



Go Local On a Better Environment

MINUTES AND ACTIONS OF CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING held 6 January 2011 at 7.15pm, Church House, Caversham.

Attendees: Peter Trout (Chair), Dave Kenny, Richard Denney, Margaret Skinner, Jean Newbery, Tina Barnes, Malcolm Moye, Vicki Abel, Bob O'Neil, Councillor Tom Stanway. **Mike Lelliott (part).** **Apologies:** Jennifer Millest, Judith Barratt, Wendy Preston, Councillor Isobel Ballsdon.

1. Minutes of 2 December meeting discussed & agreed for publication, with 2 minor amendments.
2. **RBC Parks and open spaces items & tree issues:**
 - a. Part of Warren Woodlands owned by RBC, where lease is due to expire and RBC may dispose of this land. Assurances requested that RBC ensure proper covenants for protection of this ancient woodland. **Dave will prepare a letter to RBC. Councillor Stanway will follow up**
 - b. Tree planting in Balmore Park. Dave confirmed that RBC has just planted 6 trees - 5 flowering Cherry and a Cedar.
 - c. St Martins Precinct Trees - Dave reported that this issue had been raised at the recent Green City & Open Spaces Forum but was unclear what works were agreed. Also noted that the felled tree near Iceland has still to be replaced. **Cllr Stanway to raise with officer.**
 - d. Hill's Meadow. Dave had site visit with EA and Parks staff to discuss proposed EA works along the bank of the Danall ditch. Some trees and branches overhanging the stream had been marked for felling but Globe trees would be protected and gaps replaced.
 - e. Litter was reported on Promenade Rd, School Lane and footpath behind telephone exchange. **Cllr Stanway to raise with Streetcare.**
3. **RBC Planning Matters:**
 - a. Planning application 10/01846/OUT at 2a, 4, 6 Kidmore Road for houses and access road –where a mature TPO'd pine tree and other woodland habitat is threatened. Noted that planning permission was refused by RBC.
 - b. 10/02230/FUL. And 10/02229/FUL – DEVELOPMENT of property named 'Outlands' in Upper Warren Avenue, involving option of demolition: consultation period expires this week. **Subsequent note: RBC Planning Applications Committee is due to consider on 9 February.**
 - c. Amendments to maintenance depot granted Prior Approval under reference 10/00696/FUL. Amendments being the omission of one store building, increase in height of remaining store building from one storey to two storeys and the rearrangement of car parking and container storage. Noted that once again residents in Mill Green, in line of sight of this had not been part of consultation process. Nor had GLOBE despite having commented on the earlier application. **Councillor Stanway undertook to raise with RBC Officer responsible.**
 - d. 10/01707/EXT Land Between Abbotsmead Place and School Lane, Caversham: Application for an extension of the time limit for implementation of permission 07/00136/FUL (permitted under appeal APP/E0345/A/07/2060660) for the erection of 54 flats for the elderly, comprising 22 x 2 bedroom flats and 32 x 1 bedroom flats (of which 1 for the warden) and landscaped gardens. Point made by GLOBE that, since original permission was granted, the Environment Agency has reassessed the floodplain and we believe this development should not now proceed, just as permission for development of the George Street Laundry site was refused in recent past. GLOBE again had not been consulted on the new application despite having commented in detail on previous applications for this site. **Councillor Stanway noted.**
4. **Finance Matters: Suggestions for investing in some GLOBE "branded" resources for use with GLOBE activities:**
 - a. Proposal to purchase 12 yellow HV safety vests, to be worn during GLOBE activities estimated cost £100 - agreed
 - b. Proposal to purchase a durable banner with GLOBE details, to be used during GLOBE activities estimated cost £60 – agreed
 - c. Proposal to purchase a Display Board for £100 to show GLOBE publicity & local environment information at future events – agreed
 - d. Tina requested purchase of various paint for painting over graffiti, estimated cost £50-100 - agreed
Richard will organise and make purchases in liaison with Dave on the detailed content and final costs.
5. **Caversham 100 years on.** GLOBE has made commitments to this and will be producing some display resources based on a 'Natural Heritage' theme, probably for exhibitions and events. Agreed that anything produced should also promote GLOBE to encourage the involvement of more residents in our activities and to achieve our aims. Ideas were discussed for consideration: Location maps and photos, species descriptions and photos, walks leaflets, offers of free trees and flowering perennials for planting, GLOBE cards, stationery & other branded merchandise e.g. tea towels, 'Now and then' ancient and modern themes, eyesores and beauty spots, quiz and trail sheets, metal GLOBE badges, examples of GLOBE past project successes & future ambitions: Research Visits planned to Central Library Local Studies Centre, MERL, Berks Record Office (BRO) and possibly Oxford Records Library. **Richard is coordinating and will table more detailed proposals for next meeting - contributions are needed on detailed content please – the more the better to ensure success.**
6. **GLOBE Annual report** – Dave tabled a draft for consideration, showing many of the activities that have taken place. Comments requested as this will be finalised at next meeting for submission to RBC and for subsequent public information.
7. **The Reading Cultural Partnership.** The Cultural Partnership brings together culture in covering the 6 themes of Arts, Sport, Health, Heritage, Learning and Sustainability, aimed at offering opportunities for communities in Reading to build on their existing community work. Peter and Richard will attend the launch meeting at Reading Town Hall on 10 January 2011. **Report back to Feb meeting.**
8. **GLOBE Correspondence/activities this month.**
 - a. RESCUE (Rivers and Environmental Spaces Clean-up Event). Reading Borough is playing its part in nationwide major spring clean and litter clearance project. Our activity dates are likely to be Tuesday 8 & Thursday 10 March – 2 sessions per day at 10am to 12 noon & 2pm to 4pm approx; also Sunday 13 March – 2pm to 4pm approx. Muster points and detail to be publicised and confirmed subject to final decision at February meeting. **Richard is co-ordinating with RBC. Volunteers will be needed to make this a success please.**
9. **Any other business**
 - a. **Environment Audit dates** – dates to be confirmed and details to be on next month's agenda/minutes so attendees can make commitment.
 - b. **Future meeting date** – 3 February 2011 Church House 59 Church Street Caversham at 7.15 pm.

Next GLOBE meeting on Thursday 3 February at 7.15pm in Church House, Caversham