

MINUTES AND ACTIONS OF CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING held on 3 June 2010 - 7.15pm, Church House, Caversham.

Attendees: Peter Trout (Chair), Chris Burden, Jennifer Millest, Dave Kenny, Margaret Skinner, Tina Barnes, Jean Newbery, Bob O'Neil (part), Cllr Andrew Cumpsty (part), Cllr Tom Stanway (part)

Apologies: Richard Denney, Judith Barratt, Gill Somerville, Beryl Owen, RBC Councillors: Isobel Ballsdon, Mark Ralph, Dave Lockett

1. **Minutes of 29 April** meeting agreed for publication.
2. **RBC Core Funding Grant & Globe Insurance** - The issue of grants and insurance was discussed. Documents from 2006 had now been located which confirmed RBCs commitment to provide future Core Funding Grants for the Globe groups in lieu of the direct admin support that we used to receive. **Dave to email copies of documents to Cllrs Cumpsty**
3. **Rosehill Park cedar tree** - A request from Rosehill House to fell their historic cedar tree had been agreed by RBC following a report that the tree had a fungal infection. Dave and others had inspected the tree but could see no sign of any fungus or significant decay. Great concern was expressed by the meeting: a second opinion should be sought from a veteran tree specialist. **Cllr Stanway to raise issue with RBC.**
4. **Caversham Globe Annual Report** - Jennifer noted that this needs an additional paragraph about RBC Site Allocations consultation. (done)
5. **RBC Tree Strategy.** Acknowledgement of our detailed response on the consultation not yet received. **Dave to chase**
6. **RESCUE (Rivers and Environmental Spaces Clean Up Event).** Photos need adding to web site. **Richard**
7. **PARKS ROUNDUP**
Hill's Meadow Margaret reported an alder near Reading Bridge still needs trimming to remove branch affected by canker. RBC has planted new willow tree near Mill Rd entrance to replace the felled ash /elder. Despite regular watering by globe members it looked dead. To continue watering/observing in the hope it may revive. **(Update 6 June: it may be OK as some new growth is now visible)**
Christchurch Meadows Source of the pool of water near the George St/Laundry entrance still unknown. Marcus Herman (RBC parks) had it investigated but was unable to locate source, suggested it could possibly be made into a wildlife feature.
Chris raised the issue of lighting and need for a litter bin next to path by tennis courts; also concern over broken glass on grass in this area.
Balmore Walk - Grass on slope near the surgery entrance has still not been cut. RBC has problems with safety here because of the steep slope but is still trying to find a safe way of cutting it.
King's Meadow - Collapsed willow by beach had been reported to RBC but not dealt with. Tree officer Ben Oates did not think it was a safety issue and had also found a nesting coot. **Jennifer to pursue with Parks as willow is blocking access to the popular beach.**
Fires had been reported at **Mapledurham Playing Fields** and **Bugg's Bottom**. Local police were aware and were investigating.
8. **Caversham Globe Accounts** these have now been inspected and signed off by our Hon. Auditor Stewart Bolton. **Dave to present at AGM**
9. **Graffiti** - Tina reported that there had been a recent spate of graffiti on green telecom boxes and road signs. Those on Rotherfield Way had been noted during Environmental Audit this morning (attended by Dave) and would be dealt with by RBC. The graffiti above St Martins Precinct had been partially cleaned by the site owners but was still very visible and needed further cleaning.
10. **Environmental Visual Audits** - These were now taking place regularly organised by RBC street care with street wardens, PCSOs and other community representatives. Dave had attended the EVA of Rotherfield Way/Hemdean Rd on 3 June. Jean or Margaret would attend the EVAs covering the Mill Green area (15 June) and Lower Henley Road (10 August). Tina hoped to be able to attend EVAs later in year.
11. **Kings Meadow Swimming Pool** - Bob updated the meeting on ongoing work to raise funding and planned events
12. **Visits /Activities** - carried forward to next month. Possible visit to the RE3 Recycling Centre and local walks.
13. **Any Other Business** - Jennifer suggested that we invite Ben Stanesby (Parks Manager) to a future meeting. Dave thought it might also be useful if one of the staff from the Landscape team in Planning could attend a meeting to talk about trees and TPOs.
14. **Future meeting dates** - 1 July, 5 August (AGM), 2 September - Church House at 7.15 pm.

**Next meeting is on Thursday 1 July at 7.15pm in Church House,
59 Church Street, Caversham. All welcome. Agenda will be circulated at the meeting.**