park & Ride proposal.** Plans for a mini Park&Ride at Clayfield Copse car park had been widely criticised. Dave had responded with concerns on behalf of Globe. Richard had been quoted in the local press. Judith attended a meeting organised by Cllr Willis. As a result of all the objections from the public, the Park&Ride plans have now been dropped.

3) Planning matters.

a) **Former Arthur Legge Centre, Wolsey Road** –Cllr Davies emailed to advise that planning enforcement is going to look at the height and position of the fence boards & that there is now a planning application in for residential development of the site. The site fencing has recently been repainted purple. Action: **Keep in view**

(**Update:** Dave has seen plans and will submit comments on behalf of Globe regarding the size, height and location of building, especially lack of suitable landscaping to enhance the Gosbrook Rd frontage; also concerns over asbestos removal and possible contamination of site.)

b) **George Street Petrol Station** – Planning permission for Shell signage had been approved but there was no response on GLOBE's objections to felled trees/shrubs on site frontage. **Action: Globe to forward concerns to planning enforcement ; Cllr Stanway to pursue with Council and/or Shell.**

4) Finance Matters –

- a) **Waitrose** has informed us that they will be donating £298 from its Community Matters fund for the customer token collections during June. Our thanks go to shoppers and to Waitrose.
- b) **Insurance.** The matter of £10 million public liability insurance required by Highways remains unresolved, but it is understood from the Trega meeting that there are ongoing discussions within the council between Parks, Highways, Housing etc, to try and resolve it. If no resolution is found before the Globe groups have to renew their insurance policies in August, then we understand RBC would pay the difference between renewing at the current £5m public liability (approx £75) or renewing with £10m public liability (approx £220). **Action: Cllrs Stanway and Cumpsty to clarify the minimum level of insurance required for GLOBE activities, including planting, with a view to resolving the kind of bureaucratic difficulties which are preventing GLOBE groups from undertaking volunteer-led activities of material benefit to the local area, and to report back ASAP.**

4) Environmental Issues

- a) **Recent EVAs** attended by Globe members: 1) Thames Ward Church Rd/St Peter's Hill/Albert Rd area - new litter bins in place. 2) Peppard Ward Farnham Drive/Henley Rd area - mowing issues and state of shopping precinct car park. 3) Jean & Margaret to attend EVAs on 17 July (Amersham Rd) and 21 August (South View Ave/St Johns Rd area)
- b) **Recycling bins for Tetrapacks discussed.** Action : **Cllr Stanway to pursue with RBC**

- 4) **Autumn Rescue dates confirmed** - Friday and Saturday, 12 and 13 October. Richard is co-ordinating our activities. More details at next meeting

5) Globe Correspondence/Activities

- a) **Meeting with Caversham Traders** - main issues were parking problems, delivery problems in Prospect St, and strategies to bring shoppers in from outside Caversham.. Money is now available to repaint the precinct railings - work to be scheduled by RBC.
- b) **TREGA Meeting 12th June** - main issues were insurance (see above under Finance) and grants for voluntary organisations.

6) Date of next meeting confirmed: Tuesday, 28 August

Remaining dates for 2012 are: **Aug 28, Sept 25; Oct 23; Nov 27; Dec 18 (a week early due to Christmas).**

Next meeting: Tuesday 28 August - 7.15pm. In Church House, 59 Church Street. Caversham