



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

Attendees. Dave Kenny (Chair), Margaret Skinner, Vicky Abel, Phil Bagge, Alan Pennington, Richard Denney, Jim McMaster, Jackie Clarke, Bob O'Neil

Apologies: Jenny Hicks, Judith Barratt, Jennifer Millest, Peter Trout, Jean Newbery, Cllr Isobel Ballsdon, Cllr Ed Hopper, Charis Wellspring, Matthew Wellspring, Malcolm Moye

Minutes of 28 August meeting - approved for publication after amendments discussed.

1) Parks and Open Spaces and Tree issues.

- a) **4 Planters by Caversham Telephone Exchange** – recently tidied and weed killer applied to paving cracks. Autumn planting will now be done by GLOBE in November.
- b) **Balmore Walk - Resurfacing of paths.** Informed by RBC that consideration still be given to remedial work on the existing path surfaces in main field.
- c) **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 still to follow up.**
- d) **Hill's Meadow:** Removal of earth mounds & replanting near Mill Stream backwater have been implemented. Dave & Margaret meeting on site with RBC Parks on 28 September to discuss tree & shrub planting. **Dave will report back.**
- e) **Caversham Court Lime Trees:** 3 new Lime trees have yet to be planted. **Vicki & Dave are progressing this matter with RBC. Councillor Davies also pursuing.**
- f) **RBC Autumn tree planting plans:** due approval by Councillors on 1 October. **Keep in view**
- g) **Picton Way** – Two willows in alley and nearby dead larch. No change - **Keep in view.**
- h) **Tree planting in Brooklyn Drive, Courtney Drive and Burnham Rise** – There is a plan to plant 36 trees in Emmer Green on Saturdays 24 Nov and 1 Dec. Volunteers are required to assist Tree Wardens & residents with this. Contact Alan Pennington via info@cavershamglobe.org.uk if interested.
- i) **Hill's Meadow Cycle path** - Margaret reported that some low overhanging tree branches are hazard for cyclists - **RBC to be informed for remedial action**

2) Planning matters.

- a) **Former Arthur Legge Centre, Wolsey Road** – future residential development, no further progress. Subsequently note from Councillor Davies that, “whilst the hoardings are of a height and position for which prior planning permission should have been obtained (i.e. over 2 metres and adjacent to highway) it has been determined by RBC planning officers that the hoarding is of a height and appearance that will ensure the site is kept safe and secure. It is not considered expedient to take enforcement action at this time to require its removal. If however the hoarding becomes dilapidated or unsightly we will review the situation.” **Keep in view**
- b) **George Street Petrol Station** – No resolution on GLOBE's objections to felled trees/shrubs on site frontage & planning enforcement; **Cllr Stanway to pursue with Council and/or Shell.**
- c) **Land behind 88 to 96 Lower Henley Road:** Planning Application 12/01117/APPCON. Residential development on back gardens. Jenny has submitted objections. Re GLOBE concerns on lack of consultation with neighbouring householders & local bodies, Councillor Davies is pursuing with RBC.

3) Finance Matters.

a) Dave contacted RBC to enquire about grants following a prompt from Jennifer. RBC clarified that the deadline for community grants for the GLOBE groups will be 1 February 2013 . Also noted that “green grants” can be applied for from RBC from time to time for planned expenditure on green activities.

4) Environmental Issues

a) **Environmental Visual Audits (EVAs)**. GLOBE supporters attended local EVAs last month. October EVAs are scheduled for 4th meet 10.30h at The Ridings junction with Peppard Rd AND 9th meet 10.30h jnc of Woodcote Way and Upper Woodcote Road AND 16th, meet 10.30h –by Bottle Banks in Waitrose Car Park.

b) **Recycling Tetrapacks in central Caversham** – response from Cllr Ballsdon that RBC is investigating whether to allocate budget for obtaining more Tetrapak Banks. **Keep in view**

c) A submerged shopping trolley has been spotted in the Thames by Caversham Bridge. Date for retrieval by boat **to be arranged with Bob/Richard/Jim**

d) Bob informed the meeting that WADRA intends having a metal recycling skip at Mapledurham Playing Fields on 25 – 27 October.

e) Bob thanked GLOBE supporters who had helped clear up litter after the recent SMART event on Kings Meadow.

5) **Autumn RESCUE (WOODLANDS & WATERWAYS CLEAN UP) Volunteers required** Several litter clear up sessions are scheduled - on **Friday morning 12 October, 10.30** meeting point Hill's Meadow by the recycling bins to clear some areas of lower Caversham riverside e.g. Christchurch Meadow and the Dannall or View Island & Hills Meadow; **AND on Saturday morning 13 October, meet 10am** at the Milestone Centre in Caversham Park Village to clear nearby green/wooded areas e.g. Farnham Drive Woods and the pond area off Northbrook Road. **NB CONTACT Richard VIA globe EMAIL OR 07768 958407 OR COME ALONG ON THE DAY. Bring protective gloves and wear suitable clothing/footwear. Litter picker and sacks will be obtained from RBC and allocated on the day.**

6) Globe Correspondence/Activities/AOB

a) Noted that Tina Barnes is standing down from being a Key Member of GLOBE due to other work commitments. Our thanks to Tina for having been central to the group's past activities.

b) Rivermead litter situation. Review after October RESCUE when the area may be clean.

c) Noted that Church House have informed GLOBE that a stair lift is not possible in Church House due to space restrictions. Agreed that we would enquire whether a small lift might be an alternative.

d) **RBC dog poop scoop campaign in South View Ave/ Montague Street areas on 8 October.** Jim said he had volunteered to hand out leaflets at park entrance too but this was declined.

7) **Date of next meeting Tuesday, Oct 23. Other 2012 dates are Nov 27; Dec 18**