



MINUTES AND ACTIONS OF CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 26 JULY 2016

Attendees: Richard Denney, Dave Kenny, Jim McMaster, Malcolm Moye, Vicki Abel, Dean Ezra, Margaret Skinner, Bob Busby, Lin Godfrey, Bob O'Neil.

Apologies for absence:, Isabella Pietrzak, Cyril Walkington, Judith Barratt, Pat Rapley, Kay Perry.

1. Minutes of 28 June 2016 Approved - 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 and long standing, including:

- **long term usage policy of using the meadows for commercial events** raised by several residents with Councillors and RBC Parks. Questions raised about terms of the Readipop licence for the recent event not being adhered to, with excessive noise and intrusion of vehicles. Matters unresolved for future policy. **No progress to report. Review next meeting.**
- **reinstatement of the meadows following Christchurch Bridge construction.** In progress. **Review at next meeting.**
- **slow flowing Danall and related odour near western end** – not yet resolved **Keep in view**
- **insufficient litter bins near Christchurch Bridge** - RBC still considering this **Keep in view**

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 for late September.**

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. Not yet done **Keep in view**
- **Overdue cutting of the grass slope** Not yet done. **Keep in view**

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 visited The Heights Primary School and reported on various facilities and activities the school has on its temporary site. **CLOSED**

2f) Litter in stream/ditch near Richfield Avenue and through the Rivermead site. RBC say that there will be no progress until early autumn after the nesting season. **Keep in view**

3. Planning matters

a) Application number 151715 The installation of two Archimedean Screw Turbines and 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 – Approved at RBC Planning Committee 20 July, apart from the external lighting scheme. Noted that very little of residents concerns that were submitted in the planning consultation stages resulted in changes to the proposals. **CLOSED**

c) Application number 160762 30 Lowfield Road Caversham RG4 6PA Temporary permission (5 years) for 28 (2 bedroom) temporary accommodation units. Approved – **CLOSED.**

d) Noted recent press announcement by Wokingham Council for a proposed car “park and ride” on Reading border downstream from Kennet Mouth. This would require a new bridge over the Kennet and a road to connect with Napier Road and funding/approval by Reading Borough. **Keep in view**

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 – site meetings took place and our concerns were noted. Further review and site meeting in August arranged with RBC. **Review next meeting.**

d) RBC proposed reduction in number of Neighbourhood Officers as a cost saving action. Noted that this is likely to result in reduced EVAs and puts annual RESCUE clean up event arrangements at risk.

6. Conservation areas – St Peter's and Church Road This CADRA meeting took place with approx 30 attendees on 16 July discussing current and possible extension of the St Peter's conservation area. Further proposals being developed. **CLOSED**

**Next monthly meeting Tuesday 23 August 2016 at 7.15 pm in Church House, Caversham
(refreshments from 7 pm)**