

MINUTES AND ACTIONS OF CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 5 February 2009 - 7.15pm, Church House, 59 Church St, Caversham.

Attendees: Peter Trout (Chair), Jennifer Millest, Dave Kenny, Robert O'Neill

Apologies for absence: Tina Barnes, Richard Denney, Jean Newbery, Mark Palmer, Margaret Skinner
Cllrs Andrew Cumpsty, Tom Stanway, Isobel Ballsdon, Mark Ralph.

1. Matters Arising from minutes of meeting of 6 January 2009

Re Mill Green orchard: Still need update from RBC on current situation, Cllr Stanway is pursuing.. **Review at March 09 GLOBE meeting.**

Re Kings Meadow: Dave Kenny (GLOBE), Helen Lambert (CADRA), RBC officers and a rep from English Heritage had attended presentations on 15 January from the two selected bidders - Askett Hawk and King's Meadow Campaign. Details of the bids to be discussed by Culture & Scrutiny Panel on 25 March and a decision taken by Cabinet on 14 April. Details of the bids to be made public when Culture & Scrutiny Panel papers are released in mid March. Steve Ward of RBC has offered to meet GLOBE and CADRA several days before the Culture & Scrutiny Panel to brief members on the bids and to enable us to submit comments to the Culture & Scrutiny Panel. **Meeting now arranged for Tuesday 10 March.**

2. Planning - items from previous minutes

- Application to convert Convent in South View Avenue to flats had been dismissed by the Planning Inspector. It is understood that the current tenants are to be evicted but future of site remains unclear. **Keep under review.**
- Causeways built on Reading Festival Site. Cllr Stanway had offered to follow up on this at Dec meeting. **Update still needed from RBC**
- Former Travellers site at end of Star Road/Mill Green. Cllr Stanway had offered to follow up on this. **Update still needed from RBC.**
- **Battery Recycling** – Jennifer reported that the Scrutiny panel are currently considering expanding RBC's battery collection scheme. We need to find out what is happening before starting our own scheme locally. **Keep under review.**

3. Membership and Constitution of Caversham GLOBE

Dave had consolidated the comments at the last meeting into a revised draft constitution. Copies were circulated at the meeting for checking (copies also available on request by any interested Globe members who were not at the meeting). Final draft will be produced and circulated in advance of our AGM - probably May or June. **Keep under review**

4. Caversham GLOBE publicity There was a short publicity item in the February issue of Caversham Bridge. Richard has also been working on a poster and updated Globe leaflets **Final copies from Richard to be available for March 09 Meeting**

5. GLOBE Walks / practical activity / 2009 RESCUE participation. Discussion on possibilities for future walks once the weather improves. Peter suggested visits to Earleigh Lakes or South Oxon. There was also a possibility of a group visit to the new Recycling Facility. **Keep under review.**

It was agreed that we would have a practical session at Hill's Meadow to clear the brambles from around the Juniper bush and also plant a replacement Black Poplar along the Dannall which Dave had grown in the allotment. **confirm at March 09 Meeting**

RESCUE: Bob contacted Jenny Cottee (Tilehurst Globe) who confirmed that this year's RESCUE event was over the weekend of 14/15 March. It was agreed that we would carry out a RESCUE cleanup at Hills Meadow on **Saturday 14 March 2009 from 2-5pm and possibly on Sunday 15th at the same time if there was sufficient interest.** Richard is producing a publicity poster. **Finalise arrangements at March 09 meeting**

6. GLOBE Web site Dave is waiting to hear back from Ken Good (who had designed CADRAs web site) to see if he can help set up a web site for Caversham GLOBE. **Report back to March 09 meeting**

7. GLOBE Insurance RBC had written to say that the joint Globe insurance cover would be discontinued as of 30 April 2010. Each Globe group would have to take out its own separate policy and would need to claim for the cost in this year's Grant application. This would involve considerable additional admin effort and expense for the Globe groups. Dave had contacted Cllr Stanway, who was not aware in advance that RBC were planning to withdraw the insurance policy, to see if this decision can be reversed. **Keep under review**

8. Planning - new item - Warren Chalk Pits

Large cycle Trackways have been constructed in the chalk pits at the far end of The Warren (just inside Reading borough) without planning permission. This is within the boundary of the Warren Woodlands Wildlife Heritage Site which is supposed to be a protected area in the Local Plan. Planning enforcement plus Cllrs Pugh & Ballsdon are on the case. **Update 26 Feb: Mapledurham Estate has removed all of the structures.**

9) AOB - Mapledurham Pavilion. Bob updated the meeting on the current situation.

Next meeting is on Thursday 5 March at 7.15pm in Church House, 59 Church Street, Caversham.