



MINUTES AND ACTIONS OF CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 22 November 2016

Attendees: Richard Denney, Dave Kenny, Vickie Abel, Jim McMaster, Malcolm Moye, Isabella Pietrzak, Bob Busby, Phil Bagge

Apologies for absence: Judith Barratt, Margaret Skinner, Margaret Ormonde, Pat Rapley.

1. Minutes of 25 October 2016 Approved - matters arising as follows:

2. Parks, trees and green spaces:

2a) Christchurch Meadows:

- **long term usage policy of using the meadows for commercial events** – Readipop licence for Caversham Festival 2017 being reviewed by RBC in January 2017 . **Review next meeting.**
- **slow flowing Danall and related odour near western end** – statement from RBC Parks received as follows: “.....the bottom of the Wolsey Road 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 – keep in view**
- **insufficient litter bins near Christchurch Bridge** - Raised with RBC in January 2016. This has also been raised at NAG with no success. RBC will not install any bins so we now give up! **CLOSE.**
- **Removal of herras fencing** behind laundry site & reinstatement of hedge after building work. Dave raised with RBC Parks. Half fencing now removed but a few laurels have appeared rather than full hedge re-instatement. Also noted that some laurels had been planted near the University Boat Club fence at western end of Christchurch Meadows. **Review next meeting.**

2b) Planters on Church Street – 100 primula and pansies were planted for over winter colour.

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 in Feb 2016 by machinery used during RBC hedge work. Not yet done. Richard raised yet again with RBC. They are investigating options. **Keep in view**
- **Overdue cutting of the two conservation areas.** Grass slope now cut but not cleared. **Top field** not done and we have been informed that it will not now be done until next year as it was taken off the RBC cutting schedule in error. **CLOSE**

2d) Litter in stream/ditch near Richfield Avenue and through the Rivermead site. RBC now tell us that 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.” **Was not cleared in October and unlikely to be for some time. Keep in view**

2e) Three replacement trees at Flambards Flats on Star Rd corner due to be planted.

Richard to contact with Southern Housing to confirm details. **Review next meeting**

2f) Vickie reported that Ash tree die back has appeared at Caversham Court Gardens. RBC Tree Officer is investigating. **Review next meeting**

3. Planning matters

a) New item RBC ref 161842. 58 dwellings along Henley Road behind numbers 199 – 203. Being considered by RBC Planning Committee in Jan 2017. **Review next meeting**

d) Farmland north of Emmer Green between Peppard Rd & Kiln Rd. Outline planning for 245 dwellings. The land is in South Oxon (Eye & Dunsden Parish) but would have major consequences for Emmer Green & Caversham. Discussed and agreed that: Judith will attend meetings with other objectors. GLOBE will place formal objection on SODC website.. **Keep in view**

e) GLL, Rivermead Leisure Complex, to acquire an area of Thames Prom land north of the existing Rivermead structures for a new permanent building which would initially house a 25m demountable swimming pool. It would be highly visible from the Thames Prom and parts of St Peters Conservation Area including Caversham Court. Additional screening is therefore essential. Dave to submit comments. Noted that EA will need to approve flood plain issues. **Review next meeting.**

4. Finance Matters None

5. Environmental Issues

5a) EVAs. Malcolm and Vickie reported that a recent Thames Ward Albert Road area EVA was not fully completed due to staff absence and stand in by Gary Miles at short notice. Noted that William Robertson, Neighbourhood Officer is leaving RBC. EVA dates for Caversham and Peppard Ward up to March 2017 have been received from RBC but not fully for Thames and Mapledurham ward yet.

6. AOB

a) Cyril Walkington – It is with sadness that we have to record that Cyril died recently.

b) Social meeting of GLOBE supporters pm Tues. 20 December at Prince of Wales, Prospect Street.

**Next monthly meeting Tuesday 24 January 2017 at 7.15 pm in Church House, Caversham
(refreshments from 7 pm)**