



MINUTES AND ACTIONS OF CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 28 JUNE 2016

Attendees: (Chair) Judith Barratt, Richard Denney, Dave Kenny, Phil Bagge, Vicki Abel, Dean Ezra, Jim McMaster, Margaret Skinner, Bob Busby, Malcolm Moye, Isabella Pietrzak, Chris Burden.

Apologies for absence:, Jean Newbery, Lin Godfrey, Cyril Walkington.

1. Minutes of 24 May 2016 Approved with minor corrections - matters arising as follows:

2. Parks, trees and green spaces:

2a) Christchurch Meadows: Several concerns have been discussed at previous meetings and minuted in detail these are ongoing, including:

- **long term usage of the meadows for commercial events** and the consequent unreasonable disturbance to nearby residents, loss of use due to enclosure and destruction of the surfaces – these matters have been raised by several residents with Councillors and RBC Parks. **Report progress at next meeting.**
- **Reinstatement of the meadows following Christchurch Bridge construction.** This work has been started and will include making good the damage caused by vehicles at the CAMRA event. However, due to impending Readipop/Caversham festival it is inevitable that further damage will occur. These matters have been raised by several residents with Councillors and RBC Parks. **Report progress at next meeting.**
- **Slow flowing Danall and related odour near western end** – the work to clear the silt under the bridge at south end of Wolsey Road is due to be done soon by RBC.
- **Insufficient litter bins near Christchurch Bridge** - RBC considering this problem

2b) Planters on Church Street – Some more oiling of the woodwork needs to be arranged and the ongoing tidying and summer care continues. **Work party to be arranged.**

2c) Balmore Walk – Several concerns have been discussed at previous meetings and minuted in detail these are ongoing and have been raised with RBC Parks for resolution, including:

- **Repair or replacement National Cycle Route milepost** millennium sign badly damaged by machinery used during RBC hedge maintenance work. **Report progress at next meeting.**
- **Cutting of the grass slope** along Hemdean valley near Balmore Surgery overdue. **Report progress at next meeting.**
- **Planting of some additional hedging** and GLOBE tree maintenance work arranged for 6 July.

2d) Caversham old cemetery Hemdean Rd – See previous meeting minutes. Chris Webster is following up on this with RBC. **Keep in view.**

2e) Contact with schools about usage of open spaces – Kay Perry is due to visit The Heights Primary School. **Kay will report back.**

2f) Stream/ditch near Richfield Avenue and through the Rivermead site. See previous meeting minute. The ecological survey is being done by RBC and results are still awaited. **Keep in view**

3. Planning matters

a) Application number 151715 The installation of two Archimedean Screw Turbines with a hut covering the generators, gearboxes and the control system (hydropower infrastructure); also the construction of a fish pass on View Island. **No reported progress - Keep in view**

b) Application number 152277 Former Arthur Clark site Albert Road – Due to be discussed at RBC Planning Committee 20 July. **Keep in view**

c) Application 160018 (re 140997) St Martins Precinct. Hermes has received planning permission for the revamp on a phased basis, starting with the new block near the BT building. A new planning condition requires Hermes to submit a separate landscaping plan for each phase. **Keep in view**

d) Application number 160762 30 Lowfield Road Caversham RG4 6PA Temporary permission (5 years) for 28 (2 bedroom) temporary accommodation units. Due to be discussed at RBC Planning Committee 20 July. **Keep in view**

e) South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2032 – for anyone interested in South Oxon, there is a consultation period up to 19 August – see <http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/local-plan-2032>

4. Finance Matters none this month

5. Environmental Issues

a) Environmental Visual Audits (EVAs). EVAs for our areas continue to be attended by GLOBE activists, accompanying the RBC Neighbourhood Officers to spot issues needing attention. **More details available.**

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> or www.fixmystreet.co.uk Alternatively please phone RBC Contact Centre on 0118 937 3797 **HELP KEEP OUR STREETS CLEAN** – please use these - encourage others to do it.

c) 2016 Reading Festival August B/H and related litter issues – after various email exchanges on this matter a site meeting is being arranged with RBC and others to plan and agree some improved controls etc that may reduce the amount of litter around Caversham and riverside in this period when GLOBE activists have been litter picking in previous years. **Report progress at next meeting.**

6. Conservation areas – Church Road area. CADRA is convening a meeting on 16 July at 4 pm in St Peter's Church to discuss possible extension of the area. People interested can attend. **Keep in view**

7. AOB.

a) Safer Neighbourhood Forum meeting 12 July in the Civic Offices. Jim gave more details and encouraged people to attend.

b) Loan of GLOBE projector. Following a request for another group to borrow this equipment it was agreed that GLOBE would charge the borrowers a £10 hire fee as contribution to replacement bulb costs.

**Next monthly meeting Tuesday 26 July 2016 at 7.15 pm in Church House, Caversham
(refreshments from 7 pm)**