



## MINUTES AND ACTIONS OF CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 27 September 2016

**Attendees:** Judith Barratt (Chair), Richard Denney, Dave Kenny, Margaret Skinner, Phil Bagge, Dean Ezra, Chris Burden, Colin Potts.

**Apologies for absence:** Jim McMaster, Vicki Abel, Kay Perry, Malcolm Moye, Isabella Pietrzak, Bob O'Neill, Cyril Walkington, Caroline Langdon.

**1. Minutes of 23 August 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, generator pollution and intrusion of vehicles. Matters unresolved for future policy. Cyril and Jim attended a meeting with RBC to discuss some residents concerns. Noise levels were monitored by RBC but not disclosed. It's likely that terms of licence for this event next year will be more stringent. **Dave and Richard will now go to meet Councillors Davies/Chrisp on October 3 in Caversham Library. Review next meeting.**
- **slow flowing Danall and related odour near western end** – statement from RBC Parks received as follows: “will be finishing off the clearance of the culvert at Wolsey Road in October. We originally hoped to be able to clear the drain with the aid of our Whale tanker but the bottom of the underground chamber is covered in dried up tarmac which is blocking the water flow. This will need to be removed by hand and we don't have anyone immediately available to deal with this.” **Keep in view**
- **insufficient litter bins near Christchurch Bridge** - RBC still considering this since January!
- **Removal of herras fencing** behind laundry site & reinstatement of hedge after building work is completed. **Keep in view**

**2b) Planters on Church Street** – Some more oiling of the woodwork needs to be arranged. The tidying & 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 have been raised with RBC Parks and 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 **Dave has asked RBC again. Now raise with Councillors on 3 October. Keep in view**
- **Overdue cutting of the two conservation areas (grass slope & top field)** Not yet done. **Dave has asked RBC again. Now raise with Councillors on 3 October. Keep in view**

**2d) Caversham old cemetery Hemdean Rd** – See previous meeting minutes. Dave has written to RBC re fallen branches and litter bins not being emptied. **Review next meeting**

**2e) Litter in stream/ditch near Richfield Avenue and through the Rivermead site.** RBC reply as follows: “The Rivermead culvert is scheduled to be cleared along with other ditch works within the Cow Lane network. We do not have a definite date for this yet but I will begin planning the work in October.” **Keep in view**

**2f) Tree damage in Emmer Green Rec** probably by animals. Agreed that EGRA & GLOBE will fund 6 mesh tree guards and **Dave is buying the tree guards**

### **3. Planning matters**

**a) 161167 by Wokingham Council (their number 161596) for a proposed car “park and ride”** on the Reading border, near Kennet Mouth on scrub land. Discussed at previous meeting. **Keep in view**

**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). Discussed at previous meeting **Keep in view**

**c) Cooper BMW site, Kings Meadow Rd.** Revised proposals from Lochailort Investments for new tower blocks with c310 flats. This is being promoted as “Thames Quarter” (ex Swan Heights that was previously rejected). **Discussed – keep in view**

**d) Farmland north of Emmer Green between Peppard Rd & Kiln Rd. Gladman Land is promoting a scheme** on behalf of the Phillimore Estate to build 270 houses on this open farmland immediately adjacent to Emmer Green. The land is in South Oxon (Eye&Dunsden Parish) but would have major consequences for Emmer Green & Caversham. **Discussed – keep in view**

**e) Legal notice was published in press recently for GLL**, the company that runs Rivermead Leisure Complex, to acquire use of land for a temporary swimming pool near the Promenade. **Keep in view**

### **4. Finance Matters Nothing to report**

### **5. Environmental Issues**

**a) RBC policy committee met on Monday 26 Sept & decided to introduce a £50 annual charge** for household green waste bins. Additionally, re3 at Smallmead facility is introducing charges for some items from 30 September. A likely consequence is an increase in fly tipping, which GLOBE works to combat locally.

**b) GLOBE will be doing a litter pick** at Hill's Meadow on Saturday 15 October at 10 am meet at the Bottle Banks. **Richard to arrange. Review at next meeting.**

**c) 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](http://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.**

**d) 2016 Reading Festival August B/H and related litter issues – CLOSED**

### **6. AOB**

**a) Reading Neighbourhoods Conference –** hosted by RBC on Tuesday 8 November from 6.30 pm in the Town Hall – GLOBE will be attending. Anyone interested? **More details at October meeting**

**b) Chris Burden gave details** of a series of talks hosted by the Reading Climate Forum – for more details see the Greater Reading Environment; Network (GREN) website: <http://www.gren.org.uk/index.cfm>

**Next monthly meeting Tuesday 25 October 2016 at 7.15 pm in Church House, Caversham (refreshments from 7 pm)**