

MINUTES & ACTIONS OF CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 22 MAY 2018

Attendees: Judith Barratt (CHAIR), Dave Kenny, , Maggie Hawkes, Bob Busby, Wendy Terry, Frances Hamley, Jean Newbery, Margaret Skinner, Chris Burden.

Apologies: Richard Denney, Vicky Abel, Nick Haskins, Caroline Johnson, Isabella Pietrzak

ACHIEVEMENTS AND UPDATES (Since last meeting):

Minutes of meeting 24 April 2018 Approved – matters arising were discussed/noted below, with additional items added as discussed in this current meeting.

1. **Poor Air Quality** – It was agreed that we would repeat tests at the same 4 locations in June, September and December in order to provide evidence of air pollution over the whole year. Nick as chair of Safer Caversham Forum has raised the issue with local councillors. Possible actions could include: RBC installing official pollution monitors in Caversham; more tree planting at roadsides (eg to replace bollards), a 20mph zone in Caversham, stopping lorries using the A4074. **Keep in View**
2. **GLOBE's aims, activities and priorities.** Most of the actions have now been implemented. Two outstanding issues were posters for events (not a priority now with social media) and reprinting of Globe business cards. Owing to difficulties with printing them ourselves Judith would order some cards through Vistaprint. Bob is also working on several sponsors (see item 11). **Judith to action.**
3. **Problem with Berry Brook and the land known as Dingly Dell** near Peel Close. A site visit with Lara, Dave and Buffy from TCV took place on 16 May. It was agreed that a RESCUE type cleanup event would be arranged later in the year after the vegetation has died back.
4. **Planters on Church Street.** Maggie was thanked for carrying out weeding and tidying of the shrubs recently. A work party is to be arranged in June to oil /stain the planter boxes. **Richard to arrange.** Caversham Traders will negotiate a discount on plants through Wyevale. We agreed to look at obtaining summer bedding plants after the oiling/staining had been completed. Margaret, Wendy, Maggie and Dave had agreed to help with the planting. **To be arranged**
5. **Waitrose Car park & southern end of Archway Rd** long-term litter and detritus issues. Richard and Dave had spoken again to Waitrose about this. Subsequently, Nick Lindley at Waitrose has confirmed that the area has now been swept and would continue to be maintained by Waitrose. It was noted that both Archway Rd and the Waitrose car park were looking a lot cleaner. Bob also reported that vegetation had been cleared. **ITEM CLOSED**

ITEMS TO PRIORITISE (After this meeting):

PARKS, TREES & GREEN SPACES None

6. **Balmore Walk** - The National Cycle Route milepost has a new head at last! Some cutting back of the vegetation around the milepost and clearance around saplings was needed. **Globe working party to be arranged.**

PLANNING MATTERS

7. Planning Application number **180552**. Heights Primary School. Erection of a new build 2 storey, 6 classroom modular unit on part of the St. Anne's School field, 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 tree removal and temporary fencing of a portion of the adjacent Westfield Road Recreation Ground for pupils' outdoor play area during school hours. Dave had sent in comments on behalf of Globe. Concerns had also been raised with councillors over tree removal taking place before the application had been determined. Further felling has been stopped for now, however the application is recommended for approval at the next Planning Committee on 30 May. **Keep in View.**
8. **171108** Construction of public transport, pedestrian and cycle bridge and viaduct on land between Thames Valley Business Park and Napier Road Reading. Revised plans still show the removal of over 760 trees, with only approx 80 replacements. Globe had objected to this, and to the unnecessary removal of 3 veteran horse chestnuts nearest to Horseshoe bridge. The application is recommended for approval at the next Planning Committee on 30 May subject to EA withdrawing their objection. **Keep in View**

ENVIRONMENT

9. **Great Plastic Pick up 11 to 13 May** – We did not take part as our local parks and open spaces were found to be remarkably free of litter thanks to previous GLOBE clearances and ongoing RAYS cleanups. **CLOSED**
10. **Graffiti on several Comms boxes**, including Lower Henley Road. **Dave to tackle with Globe cleaning kit & other volunteers.**

FINANCE AND ADMIN

11. **Sources of Grants and Donations to ensure GLOBE group's future and funding of projects.** Bob continues to follow up leads with local businesses in return for some publicity. Dean has updated the Globe web site with new revolving boxes where we can promote traders and local businesses who help sponsor us, along the lines of a similar scheme run by Tilehurst Globe. **Review progress next meeting**
12. **New Data Protection Regulations** Dean will put our new agreed Data Privacy Statement on the web site in advance of the new regulations taking effect on 25 May. On return in early June Richard will send out an opt-in email to all of our contacts. This will enable our mailing list to be updated before our June AGM mailing. **Dean & Richard for action**

ITEMS WITH NO CHANGE SINCE LAST MEETING

PARKS, TREES & GREEN SPACES

13. **Felling of Poplars by laundry site.** Only 2 now remain, it is thought that these may have nesting birds and may be felled after the nesting season. **Keep in view until replacements are planted.**
14. **Christchurch Meadows – logs in the Danall** – RBC asked to remove heavy logs. **Keep in view**
15. **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.**
16. **Proposed hydro & fish pass at Caversham Weir/View Island** - Chris Burden reported that the planned hydro was hoping to use new more compact technology instead of an Archimedes screw. Chris would chase Reading Hydro on a site meeting about the fish pass. **Keep in view**

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17. **Outline application for 245 dwellings** on farmland by Emmer Green. The Appeal Inquiry against refusal of planning permission took place in Henley from 1-3 May with legal teams from Gladman (the developers), as well as South Oxon Council and the CAGE campaign (of which GLOBE is a member). It was attended by Dave and Judith on behalf of GLOBE. The Inquiry covered issues of Landscaping, Transport and local people had a chance to speak. There was also a site visit. The Inquiry has now been postponed until 29 August at the request of Gladman, following the announcement that Oxfordshire now has over 5 years housing supply (the developers main argument had been over a shortfall in the housing supply). **Keep in view.**

ENVIRONMENT

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

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None this month.

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20. **Plogging Group** (Picking Litter While Jogging) Nick was working on setting up a group in Reading to include the Thames Prom area.
21. **Save Christchurch Meadows legacy Facebook page** - Chris was intending to update this probably to Friends of Christchurch Meadows. It was felt useful to have an active web site for the Meadows.

NEXT MEETING

GLOBE AGM Tuesday 26 June 2018 – 7 pm Church House, Church Street Caversham. As the proposed guest speaker was unavailable it was suggested that after the AGM we have a walk around Christchurch Meadows.