



Go Local On a Better Environment

**MINUTES AND ACTIONS OF CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING
22 January 2013 at 7.15pm, Church House, Caversham.**

Attendees. Judith Barratt (Chair), Vickie Abel, Dave Kenny, Phil Bagge, Jim McMaster, Richard Denney, Chris Burden.

Apologies for absence: Margaret Skinner, Jean Newbery, Carol Langdon, Jenny Hicks, Jennifer Millest. Peter Trout, Keith Seal, Cllr Richard Davies.

Minutes of 18 December meeting - approved for publication after minor change.

1.Parks and Open Spaces and Tree issues:

a) Planters on Church Street

GLOBE has agreed to the request by Caversham Traders Association (CTA) for GLOBE to do improvements to some planters on Church Street, including selective replanting and oiling the frameworks with materials donated by Drews Hardware store. (subject to RBC formalities). Date for work to be arranged. **Richard is progressing.**

b) Balmore Walk - Resurfacing of paths. Review with RBC in March 2013. Request made to RBC for overgrown hedges near various paths to be cut and the 2012 conservation grass cut of the slope with removal of troublesome poplar saplings on the slope to be done **Follow up with RBC Parks for action**

c) TPO trees at St Martin's Precinct - RBC confirm that planting likely to be in March 2013. **Keep in view**

d) Hill's Meadow: Strip along the Danall is now very overgrown and had not had its annual conservation cut during 2012. **Follow up with RBC Parks for action.**

e) RBC Tree planting plans: Globe planting dates at Buckingham Drive/Evesham Rd area **Wednesday 13th March - 1.30pm . Volunteers with muscle and energy please help!**

f) Picton Way – Two willows in alley and dead larch. RBC is monitoring - **Keep in view.**

g) Caversham Lakes - Deans Farm causeway - an informal footpath over the causeway between the two lakes at Deans farm blocked by adjacent trees being felled across it. This area is in Sonning Eye parish and **Dave has a contact with whom to raise the matter.**

h) 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. Concern to get done before nesting season. **Pursue with RBC for action**

i) Litter Picks - Christchurch Meadow cleared by Dave, Richard and Keith on 4 January – 8 sacks of litter and 2 trolleys collected. Also need litter picking - **Hill's Meadow & Central Caversham** by St Martin's traders' back yard and adjoining public roads and footpath. **These latter 2 areas TBA for February - volunteers will be requested**

j) Dave has raised with RBC the fact that 3 trees on Crowne Plaza Hotel side of Caversham Bridge had been felled without consultation.

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 and written to RBC, awaiting response about this and other concerns. **Review at next meeting.**

3 Finance Matters.

- a) Maintenance/support fees for GLOBE website of £100 to be paid – **Dave is processing**
- b) Dave has prepared and submitted to RBC the documentation for GLOBE's application for an RBC Community Grant.
- c) Paid out - £72 in purchasing 12 GLOBE hi-viz tabards for GLOBE supporters to wear.

4 Environmental Issues

- a) **Environmental Visual Audits (EVAs).** Dates for 2013 audits now published for GLOBE supporters to attend with RBC Street care inspector. A schedule had been sent to all GLOBE supporters with meeting agenda. Contact Richard for further copies.
- 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. **Dave and Richard to attend RBC planning meeting on 4 Feb ; further co-ordination work required.**

6 Globe Correspondence / Activities

- a) Re 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 .**Ongoing – Richard to progress with RBC**
- b) Reading Neighbourhood Network. Richard has now registered GLOBE with this network of neighbourhood organisations giving possible benefits such as publicity for GLOBE and more active contributors to GLOBE activities – see <http://www.rgneighbours.net>

7 AOB

- a) diary date: Caversham Festival is due to take place on Sat/Sun 13/14 July 2013
- b) FCCG AGM on Weds 20 Feb at the Reading Canoe Club along the Warren
- c) Richard is preparing an article about GLOBE for “The Caversham Bridge” March issue

Date of next meeting Tuesday, 26 February 2013. 7.15pm Church house.