



MINUTES AND ACTIONS OF CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING held 2 June 2011 at 7.15pm, Church House, Caversham.

Attendees Judith Barratt (Chair), Jennifer Millest, Dave Kenny, Margaret Skinner, Jean Newbery, Phil Bagge, Richard Denney.

Apologies: Councillor Isobel Ballsdon, Malcolm Moye. Tina Barnes, Chris Burden.

1. **Minutes of 3 May meeting** - draft discussed, minor amendments made & agreed for publication.

2. **RBC Parks and open spaces items & tree issues.**

a. **Part of Warren Woodlands** owned by RBC, where lease is due to expire. No progress reported. **Keep this matter in view.**

b. **Thames Promenade – Bank erosion on south side.** No progress reported – **Keep this matter in view**

c. **Trees – general.** We have continued to water some of the recently planted trees and hedging, due to prolonged spell of dry weather. Dave is in contact with RBC Housing to identify locations for tree planting later in year. Charles Evans Way is a likely site.

d. **Hill's Meadow** - Japanese Knotweed needs to be dealt with. **RBC have been informed**

e. **View Island** - Successful project in conjunction with Thames21 on 20/21 May (modified from original intentions following site meeting with GLOBE & Thames21) major clearance of litter and fly-tipping from the area, including Dean's Farm, Hill's Meadow, Kings Meadow, Vastern Ditch and River Thames. Approx 20 people involved in these activities over 2 days.

f. Article in local paper reporting that Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) funding has been granted to RBC Parks Dept. for Hemdean Bottom, Hill's Meadow and Clayfield Copse. See Natural England Web page "**HLS aims to deliver significant environmental benefits in priority areas. It involves more complex environmental management requiring support and advice from our local advisers, to develop a comprehensive agreement that achieves a wide range of environmental benefits over a longer period of time.....**" Agreed that GLOBE would contact RBC to obtain management plans for these 3 sites for further information. **Dave will follow up.**

3. **RBC Planning Matters:**

a. Application 11/00280/FUL by McCarthy & Stone Retirement Lifestyles Ltd. Land between Abbotsmead Place & School Lane Caversham Reading RG4 8BY for erection of 54 retirement apartments with associated communal facilities and car parking. Due to comments by GLOBE sent to RBC planning, there is to be a plan modification to allow for planting 7 Hor nbeams fronting School Lane. **Application is now recorded as "Recommended for granting permission".**

b. Application 11/00520/FUL – Highdown School - Replacement of existing hockey pitch with synthetic turf pitch including perimeter fencing and footpath. Noted that this appeared to threaten some mature Oaks. **this application is now recorded as "APPROVED".**

c. South Oxon Application Reference PE/E06542 for Boat Storage shed on River Thames near Dean's Farm. Plans examined and issues discussed. Objections to be lodged due to direct frontage on north bank of River Thames setting precedent for building development. **Dave will submit letter.**

4. **Finance Matters: Leaflets distributed regarding the Waitrose** "Community Matters" nomination forms that are available in the store, whereby people can nominate GLOBE as a deserving cause for some financial support for our activities.

5. **Caversham 100 years on.** Compilation of GLOBE's "Natural Heritage" 3 display boards is almost complete, thanks to all contributors. Draft material was looked at after this meeting by those interested and comments/editing finalised for production by 10 June for display in Caversham Library. **Richard will complete and deliver.**

6. **EVAs.** GLOBE takes part in the programme of RBC Environment Visual Audits (EVAs) to identify items for action. Timetable is available on request

7. **GLOBE Correspondence/activities this month.**

We have been offered some trees by a local resident – Dave is in contact. Judith is in contact with Caversham Park Village Association about extending GLOBE activities. Battery Collection Scheme continues but Woodcote Way Stores has withdrawn pending new owners – Richard to liaise. GLOBE has been approached by RBC Community Development Officer for possible litter pick and other environmental improvements in Amersham Road area - Richard progressing this. Judith and Dave attended the TREGA (Reading GLOBE Alliance) meeting in May. Miscellaneous emails dealt with.

8. **Future meeting date** – Thursday 7 July 2011 Church House 59 Church Street Caversham at 7.15 pm.

Next GLOBE meeting on Thursday 7 July at 7.15pm in Church House, Caversham