



MINUTES AND ACTIONS OF CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 23 AUGUST 2016

Attendees: Richard Denney, Dave Kenny, Margaret Skinner, Bob Busby, Kay Perry, Chris Burden.

Apologies for absence: Jim McMaster, Vickie Abel, Judith Barratt,

1. Minutes of 26 July 2016 Approved - matters arising as follows:

2. Parks, trees and green spaces:

2a) Christchurch Meadows: many concerns have been discussed at previous meetings and minuted in detail some are ongoing and long standing:

- **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. Richard to persist with contacting Councillors Davies/Crisp. 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 since January!
- **Removal of herras fencing** behind laundry site after building work **Keep in view**
- **hedge cutting along north field to Gosbrook Road** is ragged compared with that on boundary of Westfield Park shrubbery on Falkland Road pavement. **Chris to speak to Julian RBC Parks**

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

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 of National Cycle Route metal millennium milepost** sign that was badly damaged by machinery used during RBC hedge 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. No reported outcomes. **CLOSED**

2e) Litter in stream/ditch near Richfield Avenue and through the Rivermead site. RBC say that there will be progress in early autumn after the nesting season. **Dave will follow up with Pedro of RBC Parks**

2f) Tree damage in Emmer Green rec probably by animals. Agreed that GLOBE will fund tree guards and **Dave is liaising with EGRA on this.**

3. Planning matters

a) 161167 by Wokingham Council for a proposed car “park and ride” on the Reading border, near Kennet Mouth on scrubland behind the old Dreadnought pub. Although this proposal by Wokingham (161596) is limited to the car park and link road to existing roundabout on A329 it implies a consequent new bridge over the Kennet and road to Napier Road within Reading Borough for a “Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) service (see 161515 in 3b below). Application for the car park only is being considered by RBC on 7 September and officers recommendation is “NO OBJECTION”. See www.reading.gov.uk/media/5856/Item15/pdf/Item15.pdf

b) 161515 is a Scoping Report from Peter Brett on behalf of Reading Borough Council for the proposed Mass Rapid Transport road which will link from the above park & ride car park near Kennet Mouth (re 161167). The road would be built on a raised embankment with a new bridge over Kennet mouth next to the horseshoe bridge, and run on land on the railway side of Tesco's car park linking into the existing Napier Road. **Keep in view**

4. Finance Matters Annual public liability insurance paid - £293, also £38 annual subscription for Trust for Conservation Volunteers (TCV)

5. Environmental Issues

a) Environmental Visual Audits (EVAs). Noted that the number of RBC Neighbourhood Officers (N.O.) is to be reduced due to essential cost cutting. This is likely to result in reduction of EVAs for our areas and consequent neglect of non-highway problems. It may also risk the annual RESCUE clean up. Dave and Richard attended a Reading GLOBE alliance (TREGA) meeting on 18 Aug to exchange ideas about the consequences. **Keep in view**

b) Is anyone else in our area reporting 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 **AND is anyone using phone RBC Contact Centre on 0118 937 3797 ?? CAN YOU HELP KEEP OUR STREETS CLEAN? Please let GLOBE know if you use these – and please encourage others to do it.**

c) 2016 Reading Festival August B/H and related litter issues – Jim and Dave have been to meetings with RBC and Festival Republic about our concerns to prevent litter build up and shopping trolley misuse (?theft) by some festival goers in central Caversham and riverside. Jim has also spoken to Waitrose manager about trolley problems. Extra bins have been requested and assurances received from RBC about daily litter picking in main areas. GLOBE people will also do daily litter picking as needed, from 3 pm; publicity to be sent asap for volunteers. **Review next meeting.**

6. Reading Tree Walks – Four additional Tree Walks has been devised by the Reading Tree Wardens – including one for Caversham that can be accessed here or printed copies are available on request: http://www.readingtreewardens.org.uk/walks/walk_caversham.htm

Next monthly meeting Tuesday 27 September 2016 at 7.15 pm in Church House, Caversham (refreshments from 7 pm)