



**Go Local On a Better Environment**

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

**Attendees.** Judith Barratt (Chair), Margaret Skinner, Vickie Abel, Phil Bagge, Dave Kenny,, Malcolm Moye, Jean Newbery, Carol Langdon, Richard Denney, Jenny Hicks, Chris Burden, Jackie Clarke

**Apologies:** Jim McMaster, Bob O'Neil, Jennifer Millest, Cllr Isobel Ballsdon, Cllr Richard Davies, Peter Trout, Cllr Andrew Cumpsty, Tina Gower.

**Minutes of 23 October meeting** - approved for publication.

1. **Parks and Open Spaces and Tree issues:**

a) **4 Planters by Caversham BT Exchange** – New planting **being finalised by Dave.**

We have been asked by Caversham Traders Association (CTA) if GLOBE would like to replant & maintain 4 to 6 additional planters on Church Street as these had become untidy, overgrown and unattractive during summer 2012. After considering the issues involved it was decided that we should respond as follows *“GLOBE has reservations about the long term viability of a commitment to being able to replant these additional planters completely and the likely need to dig out and replenish the soil in various planters, This could involve major work as the existing plants are long established and deep rooted, also durable and drought resistant. We would be able to oil the outside frameworks with appropriate coating as well as regular tidying/maintenance/cutting back and some minor beautifying so that each planter does have a more attractive appeal, taking account of views of CTA and RBC.”* **Richard to feedback to Caversham Traders Association**

b) **Balmore Walk - Resurfacing of paths.** Nothing likely to be done until Spring 2013.

c) **TPO trees at St Martin's Precinct** - Dawn redwood was due to be planted in October. No sign of any new trees yet. **Dave will follow up with Councillor Cumpsty**

d) **Hill's Meadow:** Continuing liaison with RBC Parks to get the re-landscaping finished.

e) **Caversham Court Lime Trees:** Both GLOBE and Friends of CCG are continuing to press for the felled lime tree at the frontage to be replaced. Vickie had raised at recent Caversham Court management meeting. **Councillor Davies also pursuing.**

f) **RBC Autumn tree planting plans:** Planting dates likely to be Feb 2013.

g) **Picton Way** – Two willows in alley and nearby dead larch. No change - **Keep in view.**

h) **Caversham Lakes - Deans Farm causeway** - re Chris Webster's report that the footpath over the causeway between the two lakes at Deans farm had been blocked by adjacent trees being felled across it. Chris Webster had raised issue with Oxfordshire CC who have supplied a detailed response that indicates, in summary, there is no legal obligation on the landowner to maintain this part of their site to any standard for public access or wildlife management. It seems we could appeal to Lafarge on grounds of conservation etc. **Chris Burden offered to investigate. Dave will give Chris Burden our Lafarge contact names/details.**

i) **Vastern Ditch** No further action as river currently in flood.

j) Willows at Christchurch Meadow on river bank near Children's Playground – Malcolm has raised with RBC the fact that these have not been maintained as originally intended by RBC to cut back annually. The trees are now well over 5M high and brambles etc are obscuring the river view. RBC Parks (Dave Booth) has been contacted and following up for action. **Keep in view**

2. **Planning matters.**
  - a) **George Street Petrol Station** – No resolution of GLOBE's concerns about removal of trees/shrubs on site frontage; **Cllr Stanway was going to raise the issue with Council and/or Shell.** Carol has raised issue with management at the petrol station but without likelihood of satisfactory resolution.
3. **Finance Matters.**
  - a) Room Hire costs invoice for 2013 meeting bookings for Church House has been received
4. **Environmental Issues**
  - a) **Environmental Visual Audits (EVAs).** GLOBE supporters continue to attend these RBC street audits. Contact to be made with Bell Tower Community Association about areas adjoining south side of Thames and an EVA on 13 Jan 2013.
  - b) Dave drew attention to an online link for reporting litter, graffiti etc to RBC, which is <http://loveclean.reading.gov.uk/Reports> Please spread the word about this facility, which also has an app to download for use on mobile phones & some other electronic devices.
5. **RESCUE (Rivers & Environmental Spaces Clean Up)** dates for 2013 confirmed as Thursday to Sunday 21 to 24 March 2013.
6. **Globe Correspondence / Activities**
  - a) We have been informed that the **South Oxfordshire Core Strategy up to 2027** has been published see <http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Web%20-%20Complete%20Core%20Strategy%20Reg%202027%20v6.pdf> . This is a long and detailed (PDF) document mostly concerned with sites away from Caversham. However, residents may be interested in page 33 where information can be gained that this South Oxon strategy does not include agreeing to a third bridge over the Thames and page 53 about no urban extensions in the immediate area to the north of Caversham. There is also a major section on Henley-on-Thames from page 73.
  - b) Dave gave a report on recent meeting of **TREGA** (The Reading GLOBE Alliance) – including good examples from Tilehurst GLOBE for more co-operation with RBC on streetcare issues and fly tipping.
7. AOB
  - a) Late night shopping Caversham Weds 12 December – special events that evening see [http://www.choosecaversham.co.uk/late\\_night\\_shopping\\_2012.php](http://www.choosecaversham.co.uk/late_night_shopping_2012.php)
  - b) Christmas Carol singing Caversham Court Monday 17 December at 6.15pm
8. Date of next meeting Tuesday, 18 December 2012. 7.15pm Church house.