



MINUTES & ACTIONS OF CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 23 JANUARY 2018

Attendees: Dave Kenny, Richard Denney, Vickie Abel, Chris Burden, Bob Busby, Nick Haskins. Maggie Hawkes, Dean Ezra, Len Smith

Apologies for absence: Judith Barratt, Margaret Skinner, Jean Newbery, Malcolm Moye, Isabella Pietrzak Adele Barnett-Ward

ACHIEVEMENTS AND UPDATES (Since last meeting):

Minutes of meeting 28 November 2017 Approved – matters arising were discussed/noted below, with additional items added as discussed in this current meeting.

PARKS, TREES & GREEN SPACES	Laundry fence in Christchurch Meadow - confirmed that fence is erected on accurate boundary. CLOSED
PLANNING MATTERS	171847 Reading University Boat Club Abbotsmead Place Caversham. Erection of 1 boat store and associated works. Application Withdrawn CLOSED
ENVIRONMENT	<p>Great British Spring Clean/ RESCUE</p> <p>GLOBE will be organising some clean ups as follows</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Friday 2 March 10 am to 12.30 pm and 2 pm to 4 pm - General litter clearance and removal of debris from watercourses where accessible - Hill's Meadow; View Island and Christchurch Meadows. 2. Sunday 4 March - provisionally 10 am to 12.30 pm and 2.30 pm to 4.30 - Litter clearance central Caversham, Richfield Avenue/Thames Prom margins and other identified locations 3. Friday 23 March - 10.30 am - Christchurch Meadows, Hedge planting along laundry boundary - to replant and infill existing hedge. Big planting job and possibly some other tasks to be confirmed. <p>Two GLOBE activists have cleaned some longstanding graffiti from shop front in Church Road. CLOSED</p> <p>Hills Meadow: Following the site meeting with Andy Gillespie, RBC have now completed the missed conservation cut in Hills Meadow as well as trimmed the Globe hedge and cut back some overhanging trees. CLOSED</p> <p>St Martins Precinct. Fly tipping and heaps of rubbish around the bin area. Dave and Vickie contacted Workman in Bristol, the managing agent for Hermes. Assurance given that it will be cleaned up. Keep in view</p>
	GLOBE's aims, activities and priorities. Agreed that a meeting be arranged in February for GLOBE supporters to meet and generate ideas and actions for the GLOBE group's future. Meeting occurred and new ideas documented by Chris.
FINANCE	None this month.

ITEMS TO PRIORITISE (After this meeting):

PARKS, TREES & GREEN SPACES	<p>Christchurch Meadows – from site meeting with RBC Parks Manager Andy Gillespie in December –</p> <p>- Slow flowing partly blocked Danall – agreed removal of industrial debris, big logs and litter. GLOBE work party on Friday 2 March. RBC to remove heavy logs. Keep in view</p>
	<p>Felling of Poplars & hedge by laundry site. RBC will remove 4 remaining poplars Boundary hedge will be reinstated by GLOBE 23 March. Dave to obtain 90 saplings via Woodland Trust. Richard arranging work party.</p>
	<p>Hill’s Meadow – Suspected illegal parking by Reading Bridge Thames flow meter – Report to RBC Parks</p>
	<p>Bucks Eyot - Vegetation damage and felling of willows on the island nearest to Caversham bridge by boaters. All three Eyots are owned by RBC but only the other two covered by TPO. Raise with RBC.</p>
	<p>Planters Church Street – Work party tba in early Spring. Question of allocating some section 106 funding via RBC for replacement planters and costs of future care. To be progressed via CADRA</p>
	<p>Proposed fish pass at Caversham Weir/View Island - site visit to look at location, visual impact and likely effect on nearby trees, so that we can give detailed feedback. Site meeting to be arranged</p>
	<p>Air Quality – Results of our test in December 2017 showed that air quality in Church Road Caversham was 56.2 µg/m³ (micrograms per cubic metre) of Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂). This far exceeds most other places recently measured in the Reading area as well as the legal limit for NO₂ pollution, which is set at an annual mean of 40µg/m³. Agreed actions: that GLOBE should raise with RBC and ward Councillors, request traffic flow analysis by RBC, raise with CADRA for joint action, raise at NAG and Safer Neighbourhood Forum, question speed limits “20 mph desirable”, publicise via Facebook, obtain 4 more test tubes for other locations. For more detailed information about the clean air campaign. https://friendsoftheearth.uk/clean-air/. Review next meeting</p>

PLANNING MATTERS	None this month.
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ENVIRONMENT	<p>Residents please report any issues through the Love Clean Reading App go to http://loveclean.reading.gov.uk/help or at www.fixmystreet.com</p>
	<p>RAYS (Reading Adopt Your Street). More people north of the Thames are needed especially where litter hotspots occur. Ring for information on 0118 937 3534 or email rays@reading.gov.uk</p>
	<p>25 additional Hi-viz vests for GLOBE work parties - Richard to clarify design and get costs</p>
	<p>Waitrose Carpark & southern end of Archway Rd long-term litter and detritus issues. Waitrose are responsible for this area (including this part of Archway Rd according to RBC) but they do not appear to carry out any cleaning or litter picking. Globe to raise with Waitrose manager.</p>

FINANCE	None this month.
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ITEMS WITH NO CHANGE SINCE LAST MEETING

NOTE: Only discuss these in meeting if a member has an update to state.

PARKS, TREES & GREEN SPACES	Balmore Walk - Replacement by RBC of National Cycle Route metal millennium milepost still awaited.
	Balmore Walk: Cutting of the conservation grass on the slope (supposed to have 2 cuts per year) was not carried out at all during 2017. Raise again with RBC.
	Flambards, Lower Henley Road replacement trees. No support for GLOBE to replant here. CLOSED
	Green areas along Abbotsmead Place, felling of trees and drastic clearance of all undergrowth on this informal valuable wildlife habitat has caused distress locally. GLOBE raised with RBC but no TPOs on the land and nothing can be done to prevent landowner actions. Possible planning application now likely.

PLANNING MATTERS	171108 Proposed River Kennet bridge and new road into town centre - Keep in view.
	171996 2 semi-detached houses at eastern end of Mill Green. Withdrawn
	Outline application for 245 dwellings on farmland by Emmer Green. Appeal hearing 1 May 2018

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Next monthly meeting: Tuesday 27 February 2018 – 7.15 pm Church House Church Street Caversham. Refreshments will be available from 7 pm.