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MINUTES & ACTIONS OF CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 24 APRIL 2018

Attendees: Vickie Abel (Chair), Judith Barratt, Dave Kenny, Isabella Pietrzak, Maggie Hawkes, Richard Denney, Bob Busby, Wendy Terry, Frances Hamley, Jean Newbery, Margaret Skinner, Chris Burden.

Apologies: Malcolm Moye, Nick Haskins, Caroline Johnson, Lara Edwards, Margaret Ormonde

ACHIEVEMENTS AND UPDATES (Since last meeting):

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

- Poor Air Quality** – The high nitrogen dioxide levels revealed from the four test tubes we installed in central Caversham in March to measure the amount of dangerous nitrogen dioxide per cubic metre on local roads have now been received:
Church Street/Prospect St. junction. 41.18µg/m³
Church Street/Priory Avenue junction 46.83µg/m³
Near Peppard Road/Prospect Street Junction 54.17µg/m³
Church Road/St Anne's Road junction 56.90µg/m³
After the December 2017 test tube had revealed similar worrying results, our January meeting decided on further action, **which has been done:** - raised with RBC and ward Councillors, raised with CADRA for joint action and to obtain 4 more test tubes for other locations; publicised via Facebook and Caversham Bridge newspaper; raised at the Safer Neighbourhood Forum. These latest results now call for major campaign: e.g. traffic flow analysis by RBC, question need for speed limits of 20 mph; Plan to repeat the tests in June and September at the same locations
Residents need to commit to a campaign – review next meeting.
- GLOBE's aims, activities and priorities.** Meeting of 12 February. Various actions were proposed and those being implemented include: producing posters to publicise GLOBE projects, small business card for distributing by activists, speakers at meetings – at the AGM of 28 June has been suggested, better use of FaceBook and other technology, getting funding via sponsors and getting more help with GLOBE projects e.g. planters repair or replacement. **All to maintain focus on these issues until completion – review next month to ensure progress is being made.**
- Problem with Berry Brook and the land known as Dingly Dell** near the end of Charles Evans Way. Site visit was done – fly tipping and household waste in the shrubbery and a few items in Berry Brook. Discussed with Lara who is pursuing this with intention of local people doing a clearance with GLOBE's help. **Review next meeting.**
- Richfield Avenue margins and shrubbery** – On Friday 13 April we organised a litter pick with 16 residents and 5 volunteers from local businesses who collected 10 sacks of recyclables, 25 sacks of general waste, 242 glass bottles, 4 vehicle tyres, 4 drugs needles cases and various scrap metal/wood. A massive thank you to all participants, including 3 people from Bell Tower Community Association and the Toby Carvery manager. **CLOSED**

ITEMS TO PRIORITISE (After this meeting):

PARKS, TREES & GREEN SPACES None

PLANNING MATTERS

- Planning Application number **180552**. The Heights Primary School. Extension to the existing planning approval ref 151283 until 31st August 2020. Erection of a new build 2 storey, 6 classroom modular unit on part of the St. Anne's School site, to allow the school to expand towards a capacity of 325 pupils on the temporary school site until 31st August 2020. Associated external works including the temporary annexation of a portion of the adjacent Westfield Road Recreation Ground for pupils' outdoor play area during school hours. Major concerns about the removal of trees and hedging along the boundary with Elizabeth House. **Dave is having site meeting**

6. **171108** Construction of public transport, pedestrian and cycle bridge and viaduct on land between Thames Valley Business Park and Napier Road Reading. Revised plans have been published and Dave is submitting GLOBE's objections and comments.
7. **Albert Road former Arthur Clark Home.** Noted that revised landscape plans for new apartments has reduced the number of trees; Malcolm has confirmed that the hedge will be reinstated.

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8. **Planters Church Street.** need to arrange work party for spring planting and structure oiling/staining.
9. **Great Plastic Pick up 11 to 13 May** – Bob, Wendy and Francis are available. Richard to arrange.

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10. **Discussion about funding of plants for planters.** - Caversham Traders Association 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 see item 11 below.
11. **Sources of Grants and Donations to ensure GLOBE group's future and funding of projects.** Bob Busby is following up leads and talking to several people about donations in return for some form of acknowledgement on the GLOBE website and associated publicity. **Review next meeting**
12. **New Data Protection Regulations** GLOBE group Data Privacy Statement now agreed. We will be checking with supporters that they consent to personal details being held and used by GLOBE. This will be done during June to allow time for our records to be accurately updated prior to 2018 AGM. **Richard for action**

ITEMS WITH NO CHANGE SINCE LAST MEETING

PARKS, TREES & GREEN SPACES

13. **Balmore Walk** - Replacement by RBC of National Cycle Route metal milepost **due very soon.**
14. **Felling of Poplars by laundry site.** Only 2 now remain.
15. **Christchurch Meadows – logs in the Danall** – RBC asked to remove heavy logs. **Keep in view**
16. **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.**
17. **Replacement trees on RBC Housing land at Star Rd and Gosbrook Road junction.** **CLOSED**
18. **Proposed fish pass at Caversham Weir/View Island** - site meeting date not yet arranged. **Keep in view**

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19. **Outline application for 245 dwellings** on farmland by Emmer Green. Appeal hearing 1 May 2018

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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
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
22. **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 carry out cleaning or litter picking. **No response from Waitrose**

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None this month.

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23. Graffiti on a Comms box in Lower Henley Road. **Dave will arrange cleaning.**
24. Environmental hustings at RISC London Street on Friday 27 April 7.30 pm

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 22 May 2018 – 7 pm Church House, Church Street Caversham. Refreshments will be available.