

MINUTES AND ACTIONS OF CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 5 November 09 - 7.15pm, Church House, Caversham.

Attendees: Peter Trout (Chair), Jennifer Millest, Margaret Skinner, Richard Denney, Dave Kenny, Judith Barratt, Beryl Owen, Tina Barnes, Chris Burden, Bob O'Neill, Maria Rodic.

Apologies for absence Jean Newbery, Gill Somerville, Councillor Andrew Cumpsty, Councillor Isobel Ballsdon.

1. **Minutes of 1 October discussed briefly** – with minor rewording of item 2X (Station Hill) these are agreed and will now be published.
2. **Matters arising from minutes of 1 October.**
 - Graffiti removal by RBC** – Tina Barnes reported that she had contacted RBC about the high level graffiti removal and they confirm their policy that, although they will normally clear graffiti on private property, if it is at high level they will not do this. It would be the responsibility of the property owner/tenant and where required RBC would pursue, taking enforcement action if necessary. **Closed**
 - Annual Grant application to RBC** – Dave Kenny reported that this had been submitted for £600 (2009 grant was for £350) and we await decision. Increase is due to each GLOBE group having to obtain its own insurance from 2010. RBC had requested further documentation to support the grant i.e. a Complaints Policy and a Safeguarding Policy, to be drafted by Richard & Dave. **Keep in view**
3. **Outstanding Planning Issues with matters to report**
 - i. **Highdown Bottom. 9/01664/OUT Woodland adjacent to 54 Highdown Hill Road** - Dave responded on 27 October with a detailed objection on various grounds including: ancient woodland and relevance of Reading Borough Policies NE2 (Wildlife Heritage Sites), NE3 (Wildlife corridors) and NE 5 (Trees Hedges and Woodland). Wildlife. **Keep in view**
 - ii. **Kings Meadow Pool Developments** – Bob O'Neill reported that the 'Kings Meadow Campaign' is progressing its project. **Keep in view**
 - iii. **Station Hill Development** – Chris Burden referred to unsatisfactory traffic situation re buses and Station/Friar Street. Unresolved issues and need for more campaigning – suggesting the Thames Valley Campaign for Better Transport may be a good contact, see http://www.bettertransport.org.uk/thames_valley_local_group with which GLOBE could make contact. **Keep in view**
 - iv. **Further Site Allocations Proposals consultation by Friday 13th November 2009** – our deliberations at last months were reviewed and some detailed refinements made. Dave K will submit response to RBC on behalf of GLOBE
 - v. **South Oxfordshire Development sites letter sent from GLOBE** – Dave confirmed receipt of an acknowledgement from SODC
4. **Roles and Responsibilities with Caversham GLOBE** – current version finalised will be sent out as well as put on website. **Closed**
5. **Welcome Pack** – A reference copy of this folder is now available at monthly meetings for new people to get information. **Closed**
6. **Battery Collection** – 4 collection sites now operational; 14 kgs collected in October **Keep in view**
7. **Environmental Inspection Audit by RBC** (Walkabout programme arranged through local NAG on third Thursday of each month). Tina Barnes may be available to attend these - **Keep in view**.
8. **Tree planting** various locations suggested – Picton Way, Buckingham Drive, Peppard Road, also Balmore Surgery if agreement received. **Dave K will co-ordinate** (and others will help with these).
9. **Visit to R3 Recycling Centre at Smallmead Civic Amenity Site** – possible visit for Caversham GLOBE. **Richard Denney arranging**
10. **New Planning Issues**
 - i. **20 Send Road** is subject to a planning application details of which were discussed and need investigating further. **Keep in view**
11. **Correspondence and notices this month**
 - i. Dave has booked dates for monthly meetings for 2010, to be published shortly
 - ii. Sue Curd has copied Globe on a complaint to RBC Parks Dept about new railings which have recently been installed on the river bank in front of the Holiday Inn by Caversham Bridge. Concern is expressed that these railings are of an inappropriate design and can trap Swans and other wildlife.
 - iii. Email received from GREN (the Greater Reading Environmental Network) about an open meeting on Climate Change on 12 November at RISC, Richard will attend, all are invited.
 - iv. TREGA (The Reading Globe Alliance) meeting on 12 November. Judith and Jennifer are planning to attend.

**Our next meeting is on Thursday 3 December at 7.15pm in Church House,
59 Church Street, Caversham. All welcome. Agenda will be circulated at the meeting.**