



Go Local On a Better Environment

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

Attendees. Judith Barratt (Chair), Margaret Skinner, Vickie Abel, Dave Kenny, Jean Newbery, Jim McMaster, Richard Denney, Peter Trout, Chris Burden, Cllr Richard Davies
Apologies: Carol Langdon, Jenny Hicks, Jennifer Millest.

Minutes of 27 November meeting - approved for publication.

1. Parks and Open Spaces and Tree issues:

a) Planters on Church Street

The 4 planters by Caversham BT Exchange have been replanted with shrubs and wall flowers by Dave and Richard; also tidied the frontage. GLOBE has now agreed to the request by Caversham Traders Association (CTA) for GLOBE to do improvements to some additional planters on Church Street, including selective replanting and oiling the frameworks with materials donated by Drews Hardware store. (subject to RBC formalities). **We now need volunteers to help with this please.**

b) Balmore Walk - Resurfacing of paths. Review with RBC in March 2013. Request made to RBC for overgrown hedges near various paths and the conservation grass cut of the slope with removal of troublesome poplar saplings on the bank by surgery entrance. **Follow up with RBC Parks for action**

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 contact Councillor Cumpsty. Councillor Davies also agreed to pursue the matter**

d) Hill's Meadow: Margaret reported that planting etc is currently taking place on site. It was noted that the strip along the Dannal was now very overgrown and had not had its annual conservation cut during 2012. **Follow up with RBC Parks for action.**

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. **This is on Church land and needs to be progressed with the Diocese. (Update: RBC has since agreed to a replacement being planted in the back garden of the vicarage - so huge gap will remain at frontage...)**

f) RBC Tree planting plans: Globe planting dates at Buckingham Drive/Evesham Rd area likely to be March 2013. Best day for those attending meeting was Wednesday. **Dave to coordinate with Richard Stimpson,**

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

h) Caversham Lakes - Deans Farm causeway - re the footpath over the causeway between the two lakes at Deans farm blocked by adjacent trees being felled across it. Chris Webster has received reply from Oxon County Council; there appears to be 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 and Dave to arrange site visit and agree how we can proceed.**

i) 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 and pursue with RBC for action**

j) **Litter in Christchurch Meadow** – Jim reported that this area needs a litter pick and there's a trolley in the Danall. **Arrange to do early January 2013**

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 the petrol station but without likelihood of satisfactory resolution. **Keep in view**

3.Finance Matters.

a)no new items

4.Environmental Issues

a) **Environmental Visual Audits (EVAs)**. Dates for 2013 audits have been advised by RBC. These will be published to GLOBE supporters early January for continued diligence on issues.

b) **All supporters please note and use this 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. **Richard to co-ordinate arrangements**

6.Globe Correspondence / Activities

a) Following up on Dave's report about Tilehurst GLOBE's co-operation with RBC on streetcare issues and fly tipping, it was agreed we would investigate further to see how we could apply this in Caversham GLOBE

b) Reading Neighbourhood Network. We have been informed about this network of neighbourhood organisations and possible benefits such as publicity for GLOBE and more active contributors to GLOBE activities – see <http://www.rgneighbours.net> (it replaces RFTRA - Reading Federation of Tenants & Residents Associations but with a wider remit)

7.AOB

a) diary date: Caversham Festival is due to take place on Sat/Sun 13/14 July 2013

8.**Date of next meeting Tuesday, 22 January 2013. 7.15pm Church house.**