

MINUTES & ACTIONS, CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 27 November 2018

Attendees: Richard Denney (chair), Dave Kenny, Vickie Abel, Dean Ezra, Bob Busby, Jean Newbery, Chris Burden, Wendy Terry, Frances Hamley, Councillor Adele Barnett-Ward, Nick Haskins (Chair NRSNF), Greg Grasshof, Julian Ansell, Jeanette Jeans.

Apologies: Judith Barratt, Caroline Johnson, Margaret Skinner, Jean Newbery, Isabella Pietrzak, Len Smith, Steve Goodchild.

ACHIEVEMENTS, UPDATES, PRIORITIES & NEW ITEMS:

Minutes of last monthly meeting held on 23 October 2018 were approved – matters arising were discussed/noted below, with additional items added as discussed in this current meeting.

1. Poor Air Quality

The September results are (legal limit is 40 µg/m³ (micrograms per cubic metre)).

Location	Sept results	Annual Mean
Near 59 Church Street	34	34
Near 14 Church Street	40	44
Junction of Church Road & St Anne's Road	41	51
Near Peppard Road & Prospect Street	48	58

This matter has been raised by Adele with the RBC Strategic Environment and Transport Committee. However, the agenda papers of 21 November on Air Quality (search for 7 page RBC document at <http://www.reading.gov.uk/article/11415/Archived-meetings-from-01-September-to-31-December-2018>) does not make any reference to AQ readings north of the Thames, even though Prospect Street readings have been above the illegal limit for many years and GLOBE's AQ readings are not mentioned. GLOBE and other groups with RBC Councillors in north Reading need to develop a joint approach for remedial action underpinned with funding and commitment from RBC - meeting yet to be arranged. **ACTION NEEDED!**

Discuss at next meeting

2. **Repair of Planters on Church Street.** Successful completion of rebuild and repair with new timber and winter bedding planting was done on 2 & 4 November, Hedge cutting and tidying of the library shrubbery along Hemdean road was also done, Thanks to all participants. **Keep under review**
3. **Waitrose area and Archway Rd.** Persistent site litter and car parking problems have now been raised by Councillor Barnett-Ward with Waitrose management. **Keep under review**
4. **Finance matters. Sources of Grants and Donations to ensure GLOBE group's future and funding of projects.** Walmsley Estate Agents have made a generous donation £100 Further sources of financial support are still needed. **Review next meeting**
5. **Christchurch Meadows. (i) Logs in the Danall** – GLOBE has now removed these logs. RBC to be asked again about removing tree debris from felled poplar. **(ii) Tents by laundry hedge**, 5 tents in the meadows have been served legal notice to quit. However, the occupants have removed large section of hedge planted by Globe last winter, it will need replacing when the tents and associated fly tipping has been cleaned up. **Review next meeting**
6. **Planning application new item 180499 St Martin's Precinct developments**
Application for full planning permission for the development of a 5 storey mixed use scheme comprising 16 residential apartments (1x studio, 9 x 1 bedroom, 6 x 2 bedroom), a Cinema / Leisure facility (Use Class D2) and retail and restaurant units (Use Class A1 and Use Class A3). GLOBE to submit comments and suggestions. **Review next meeting**

7. **Planning Application number 171108 Construction of public transport, pedestrian and cycle bridge** and viaduct on land between Thames Valley Business Park and Napier Road Reading. Dave submitted revised GLOBE objections to Wokingham and Reading. **Review next meeting**
8. **Planning Application number 181151 Abbotsmead Place Erection of a two-storey building to provide 2x1-bed flats (Class C3) with associated works including car/cycle parking, landscaping and refuse storage.** Plot where trees and undergrowth were removed last year. Revised plans have been submitted by developer. Dave sent in GLOBE comments. Anyone interested in the amount of bureaucracy generated by this minor development should refer to http://planning.reading.gov.uk/fastweb_PL/detail.asp?AltRef=181151&submit1=Submit&ApplicationNumber=181151&AddressPrefix=&Postcode= where Ecological, Flood Risk, Trees and Air Quality docs amongst many others can be accessed. **Review next meeting.**
9. **Planning Application number 181471 Rear of 27 to 43 Blenheim Road 5 x 2 storey dwellings** on TPO protected woodland, former rear gardens of properties on Kidmore Road. Dave sent GLOBE objections. **Keep in view**
10. **Planning Application number 181659 (See also item 11 below) Environmental Impact Assessment - Environment Agency proposal for major works** close to the River Thames, including: c. 4,000m of flood defences along the north bank of the River Thames, extending from Promenade Road in the west to Nire Road / Ruskin in the east; flood defences on the south bank along the Thames Path from Waterman Place in the west to Reading (George Street) Bridge in the east. Various issues discussed by attendees. Much detail on RBC pdf at <http://documents.reading.gov.uk/AnitePublicDocs/00415561.pdf>. **Keep in view**
11. **Environment Agency planned site visit re proposed flood defences** (See also item 10 above) GLOBE objected to these proposals (**see July minutes**). Dave reported that we have now been invited to a site walkover and discussion with the Environment Agency; date to be arranged for two people. **Consider detailed actions at next meeting**
12. **Outline application for 245 dwellings on South Oxfordshire farmland by Emmer Green.** Good news received on 13 November that the Gladman appeal for outline planning to build 245 houses on green fields on the northern boundary of Emmer Green **has been dismissed by the Planning Inspector**. However, an appeal to the high court by Gladman is expected. **Keep in view**
13. **Reading Golf Course** - the club is trying to sell to developers for housing. Concerns were raised over potential loss of this important area of green space a large part of the site is in South Oxon. A campaign "**Keep Emmer Green**" has been active against this. **Keep in view**
14. **Balmore Walk & nearby street trees - work completed on 2 & 4 November. CLOSED**

ITEMS TO NOTE BUT WITH NO CHANGE SINCE LAST MEETING

15. Local Sites under threat of development – keep in view. Caversham Lawn Tennis Club and land at the former BBC Caversham Park. **No current action**
16. **Residents please report** any issues through the **Love Clean Reading App** go to <http://loveclean.reading.gov.uk/help> or at www.fixmystreet.com
17. **RAYS** (Reading Adopt Your Street). 419 people are registered across Reading. 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.
18. **Reprinting of GLOBE business cards** These are expected in early December. **Judith to action.**
19. **AOB - The deteriorating condition of Chazey Barn (Grade One listed) was discussed**

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 22 January 2019 at 7 pm Church House, Church Street, Caversham