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MINUTES & ACTIONS OF CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 27 MARCH 2018

Attendees: Judith Barratt (Chair), Dean Ezra, Dave Kenny, Richard Denney, Isabella Pietrzak, Maggie Hawkes, Vickie Abel, Nick Haskins, Caroline Johnson. Lara Edwards

Apologies for absence: Malcolm Moye, Jean Newbery, Margaret Skinner.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND UPDATES (Since last meeting):

Minutes of meeting 27 February 2018 Approved – matters arising were discussed/noted below, with additional items added as discussed in this current meeting.

1. Christchurch Meadows Hedge Planting and litter clean up

Friday 23 March - 11 volunteers collected 20 sacks of rubbish, some fly-tipped metal, wood and plastic. 112 glass bottles were taken to bottle banks; many of those were in the important small urban water course (aka The Danall) that flows into the Thames backwater by Heron Island. We also removed logs and shifted silt that was impeding the flow of water. Elsewhere in central Caversham 2 other GLOBE litter picking activists were collecting more than 8 sacks of litter from the paths, pavements and open areas.

2. GLOBE's aims, activities and priorities. Meeting of 12 February. Ideas that were discussed as per the notes made available have not all been assigned for further investigation or implemented. Various actions were proposed but more input from activists is needed to make some happen or drop them.. e.g. A leaflet distribution 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 repair or replacement. **All to maintain focus on these issues.**

3. Air Quality – After our test in December 2017 showed that air quality in Church Road was 56.2 µg/m³ (micrograms per cubic metre) of Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂), we installed a second tube at that location on 8 March. 3 additional tubes were installed – 1 at south end of Peppard Road near traffic lights at Prospect Street/Henley Road junction and 2 in Church Street Caversham. Results are due in April.

ITEMS TO PRIORITISE (After this meeting):

PARKS, TREES & GREEN SPACES

4. Problem with Berry Brook and the land near the end of Charles Evans Way where there is a lot of litter. Agreed this would be investigated for future litter pick.
5. Richfield Avenue margins and shrubbery – litter pick to be arranged in early April.

PLANNING MATTERS

6. Caversham Golf Club on Kidmore End Road is discussing the possible sale of their land for housing development, which could lead to major housing development.

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7. **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.** Also need to arrange work party for spring planting and structure oiling/staining.

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8. **Discussion about funding of plants for planters.** - £146 is left from the 2014 donation from Caversham Traders Association, however, they have said that they will negotiate a good discount on plants required for the planter boxes. Question of **allocating some section 106 funding** via RBC for replacement planters and costs of future care. This was discussed without specific actions agreed or assigned.

9. **Sources of Grants and Donations.** This is a priority for the GLOBE group as we are no longer supported by grant from RBC. With limited funds remaining we need an experienced volunteer to pursue this matter with some positive outcome. The Co-op Card scheme was suggested but it requires specific project focus rather than supporting general running costs.
10. **New Data Protection Regulations:** Agreed that the GLOBE group needs a Data Privacy Statement and to check with supporters their consent to personal details being held and used by GLOBE.

ITEMS WITH NO CHANGE SINCE LAST MEETING

PARKS, TREES & GREEN SPACES

11. **Balmore Walk** - Replacement by RBC of National Cycle Route metal milepost **still awaited**.
12. **Felling of Poplars by laundry site.** RBC will remove 4 remaining poplars.
13. **Christchurch Meadows - partly blocked Danall** – RBC asked to remove heavy logs. **Keep in view**
14. **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.**
15. **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. 4 new trees recently planted by RBC
16. **Proposed fish pass at Caversham Weir/View Island** - Richard contacted Michael Beaven about a site meeting but no date yet agreed. **Keep in view**

PLANNING MATTERS

17. **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>

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18. **Residents please report** any issues through the **Love Clean Reading App** go to <http://loveclean.reading.gov.uk/help> or at www.fixmystreet.com
19. **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
20. **Waitrose Car park & southern end of Archway Rd** long-term litter and detritus issues. This was raised with Waitrose, who 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. **Keep in view**

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None this month.

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23. AGM of the Friends of Caversham Court Gardens 25 April
24. Beanpole Day at Caversham Court Gardens 21 April.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 24 April 2018 – 7 pm Church House, Church Street Caversham. Refreshments will be available.