



**Go Local On a Better Environment**

**MINUTES AND ACTIONS OF CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING held 4 August 2011 at 7.15pm, Church House, Caversham.**

**Attendees** Judith Barratt (Chair), Jennifer Millest, Dave Kenny, Margaret Skinner, Vickie Abel, Jean Newbery, Malcolm Moye, Phil Bagge, Peter Trout, Richard Denney. **Apologies for Absence:** Tina Barnes, Cllrs Isobel Ballsdon & Tom Stanway.

**1) Minutes of 7 July meeting** - draft approved for publication - no amendments required.

**2) Parks, Open Spaces & Tree Issues:**

a. **Thames Promenade – Bank erosion on south side.** Resurfacing is in progress along the towpath and it is hoped that the bank erosion would be dealt with at the same time. **Raise with RBC if remedial work is not completed in current work programme**

b. **Trees – Richard Stimpson of RBC** is coming to our next meeting to outline the winter 2011 tree planting programme

c. **RBC Parks Dept. has got Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) funding** for several sites including Hemdean Bottom, Hill's Meadow, Clayfield Copse. Dave had spoken to Parks Manager Ben Stanesby who has agreed to attend the September Globe to talk about this. Specific site details of what was involved have been requested but have not yet been received. **Further request to be made to RBC for HLS information for September mtg.**

d. **Caversham Lakes permissive paths.** Dave tabled a map and gave us details resulting from the consultation meeting he had with Lafarge and other interested parties on plans for new permissive paths and access facilities at Caversham Lakes, east of the Marina. After exchange of views it was agreed that **Dave would write to Lafarge** with GLOBE suggestions and comments, which covered: changes to fencing, information boards for visitors, litter bins, landscaping, path surfaces, benches, picnic area, non-use of chemicals, vegetation management, car parking and general principal not to urbanise unnecessarily. It was also noted that Lafarge are planning more gravel extraction downstream from Play Hatch.

e. **Hill's Meadow** Dave had enquired about the Hills Meadow management plan which Globe was meant to be closely involved in drawing up. We have been awaiting sight of a draft on which to comment since the Dec 2010 meeting. **Further request to RBC for update on management plan for September mtg.**

f. **View Island** – Jean reported that there is a lot of litter and paths are overgrown. **Jean will monitor and report back.**

**3) Planning Matters:**

a. Application 11/00520/FUL – Highdown School - Replacement of existing hockey pitch with synthetic turf pitch including perimeter fencing and footpath. **Noted that further application now submitted by RBC for FLOOD LIGHTING. GLOBE objection to be submitted on grounds of light pollution.**

b. Application 11/00868/FUL Old bakehouse, Hemdean Rd (corner Rectory Rd). Change of use from industrial to community dance studio. Meeting had no objections to the proposed conversion or internal changes, but was concerned at the state of the frontage along Rectory Road. Would like to see soft landscaping of this area where a large tree was removed in 2009. **Application now recorded as “WITHDRAWN”.**

**4) Finance Matters: GLOBE Annual Insurance policy has been renewed to August 2012. Agreed Richard would be reimbursed c£42 printing expenses.**

**5) Caversham 100 years on.** Leaflets were made available on this Centenary project. Vickie described the Caversham Court “Grand Garden Party” on 10 September. Noon until 9pm, An Edwardian themed event, optional period dress and picnic. Entertainment provided. There are also many additional local events - see – [www.caversham100yearson.org.uk](http://www.caversham100yearson.org.uk)

**6) Readipop** Caversham Festival 10 July - Jennifer reported that noise levels had been excessive at times. Two GLOBE stalwarts had carried out a thorough litter clearance at the conclusion of the Festival, for which “a big thank you” had been received from Tom Langley of Readipop.

**7) Environmental issues / EVAs.**

a. **Land in front of Advertising hoardings** (corner of Bridge St/Church Rd and corner George St/Gosbrook Rd) Dave and Vickie had been in contact with Cllr Lockett about the state of the area in front of these advertising hoardings. The grass has now been cut at both sites but litter is an ongoing problem. Vickie had litter picked at Bridge St and removed several fly tipped sacks of rubbish. Cllr Lockett has reminded JCDecaux, who own the George St site, of the need to maintain the grassed area. Ownership of the Bridge St site was still unclear. **Keep in view.**

b. **EVAs.** Jean and Margaret confirmed they will attend the next Lower Caversham EVA 9 August area 6 Lower Caversham.

**8) GLOBE Correspondence/activities this month.**

Richard is still in contact with RBC Community Development Officer for possible litter pick and other GLOBE related environmental activities in Amersham Road area in cooperation with local residents in late September- **Richard progressing.**

**9) A.O.B.**

a. **Caversham Court Event on 17 September** 10 to 4.30pm this is a Caversham Artists Show. Suggestion by Vickie for GLOBE to have a fund raising plant sales and GLOBE publicity stall. Margaret has been busy potting her wild flowers and garden plants. **Richard will finalise arrangements. GLOBE supporters please note: more potted plants will be welcome and help on the day if you can. More details to follow.**

b. Jennifer has received correspondence regarding the Local Development Framework. **“Reading Borough Council submitted its “Sites and Detailed Policies Document (SDPD)” and “Proposals Map” to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on Friday 15 July 2011.** We were being informed because GLOBE made comments on the draft of the documents.

c. Malcolm reported that The Mount footpath is accumulating dead leaves and other debris in the overgrown Ivy on one wall. Needs landowner action. Malcolm will contact Woodrow Court management company.

d. **Globe Roles & Responsibilities** list, several amendments were noted. It needs updating at a future meeting when all those on the list are present.

**Next GLOBE meeting on Thursday 2 September at 7.15pm in Church House, Caversham**