



## MINUTES & ACTIONS OF CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 27 FEBRUARY 2018

**Attendees:** Vickie Abel (Chair), Dave Kenny, Richard Denney, Chris Burden, Bob Busby, Maggie Hawkes, Dean Ezra, Adele Barnett-Ward

**Apologies for absence:** Judith Barratt, Malcolm Moye, Isabella Pietrzak, Nick Haskins.

### ACHIEVEMENTS AND UPDATES (Since last meeting):

**Minutes of meeting 23 January 2018** Approved – matters arising were discussed/noted below, with additional items added as discussed in this current meeting.

#### 1. **Great British Spring Clean/ RESCUE**

**GLOBE cancelled** Friday 2 and Sunday 4 March due to snow/ice forecast - General litter clearance and removal of debris from watercourses where accessible - Hill's Meadow; View Island and Christchurch Meadows will now be scheduled for Friday 23 March - 10.30 am - Christchurch Meadows, when we'll be hedge planting along laundry boundary - to replant and infill existing hedge. This is a big planting job and possibly some other litter picking tasks will be needed. **RICHARD to send out details asking for volunteers PLEASE COME.**

2. **25 additional Hi-Viz** vests for GLOBE work parties - Slight redesign agreed and cost of £200 for 25 now agreed, to be delivered in March.

3. **St Martins Precinct.** Fly tipping and rubbish around the bin area was removed and site cleaned up as we requested, thanks to Dave and Vickie for their actions on this. **CLOSED.**

4. **GLOBE's aims, activities and priorities.** Meeting took place 12 February and ideas were discussed as per the notes made available and discussed. Various actions proposed are being followed up but more input from activists is needed to make some happen. e.g A leaflet drop and posters to publicise GLOBE, small business card for distributing by activists, speakers at meetings, events inviting local people to participate, better use of FaceBook and other technology, funding actions and more help with GLOBE projects e.g. planters maintenance and replacement. **All to maintain focus on these issues.**

5. **Finance:** £200 spent on the additional Hi-Viz vests for work parties

### ITEMS TO PRIORITISE (After this meeting):

#### PARKS, TREES & GREEN SPACES

6. **Christchurch Meadows - Slow flowing partly blocked Danall** – agreed removal of industrial debris, big logs and litter. GLOBE work party now on **Friday 23 March.** RBC asked to remove heavy logs. **Keep in view**

7. **Christchurch Meadows Boundary hedge** will be **reinstated** by GLOBE **23 March.** Dave has obtained 90 saplings via Woodland Trust. Dave/Richard arranging work party – Volunteers needed please.

8. **Hill's Meadow** – Suspected illegal parking by Reading Bridge Thames flow meter – **Reported to RBC Parks** by Richard – No reply, as expected.

9. **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. **Raised with RBC, no response.**

10. **Trees on RBC Housing land at Star Rd and Gosbrook Road junction.** Several mature trees have been felled around the RBC flats on this corner. It is hoped that they will be replaced - Dave to contact RBC. **Keep in view**

11. **Proposed fish pass at Caversham Weir/View Island** - Richard contacted Michael Beaven about a site meeting but no date yet agreed. **KEEP IN VIEW**
12. **Air Quality – Results of our test in December 2017 showed that** air quality in Church Road was 56.2 µg/m<sup>3</sup> (micrograms per cubic metre) of Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>).  
Agreed with CADRA to fund 4 more tubes for central Caversham locations at total cost of £25.48 as a donation, thanks to CADRA for that. New tubes will be installed in March.  
Richard wrote article for Caversham Bridge and the Round & About Magazine submitted for April publication. For more detailed information about the clean air campaign. <https://friendsoftheearth.uk/clean-air/>. **Review next meeting**

#### **PLANNING MATTERS**

None this month.

#### **ENVIRONMENT**

13. **Planters Church Street.** Bob is enthusiastic about repair of the main collapsing planter by BT exchange. Longer term project to investigate funding and sources of replacement types – **to be investigated.**

#### **FINANCE**

14. **Discussion about funding of plants for planters.** - £146 is left from the 2014 donation from Caversham Traders Association raised at the auction. Need to find more sources of grants and donations. This was discussed without specific actions agreed or assigned.

### **ITEMS WITH NO CHANGE SINCE LAST MEETING**

#### **PARKS, TREES & GREEN SPACES**

15. **Baltimore Walk** - Replacement by RBC of National Cycle Route metal millennium milepost **still awaited.**
16. **Felling of Poplars by laundry site.** RBC will remove 4 remaining poplars.
17. **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.**

#### **PLANNING MATTERS**

18. **171108 Proposed River Kennet bridge** and new road into town centre - **Keep in view.**
19. **Outline application for 245 dwellings** on farmland by Emmer Green. Appeal hearing 1 May 2018 See appeal for funding at <https://www.leetchi.com/c/community-cagedunsden>

#### **ENVIRONMENT**

20. **Residents please report** any issues through the **Love Clean Reading App** go to <http://loveclean.reading.gov.uk/help> or at [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com)
21. **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](mailto:rays@reading.gov.uk)
22. **Waitrose Car park & 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. **Dave to raise with Waitrose manager.**

#### **FINANCE**

None this month.

### **AOB**

23. **New start time for future meetings:** It was agreed that future meetings should start at 7pm.
24. **New Data Protection Regulations:** It was agreed that the GLOBE group will need a Data Privacy Statement and to check with supporters that they consent to personal details being held and used by GLOBE.

### **NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday 27 March 2018 – 7 pm Church House Church Street Caversham. Refreshments will be available.**