



MINUTES AND ACTIONS OF CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 27 May 2014 .

Attendees. Judith Barratt (Chair), Margaret Skinner, Dave Kenny, Jim McMaster, Richard Denney, Vickie Abel, Chris Burden, Jean Newbery, Malcolm Moye, Cyril Walkington. Guy Penman.

Apologies for absence:, Jennifer Millest, Peter Trout, Jenny Hicks, Lin Godfrey.

1. Minutes of 22 April - Approved for publication – matters arising discussed as follows

2. Parks and Open Spaces and Tree issues:

a) Planters on Church Street – Some work will be needed once the changes to the lay-out and relocation of some of planters on the BT exchange site and 3 replacement planters have been installed by RBC. Concerns about paving, weeds and unsightly railings to be registered with BT. **Richard to contact BT site management agents.**

b) Balmore Walk - Resurfacing of parts of current path and completion of new part in top field to be completed by RBC contractor in early June. **Update at June meeting**

c) Hill's Meadow: Danall is not currently flowing due to silt, debris and some sandbags. RBC has reported this to the EA and will remind them again. Thames21 are planning a clearance event on June 7 which had been publicised. **Update at June meeting**

d) Christchurch Meadow - Jim is making progress with historic issues to do with Christchurch Meadows ownership and the legal position for any developments and changes of use. **Review at June Meeting**

3. Planning matters.

a) Proposed new footbridge over the Thames 140567. 8 people attended a consultation meeting on 9 May with RBC and Peter Brett Associates (PBA) to discuss the proposals and timescale for contractors to access a large part of Christchurch Meadows from George Street and install their construction site e.g. play area access, tree felling, closure of footpaths, dates, environmental issues. The RBC detailed proposals for the site have now been submitted under planning application 140567 to be considered at RBC planning committee on Wednesday 18 June. Agreed that GLOBE would submit objections in writing (see attached copy with these draft minutes) other GLOBE supporters would also be submitting detailed counter proposals, suggestions and objections. See RBC Committee papers for 18 June (agenda item 9) on line at <http://www.reading.gov.uk/meetings/details/3669/> GLOBE supporters were encouraged to attend Planning Committee at Civic Centre 6.30 pm on 18 June - **Report back at 24 June meeting.**

b) Developments proposed on St Martin's Precinct. A series of presentations by the owners and developers to show designs and ideas for the area were shown locally in early May. Concerns were discussed e.g. increased traffic, loss of trees. Appearance of Church Street frontages. Await further details and planning application. **Keep in view**

c) Two Proposals: a Reading Sustainability Centre (location to be decided) and a small hydro-electric generation plant near View Island on the Clappers Footpath.. Site meeting has been arranged for 5 pm Weds 4 June to view the site and further detail. **Keep in view.**

d) Proposals from RBC for a privately run hand car washing facility on Hill's Meadow. This would be near the recycling bins and the BMX facility. Concerns were discussed. **Await planning application**

e) Arthur Legge Centre, 1 Wolsey Road – Landscaping and boundaries design proposals. Concerns discussed, plans examined and agreed that we should submit comments requesting tree planting and reduction in height of wall on Gosbrook Rd frontage. Planning ref 140260. Awaiting confirmation that GLOBE comments have been incorporated into the design proposals. **Keep in View**

f) Richfield Avenue – proposed Garden Centre on land west of Rivermead car park & south of the golf driving range. Impact on trees. Planning Ref 140329 Revised landscape plans awaited. **Keep in view**

g) Anaerobic Digester, Mapledurham Estate. Concerns over this potentially unsightly industrial-type structure in a rural location in the Chilterns AONB. South Oxon planning ref P14/S0477/FUL **Keep in view**

h) Dovedale Close 140387 Demolition of existing maisonettes and redundant nurses station. Erection of 2 detached houses (4 Bed) and 1 pair semi-detached houses (4 bed). Concern over the design and the protection of trees raised by a resident. **(Subsequent note, application withdrawn 13 June 2014)**

5. Finance Matters - None this month.

6. Environmental Issues

a) **Environmental Visual Audits (EVAs).** Regular audits by RBC Streetcare take place and GLOBE supporters attend. Noted that some organisational changes and economies have been implemented.

b) Please report to RBC all litter, fly tipping and similar problems via smart phone app or web link at <http://loveclean.reading.gov.uk> **Alternatively please phone RBC Contact Centre on 0118 937 3797 HELP KEEP OUR STREETS CLEAN – please try that link.**

c) . **RBC “deep clean”** of several local roads now due in mid/late JUNE. **More is needed elsewhere locally.**

7. A.O.B.

a) **Caversham Park – BBC Boundary Hedge on Lowfield Road.** Concerns were raised that a mature hedge and some mature trees next to the metal fencing on northern end of Lowfield Road grass verge had been cut down in recent months. It is believed that this may be contravening the status of a Designated Historic Landscaped Park and also that the hedge was planted as a planning condition when housing was approved for Caversham Park in the 1960s. **Review at June meeting.**

b) **Shopping trolley and debris in the River Thames backwater near eastern end of Fry's Island.** This has been reported to RBC and EA. Jim and Richard agreed to retrieve the trolley **(Done)**

c) **Reminder of GLOBE AGM 7.15 pm 24 June 2014 – this will precede the June 24 monthly meeting.**

Date of next meeting - Tuesday, 24 June 2014. 8pm after AGM at Church House.