



MINUTES AND ACTIONS OF CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 25 October 2016

Attendees: Judith Barratt (Chair), Richard Denney, Dave Kenny, Vickie Abel, Margaret Skinner, Dean Ezra, Malcolm Moye, Wendy Terry, Francis Hamley

Apologies for absence: Jim McMaster, Kay Perry, Isabella Pietrzak, Caroline Langdon, Chris Burden.

1. Minutes of 27 September 2016 Approved - matters arising as follows:

2. Parks, trees and green spaces:

2a) Christchurch Meadows: many long standing concerns have been discussed at previous meetings, minuted in detail and raised with RBC Councillors without conclusion or satisfactory outcome:

- **long term usage policy of using the meadows for commercial events** raised by several residents with Councillors and RBC Parks. Despite various dialogues and having raised at NAG and with Councillors, there has been no satisfactory outcome on the issues raised. It seems that residents will need to be more vigilant and determined regarding advanced plans and licences by RBC for next year's usage of the Thames Parks for large public events. **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.” **STILL NO PROGRESS BY RBC – Review at next meeting**
- **insufficient litter bins near Christchurch Bridge** - RBC still considering this since January! This has been raised at NAG with no success.
- **Removal of herras fencing** behind laundry site & reinstatement of hedge after building work is completed. This to be raised with RBC Parks. **Review next meeting.**

2b) Planters on Church Street – Work party arranged for planting 100 primula and pansies in next 2 weeks for over winter colour. Some more oiling of the woodwork needs to be arranged.. **keep in view**

2c) Balmore Walk – Several concerns have been discussed at previous meetings and minuted in detail these have been raised with RBC Parks and RBC Councillors 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. **Raised with Councillor Chrisp on 3 October but no response to date. Keep in view**
- **Overdue cutting of the two conservation areas (grass slope & top field)** Not yet done. **Dave has asked RBC again. Raised with Councillor Chrisp on 3 October but no response to date. Keep in view**

2d) Caversham old cemetery Hemdean Rd – See previous meeting minutes. Some fallen branches have now been partially removed and litter bins at last have been 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.” . **STILL NO PROGRESS BY RBC Keep in view**

2f) Tree damage in Emmer Green Rec probably by animals. Agreed that EGRA & GLOBE will fund 6 mesh tree guards and posts to be erected in near future. **CLOSED**

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. **CLOSED**

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 – **await formal planning application. CLOSED**

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). **await formal planning application. CLOSED**

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. **Await further consultation and/or formal planning application from South Oxfordshire DC – Review next meeting**

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. **Due to be discussed at RBC Policy Committee on 31 October. Review next meeting.**

4. **Finance Matters** £100 to be spent on plants for Church Street Planters re item 2b in page 1. £100 to be spent as part payment towards tree guards and posts for Emmer Green Rec. re Item 2f in page 1

5. Environmental Issues

a) **6 GLOBE activists did a litter pick** at Hill's Meadow on Saturday 15 October - 18 sacks of litter (12 general waste, 6 recycling) plus 26 glass bottles (put in b/banks), some hosepipe, 7 light bulbs, 3 drugs needles, a traffic cone and a lot of fly tipped plumbing trade waste that included 2 plastic water tanks and a big boiler flue. . **Plan another one somewhere else – any suggestions welcome please.**

b) *****IS ANYONE who reads these notes in our area reporting to RBC any 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) **Hill's Meadow entrance to Thames Parks –** Concerns raised that this now appears to be merely an entrance to a commercial car wash instead of a leisure site and car park. Question raised at NAG regarding the 5 signs and banners on or near the pavement that detract from the visual aspect of the area and whether this excessive signage is as envisaged by RBC Parks when the land was leased and whether these signs are as licensed with planning permission from RBC. **Raise with RBC**

6. AOB

a) **Reading Neighbourhoods Conference –** hosted by RBC on Tuesday 8 November from 6.30 pm in the Town Hall - **now postponed until 2017 – CLOSED**

Next monthly meeting Tuesday 22 November 2016 at 7.15 pm in Church House, Caversham (refreshments from 7 pm)