

**MINUTES AND ACTIONS OF CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 4 February 2010 - 7.15pm, Church House, Caversham.
(This is the first meeting of 2010 as our January meeting was cancelled due to bad weather)**

Attendees: Peter Trout (Chair), Jennifer Millest, Dave Kenny, Judith Barratt, Beryl Owen, Richard Denney, Chris Burden (part).

Apologies: Jean Newbery, Margaret Skinner, Gill Somerville, Tina Barnes, 3 RBC Councillors: Andrew Cumpsty, Isobel Ballsdon, Tom Stanway.

1. **Minutes of 3 December** discussed briefly and agreed for publication.

2. **Matters arising from minutes of 3 December.**

Annual Grant application to RBC – GLOBE had applied for £625, inclusive of an estimated £225 for annual insurance. RBC has awarded a grant of only £375 but agreed to continue to cover costs of insurance for one final year instead of GLOBE having to fund this.

Of greater concern however, RBC also advised that in future years GLOBE may not be allowed to apply for a core funding grant but only for 'Green Grants' for specific projects, which would not cover costs of admin, insurance or meeting room hire etc. Dave informed the meeting that this decision contradicts previous assurances given by RBC, when they discontinued providing admin etc support to GLOBE groups, that we would be entitled to apply for future core funding. Dave reported that he and Peter Trout made representations to Councillor Cumpsty for the decision to be reversed. **We should raise this with other GLOBE Groups for discussion at next TREGA meeting.**

3. **Outstanding Planning Issues with matters to report**

i. **Land adjacent to Mill Green Footpath.** This matter has been the subject of a meeting with RBC Legal Officer and Councillor Stanway. The land concerned is not adopted by RBC. Jennifer is to contact residents about planting 4 or 5 trees, with which GLOBE would help. It was also noted that the mature Holm Oak with TPO had been felled and that a replacement would be planted. **Keep in view**

4. **RBC Tree Strategy** A wide-ranging Tree Strategy has been drawn up looking at how to protect and increase the number of trees in the borough. The council wants to hear from local people what they think about the proposals which are aimed at increasing the number of trees by 10 per cent. Consultation runs to 2 April 2010. On Thursday 4 March from 2 to 7 pm an opportunity to view and discuss the proposals will be held at Caversham Library. **GLOBE supporters may wish to attend prior to the 4 March GLOBE meeting that evening when our response will be discussed.**

5. **Planned Tree planting** – Balmore Surgery (20 Feb – Dave/Richard to do). Other dates TBA for Picton Way, Buckingham Drive, Peppard Road, **Dave K will co-ordinate** (and others will help with these).

6. **Visit to R3 Recycling Centre at Smallmead Civic Amenity Site** – possible visit for Caversham GLOBE – deferred to early summer when an evening visit may be possible for more people. **Keep in view**

7. **New Planning Issues – RBC Sites and Detailed Policies Document and Proposals Map.** Consultation on the Pre-Submission Draft SDPD and Draft Submission Proposals Map runs until 2 April 2010. The Sites and Detailed Policies Document (SDPD) sets out detailed policies for use in decisions on planning applications and identify sites for development, protection and for the application of specific policies. The Proposals Map shows those designations and sites on an Ordnance Survey-based map. GLOBE has commented in detail in the recent past and this is a final document, which on the face of it looks mostly favourable for our area. An exhibition on the consultation will be held at the Caversham Library on Thursday 4 March from 2 to 7pm, with officers present to discuss the documents and answer questions. **GLOBE supporters may wish to attend prior to the 4 March GLOBE meeting that evening when our response will be discussed.**

8. **RESCUE (Rivers and Environmental Spaces Clean Up Event)** This is borough wide clean up co-ordinated by RBC. Caversham GLOBE main clean up activities this year are proposed for Tuesday 9 March at 10 am in Balmore Walk and 2 pm at Hill's Meadow. No RESCUE weekend activity is currently planned for 13/14 March unless GLOBE supporters have suggestions and are available to give their time. (Contact Richard Denney via info@cavershamglobe.org.uk or ring 07768 958407). Gloves, sacks and litter picking tools are provided by RBC. Final arrangements to be agreed at next monthly meeting on Thursday 4 March. **Richard to put up a few posters and finalise arrangements.**

9. **Any other business**

i. Noted that the former Arthur Legge Centre on corner of Gosbrook Road and Wolsey Road is up for sale.

ii. A resident had contact GLOBE about Picton Way Alley through to Peppard Road; raising issues about the state of the reclaimed ground surface, positioning of barriers, tree concerns and standard of future maintenance of this area by RBC. It was felt that GLOBE could not add any value on these issues that residents and an RBC Councillor have been working on together. We have been asked to help with planting trees (date still to be decided).

iii. Jennifer made available a copy of the RBC Key to coding of planning applications document for our use as required.

**Our next meeting is on Thursday 4 March at 7.15pm in Church House,
59 Church Street, Caversham. All welcome. Agenda will be circulated at the meeting.**