



**MINUTES AND ACTIONS OF CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING held on 29 April 2010 - 7.15pm, Church House, Caversham.**

**Attendees:** Peter Trout (Chair), Jennifer Millest, Dave Kenny, James Andrews, Judith Barratt, Beryl Owen, Margaret Skinner,

**Apologies:** Richard Denney, Bob O'Neil, Jean Newbery, Gill Somerville, Tina Barnes, RBC Councillors: Isobel Ballsdon, Tom Stanway.

1. **Minutes of 4 March** agreed for publication.
2. **Caversham Globe Annual Report** - Draft of 2009 annual report was discussed and approved for publishing on web site.
3. **RBC Tree Strategy.** Dave confirmed that a detailed response from Globe had been submitted to the consultation but no acknowledgement had been received. **Dave to chase for acknowledgement**
4. **Tree planting** – Globe members had planted trees during March at **Balmore Surgery** car park (field maple); **Picton Way** footpath (2 x autumn flowering cherries), **Buckingham Drive** (hornbeam), **Peppard Road** (wild cherry), **The Cloisters**, Priest Hill (hornbeam).
5. **RBC Sites and Detailed Policies Document and Proposals Map.** Dave and Jennifer had drafted a detailed response on the consultation. An Acknowledgement has been received.
6. **RESCUE (Rivers and Environmental Spaces Clean Up Event).** Globe's cleanup on 9-10 March had gone well with 12 participants:  
**Balmore Walk** - 14 bags of rubbish, glass bottles & plastic debris. Also repaired damaged section of allotment fence  
**Hill's Meadow** - 12 bags of litter, a shopping trolley retrieved from the Mill Stream, scrap wood and plastic  
**Caversham Cemetery, Victoria Rd** - Unemptied bins were cleared and litter picked - 11 sacks.  
**Church Rd/Bridge St** - area litter picked, including the grassed area in front of advertising hoarding (2 sacks)  
**Thames Prom/Richfield Ave area** - approx 11 bags of rubbish from around ditch, shopping trolley, & glass bottles (recycled)  
**Photo(s) need adding to web site. Richard**
7. **Parks Roundup**  
**Hill's Meadow** Margaret reported an alder near Reading Bridge needs trimming to remove branch affected by canker.  
RBC had mistakenly felled several elders and ash near the Mill Rd entrance, a replacement willow has been promised as remedial planting.  
**Danall/Gos Brook** Dave reported that the EA had in the past week enlarged the pipe from the Thames which feeds the Danall/Gos Brook. There was now a much better flow of water through both Christchurch & Hill's Meadows  
**Christchurch Meadows** Peter reported that there was a problem with a pool of water near the George St/Laundry entrance to the meadow even during recent dry weather. Possibly the location of a long-filled in drainage channel or rising water table. **Dave to raise with Parks**  
**Balmore Walk** - Beryl reported that there had been two grass cuts but that the bank near the surgery entrance had not yet been cut.  
**King's Meadow** - Jennifer reported willow by beach appeared to have been cut (Dave has visited and found it has collapsed into river)  
**Dave to raise with Parks**
8. **Accounts** Stewart Bolton had agreed to inspect (audit) our accounts for year ending 31 March 2010 **Dave to arrange**  
Signatories on the Nationwide bank account have now been changed with Judith Barratt replacing Phil Bagge. Other signatories remain Dave, Jennifer and Isobel.
9. **Grant Update** - 2010-11 RBC Grant of £375 has been confirmed with half now received (£187.50). The second half will be paid in June providing we sign the **Service Level Agreement** (not yet received from RBC) and a new **Safeguarding Procedures Statement**. Safeguarding Procedures were reviewed and it was agreed that we could sign Declaration B which is in line with our existing Safeguarding Policy that only children accompanied by a parent or guardian may take part in Globe activities. **Dave to sign and return to RBC**  
It was further agreed that we need to pursue the issue of future RBC grants after the local council elections & also raise at TREGA.
10. **Visits /Activities** - to be discussed next month with a view to arranging a visit to the RE3 Recycling Centre and possible local walks.
11. **Any Other Business** - James asked about our recent RESCUE event.  
**Future meeting dates** - Next Meetings 3 June and 1 July in Church House at 7.15 pm.

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