



MINUTES AND ACTIONS OF CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 24 January 2017

Attendees: Richard Denney, Dave Kenny, Jim McMaster, Malcolm Moye, Margaret Skinner, Dean Ezra, Phil Bagge, Bob O'Neil

Apologies for absence: Judith Barratt, Vickie Abel, Isabella Pietrzak, Bob Busby, Chris Burden

Minutes of 22 November 2016 Approved - matters arising as follows:

2. Parks, trees and green spaces:

2a) Christchurch Meadows:

- **Readipop licence for Caversham Festival 2017.** Dean and Jim will be attending the licence review hearing at RBC on 26 January. **Report at 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**
- **Reinstatement of meadows** – Jim reported that “Fields in Trust” are in contact with RBC about the condition of some of the grass areas and 2 trees that should be reinstated. **Report next meeting**
- **Replanting of hedge behind laundry site after building work.** Dave is in contact with RBC Parks. A few laurels have appeared rather than full hedge. **Review next meeting.**

2b) Westfield Rec. removal of 2 trees and laying of a tarmac on a previously grassed area – This has been done by RBC without any public prior notice or consultation, much to the surprise of residents and park users. It is thought to be an extension of facilities for the nearby Heights Primary School that may be shared by general public at other times. Dean has emailed RBC Parks to get the facts. **Review next meeting**

2c) Balmore Walk

- **Repair or replacement of National Cycle Route metal millennium milepost** sign damaged in Feb 2016 by machinery used during RBC hedge work. RBC Parks are considering what to do. Richard is trying to get costs estimates (could be £800+) from Sustrans and is liaising with RBC. **Keep in view**
- **Woodland at Rotherfield way end of Balmore Walk** – Dave reported that felling and pruning of many trees was started on Saturday 7 January by RBC without the prior notice or site meeting that had previously been agreed by RBC. Consequently some valued trees have been cut down, with a risk of further undesirable loss. Dave and Richard placed notices on some valued trees. Worked continued on 3 subsequent Saturdays. Following our detailed protest to RBC and extended email exchanges it appears that consultation by RBC and cooperation with Parks department cannot always be expected in future. (Copies of email exchanges available on request).

2d) Litter in stream/ditch near Richfield Avenue and through the Rivermead site. Rivermead culvert is scheduled to be cleared by RBC along with other ditch works within the Cow Lane network. Unlikely to be for some time. **Keep in view**

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

Site meeting with Southern Housing arranged for 3 Feb. **Review next meeting**

3. Planning matters

a) **RBC ref 161842.** 58 dwellings along Henley Road behind numbers 199 – 203. **REFUSED.**

b) **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. Malcolm reported back on the RBC planning committee meeting that he had attended on 11 January: RBC unanimously voted to object to the proposals. GLOBE has objected. Noted that the objections from the Chilterns AONB Conservation Board is worth reading. See also the website <http://www.cagedunsden.org> representing five south Oxfordshire parishes with EGRA, CADRA, GLOBE and CPVA. It is likely that SODC will consider the application in March.

Comments and objections can still be sent to SODC - planning ref P16/S3630/O

<http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P16/S3630/O>

Keep in view

c) **GLL, Rivermead Leisure Complex,** 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. . . Dave has submitted comments about landscaping and screening. **Keep in view**

d) **RBC ref 162166 Cooper BMW site, Kings Meadow Road** - noted that a new application called Thames Quarter has been submitted by Locailort for 315 apartments with one 23-storey block and a large 12 storey block. It is very different from the previous Swan Heights proposal.

4. Finance Matters None

5. Environmental Issues

a) **EVAs.** February EVA dates were noted.

b) **Spring clean up around Caversham (RESCUE)** – We will be arranging a clean up on Sunday 12 March around central Caversham and nearby riverside. **Details to be agreed at next meeting**

c) **Extensive litter on roadsides in and around our area and into South Oxfordshire.** Very noticeable that many local lanes and main roads, including A4074 and Caversham Park Road have a lot of litter on the verges and some fly tipping in places. **Ideas sought for remedy- anyone?**

6. AOB

a) Bob reported that many landscaping trees alongside the A33 relief road in south Reading had been felled by RBC.

b) Noted that RBC have implemented a small appliance recycling collection service together with the regular household recycling collection service.

Next monthly meeting Tuesday 28 February 2017 at 7.15 pm in Church House, Caversham (refreshments from 7 pm)