



DRAFT MINUTES AND ACTIONS OF CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 27 JANUARY 2015

Attendees.

Judith Barratt (Chair), Margaret Skinner, Vicki Abel, Richard Denney, Malcolm Moye, Dave Kenny, Phil Bagge, Will Alliston, Jenny Hicks, Chris Burden.

Apologies for absence: Jean Newbery, Dean Ezra, Peter Trout, Jim McMaster

1. Minutes of 16 December 2014 - Approved for publication – matters arising discussed as follows

2. Parks and Open Spaces and Tree issues:

a) Planters on Church Street - Review monthly meeting in March 2015.

b) Hill's Meadow: 14 sacks of litter, 4 tyres, 2 wheels, a pallet, a shopping trolley, a large carpet and various other fly-tipped items collected around Hill's Meadow on Tuesday 13 January by 6 GLOBE volunteers.

Thanks to those people for making Caversham a lot cleaner. We're still looking at possible removal of sandbags impeding flow of the Danall near George St east side as well as doing work needed to the GLOBE trees along the Danall. **Report at February meeting**

c) Christchurch Meadows

c1, The construction of the new footbridge We need to monitor progress and ensure landscaping plans are fulfilled and subsequent re-instatement of the site. **Review progress at each monthly meeting until construction site vacated and full reinstatement of the meadows is achieved.**

3. Planning matters.

a) Developments proposed on St Martin's Precinct. Planning application 140997. This will come before the February 2015 RBC Planning Committee. GLOBE has made detailed comments about other aspects of this development (see past minutes) GLOBE's concerns have also been noted by RBC Planning about the planting of "Silver Leaf Lime Trees" in the landscaping plan for this redevelopment. These trees are toxic to some bees and it is likely that an alternative will be planted. **Review February meeting**

b) Proposed Reading Sustainability Centre and a small hydro-electric generation plant in the weir. Will gave a report on the public meeting of 7 January 2015, which 4 GLOBE people attended. See this link for details: <http://readingsustainabilitycentre.co.uk/2015/01> A discussion about possible creation of a natural "fish pass" on View Island was discussed and is awaiting a site meeting. **Review February meeting**

c) Hand Car Wash Hill's Meadow . Planning Reference 141841 This has been submitted previously and withdrawn. This new submission is little different to previous version to which GLOBE was opposed as it would be out of keeping in the Thames parks major open space. GLOBE has objected to this latest plan, so has CADRA. Due to be heard at RBC February Planning Committee. **Review February meeting**

d) Dovedale Close Planning ref 141730 – GLOBE has advised neighbours and also commented on landscaping.

e) Old Peppard Road – The Hill Primary School – Construction of a new vehicle access that would involve removal of a young Oak tree in Peppard Rd. The new tree was requested by Caversham Globe to fill the gap in a row of historic oak trees and to replace a tree which had been cut down in the same location a few years earlier. It was planted by Reading Tree Wardens in 2011 and is now thriving. Dave has been working with RBC and the Tree Wardens to stop this proposed development and change the construction plans. **Review February meeting**

4. Finance Matters – Our annual grant submission has been prepared by Dave and submitted to RBC. GLOBE depends on this grant to cover our PL insurance costs and meeting room hire.

5. Environmental Issues

a) Environmental Visual Audits (EVAs). Regular audits by RBC Neighbourhood Officers (formerly Streetcare) with GLOBE supporters and others attending. 2015 program is now underway. **Please ask if you want details of dates for your area as you are welcome to take part.**

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 use these - encourage others to do it too.**

c) Litter pick on 9 February planned for: Church Street to Wolsey Road, Abbotsmead Place and nearby alleys/riverside; also Hemdean Road Alley to Bugs Bottom and through Beechwood up to Highdown School. Publicity will be emailed. **Review February meeting**

d) Litter at the end of Paddock Road – this needs further investigation as a possible opportunity to clean up Richard to investigate

e) RESCUE 2015 – this annual Rivers and Environmental Spaces Clean Up Event is being planned by RBC to be between 26 and 29 March – details of GLOBE sessions to be arranged. **Discuss at February meeting.**

6. Threat to Bugs Bottom as one of the possible locations under consideration for the new Heights primary school. A petition with 1500 signatures has been presented by the SBB campaign to RBC see save.bugs.bottom@gmail.com or see www.facebook.com/savebugsbottom Details were given of RBC Policy Committee of 19 January chaired by Councillor Jo Lovelock. A wide ranging public consultation process is planned by the Education Funding Authority to commence in March whereby residents will be able to comment and vote about suggested sites for the school. Await more publicity and gird your loins **Update at February meeting.**

7. Any Other Business.

a) Judith has a possible project for planting hedging near the Milestone Centre on Caversham Park Village to prevent some damage to the building.

b) Vicki raised concerns regarding the three Horse Chestnuts on Church Road opposite Caversham Court which have been sprouting fungi. These are prominent trees. RBC is aware and is monitoring them.

c) Brief details of recent correspondence received and dealt with by GLOBE were given.

d) Will has the use of a Field Recording Device if we want to record any GLOBE activities.

Next meeting Tuesday 24 February 2015 at

7.15 pm in Church House, Caversham
(tea/coffee from 7pm - meeting starts promptly at 7.15pm)