



## **MINUTES AND ACTIONS OF CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 3 Sept. 2009 - 7.15pm, Church House, Caversham.**

**Attendees:** Peter Trout (Chair), Jennifer Millest, Jean Newbery, Margaret Skinner, Dave Kenny, Richard Denney, Chris Burden (Part).

**Apologies for absence** Judith Barratt, Bob O'Neill, Maria Rodic, Isobel Ballsdon, Tina Barnes, Wendy Preston, Beryl Owen, Gill Somerville.

1. Peter opened the meeting. It was noted that no RBC Councillors were in attendance. The Chairman read a short letter received from Mr Martin Walsh following the death of his father Mr Tom Walsh who had contributed to GLOBE's activities in past years.
2. **Approval of minutes of 6 August 09 meeting** – agreed these be published as an accurate record.
3. **Current issues from previous minutes.**

Noted that many actions on RBC Councillors had no progress to report and that the majority of those actions are outstanding from more than 2 months ago, possibly due to holidays. It was hoped that Councillors will be able to update us on these issues at the next meeting.

  - **Re Mill Green footpath:** No change – awaiting Co Stanway. **Cllr Stanway to arrange site visit**
  - **Re Causeways built on Reading Festival Site.** No change from last meeting when Jennifer reported that CADRA is still pursuing the issue with the Environment Agency. RBC will not take further action unless EA confirms there has been an infringement. **Ongoing**
  - **Former Caravan site at end of Star Road/Mill Green** – No change from last meeting. Status of the buildings and paving of this site and whether it has planning permission remains unclear. **Cllr Stanway is in contact with planning**
  - **Mobile Homes at 20 Send Road** - No change from last meeting. Recent planning application was withdrawn, but building activity has been taking place on the site. RBC Planning Enforcement is investigating. **Ongoing**
  - **Household Battery Recycling – SCHEME NOW OPERATIONAL** – Bins are now installed in 3 locations: V & I Hardware, Milestone Way, Emmer Green; Caversham Cobbler & Key Smith, 12 Bridge Street and Woodcote Way Post Office/Stores, Caversham Heights. Approximate set up cost so far is £60. Press releases are being issued and further newspaper & radio publicity is planned. More locations for recycling boxes are to be investigated. **Richard to progress.**
  - **Kings Meadow & Caversham Lock Island Developments:** No significant change from last meeting. **Item ongoing.**
  - **Development Sites in South Oxfordshire near Caversham Borders.** Dave has sent Globe comments to South Oxon – **Keep in view.**
  - **Caversham Globe Web site** – New web site [www.cavershamglobe.org.uk](http://www.cavershamglobe.org.uk) reminder, also email address [info@cavershamglobe.org.uk](mailto:info@cavershamglobe.org.uk) ongoing updating to be managed by Dave/Judith/Richard and others as necessary.
  - **Proposed Bottle Bank Lower Henley Rd** – No change from last meeting when Jean reported that residents were unhappy with proposed location because of its proximity to houses - noise, broken glass etc. **Cllr Stanway to ask RBC to investigate alternative locations.**
  - **Felled tree in Rectory Rd** - No change from last meeting when Dave asked if there was any progress on getting agreement for shrub planting to replace the tree. Globe offered to plant up the site if councillors can get permission. **Cllr Luckett to pursue.**
  - **Management and maintenance audit; site visit to Balmore Walk & Hills Meadows** - awaiting dates from Ben Stanesby RBC Parks.
4. **New Planning Issues**
  - **Station Hill development** – major town centre development, see <http://www.stationhillreading.co.uk> GLOBE needs to comment – Dave is sending comments from GLOBE
  - **South Oxfordshire Development sites-** Dave Kenny to send comments
  - **11-13 Gosbrook Road,** demolition of existing building and erection of 5 dwellings. **Dave has sent comments**
  - **Former Convent 4 South View Avenue** – new application for conversion for 11 flats – problems with paved frontage and lack of soft landscaping - **Dave has sent comments**
5. **AOB**
  - **Roles and Responsibilities for GLOBE members** proposals discussed- **Richard to type final version for next meeting**
  - **Welcome Pack for new members** – Peter tabled a proposed information pack – **comments requested for next meeting**
  - **Annual Grant application to RBC** – Dave is working on this GLOBE application for submission to RBC by 2 October
  - **Green City and Open Spaces Meeting at Civic Centre Tuesday 22 September @ 6.30pm** – attendees from GLOBE would be welcome
  - **Abundance Reading** – Chris Burden gave details of a proposed scheme whereby fruit from trees in public areas, (& possibly private gardens) which often remains unpicked &/or rots on the ground, would be processed by volunteers for use. Further details awaited.
  - **Tree planting for Autumn** - ideas and suggestions welcome please

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