

MINUTES AND ACTIONS OF CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING held 2 September 2010 - 7.15pm, Church House, Caversham.

Attendees: Peter Trout (Chair), Jennifer Millest, Dave Kenny, Richard Denney, Margaret Skinner, Judith Barratt, Chris Burden, Claire McWilliam & Vickie Abel (Friends of Caversham Court Gardens) . Councillor Tom Stanway (Lead Member for Culture & Sport, Reading Borough Council).

Apologies: Jean Newbery

1. Minutes of 5 August meeting agreed for publication, as amended.
2. **RBC Parks Department:** Issues requiring action:
 - Clayfield Copse – concern about the roots of oak trees by the tennis court/car park being affected by bank of soil. **Still awaiting response from RBC who have been asked to check the authorised boundary and the proximity of trees to ascertain likely affect on long term health of the oaks.**
 - Balmore Walk and Caversham Cemetery various issues about tree debris & recent maintenance. **GLOBE audited and reported to RBC. Remedial work by RBC is in progress.**
 - At entrance on Rotherfield Way midway between Hemdean Rd and Surley Row into back field of Balmore Walk some large trees have been recently felled and left strewn across the undergrowth. **Still awaiting response from RBC who have been asked to check why/if felling of mature trees was authorised and why this work appears uncompleted.**
 - Serious concerns about approximately 20 dead or dying young trees. **Councillor Stanway has raised this with Parks & had assurances trees will be replaced and proper watering and care given after planting.**
 - Press item referred to by Jennifer Millest where it was reported that RBC had received funding from the Waterways Trust to restore and preserve View Island. **This is being handled by RBC Parks Dev Team. The grant is specifically for repairs to river bank, bridge repair, sludge removal from small watercourse & reed beds and some new trees.**
3. **RBC Core Funding Grant & Globe Insurance** –Confirmed that RBC has now arranged Public Liability insurance for GLOBE to August 2011. Re our Grant status; Councillor Stanway informed the meeting that RBC will be issuing a letter about how future grants will be handled.
4. **Environmental Visual Audits** - Organised by RBC Street Care with Street Wardens, PCSOs and other community representatives. Confirmed that GLOBE people have been involved. New scheduled to be obtained from RBC.
5. **Visits /Activities.**
 - Possible visit to the RE3 Recycling Centre –**Not currently possible as RE3 have suspended these.**
 - Peter Trout suggested possible talk with Earley Environmental Group and a visit to Earley Lake. **Peter to follow up**
6. **Planning issues.**
 - **10/01274/FUL Unit 1 Paddock Road Ind Estate** – concern over lack of landscaping at frontage. **Response to RBC about our concerns given by Councillor Stanway. Closed**
 - **10/01380 FUL Land north of railway between Caversham Rd rail bridge and Wigmore Lane including Cow Lane Allotments.** Turbo depot, train washing facility, fuelling point, depot offices, car park & stores. Concern expressed over this major application which has potential visual and noise impact on the Thames Prom area and parts of Caversham (eg the Warren). Jennifer had alerted CADRA but no concerns were expressed. **Councillor Stanway confirmed that he has asked RBC to ensure that residents in close proximity who live north of R. Thames also be included in any future consultation.**
7. **Christchurch Meadows - Consultation on proposed improvements.** Dave Kenny informed the meeting that he had walked the area with RBC representative and had discussed the detail and made suggestions. Dave guided the meeting through the details, which were discussed and comments made. **Dave will now construct GLOBE's response and submit to RBC as part of consultation process.**
8. **Mapledurham Playing Fields.** It was noted that a mixed orchard of 60 trees has recently been donated and planted.
9. **Future meeting dates** - 4 November 2010 [NB. October Meeting cancelled] Church House at 7.15 pm. – Guest Speaker Alan Broodbank from Earley Environmental Group

**Next GLOBE meeting on Thursday 4 November at 7.15pm in Church House,
59 Church Street, Caversham. Guest Speaker from Earley Environmental Group. All welcome.
Agenda will be circulated at the meeting.**