

MINUTES & ACTIONS OF CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 28 August 2018

Attendees: Richard Denney (chair) Dave Kenny, Bob Busby, Wendy Terry, Frances Hamley, Chris Burden, Nick Haskins (Chair NRSNF), Maggie Hawkes, Tim Castle, Roger Moore, Cherry Butler.

Apologies: Judith Barratt, Isabella Pietrzak, Vickie Abel, Caroline Johnson, Sigi Teer, Bob Wheeler, Ricky Josey (RAYS – RBC)

ACHIEVEMENTS, UPDATES, PRIORITIES & NEW ITEMS:

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

1. **Poor Air Quality** – 4 Repeat AQ test tubes for July show consistently high air pollution levels

Location	Your results	Adjusted results
Near 59 Church Street Caversham RG4 8AX	46.44	41.33
Near 14 Church Street Caversham RG4 8AR	55.28	49.20
Junction of Church Road & St Anne's Road Caversham RG4 7AH	56.76	50.51
Near Peppard Road & Prospect Street Junction Caversham RG4 8JN	79.92	71.13

We now know that Reading Borough Council's official readings for the past nine years for Prospect Street in Caversham have consistently exceeded the mean annual limit of 40µg/m³. Nick is working with all RBC Councillors in north Reading to develop a joint approach for remedial action, which could include more trees, planters and green walls, though for Prospect Street there is not much space. Reducing the traffic pollution must be a major priority. 4 more tubes are due to be installed mid-September to get our final measurements in this current campaign. **Discuss at next meeting**

2. **Repair of Planters on Church Street.** Bob Busby has negotiated a donation of 20 dowels from the original manufacturer, so he and Dave Kenny have now rebuilt one of the big planters by the BT exchange. More dowels are to be obtained from local community project Rlab in Weldale Street. Hardwood timber is also needed so that rebuilding further dilapidated planters can be started. **Bob is progressing** this with the original suppliers.
3. **Waitrose Car park & southern end of Archway Rd** Dave had contacted the assistant manager again and there has been an improvement in the cleaning of the alley, the bin in the alley is also being emptied regularly. However the situation during the Festival was unsatisfactory, particular with trolleys being left unsecured. A problem with cars parked on yellow lines in Archway Road (which Waitrose is responsible for) was also raised. **Nick to speak to Waitrose Manager**
4. **Finance matters (i) Sources of Grants and Donations to ensure GLOBE group's future and funding of projects.** Bob has made substantial progress and obtained commitments for donations from Walmsley Estate Agents, Elegant Homes (local house builder) and Warings Bakery totaling £300. We have also been given community grant by Thames Water for £250. This is welcome support for GLOBE activities. **(ii) Annual Public Liability Insurance Costs** This will again be paid by the Trust for Conservation Volunteers (TCV).
5. **Reading Festival litter in central Caversham over August Bank Holiday weekend.** Thank you to the 8 volunteers who worked for an hour or so various days in central Caversham streets and private/public areas (to supplement the work that the council did) from Wednesday to Monday, total hours was about 40 hours all together. We had expected that Waitrose, St Martins precinct and Tesco Express would have extra bins and additional cleaning on their private property, but none was provided. Loaded trolleys were being taken over Caversham bridge towards the festival. It was reported that there were 80 abandoned trolleys down Richfield Avenue on the Monday. **CLOSED**

6. **Felling of Poplars by laundry site.** All have now been reduced in height or felled, 5 remain about 15 ft high, looking OK. Felled timber has now been mostly removed but there are further logs in the Danall, almost blocking the watercourse, needing urgent removal. **Richard/Dave to contact RBC**
7. **Graffiti on several Comms boxes.** Dave and Maggie cleaned them **CLOSED**

ITEMS WITH NO CHANGE SINCE LAST MEETING

8. **Balmore Walk** - Some cutting back of the vegetation around the milepost and clearance around saplings was needed; we will also plant some more hedging. **Richard to arrange work party in October/November** when ground is wetter.
9. **Residents please report** any issues through the **Love Clean Reading App** go to <http://loveclean.reading.gov.uk/help> or at www.fixmystreet.com
10. **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.
11. **Reprinting of GLOBE business cards** These are to be obtained from Vistaprint. **Judith to action.**
12. **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. Likely to be raised again by RBC with revised plans. **Keep in view**
13. **Outline application for 245 dwellings on farmland by Emmer Green.** The Appeal Inquiry against refusal of planning permission is set to resume on 29 August. Supporters of objections are encouraged to attend. There are concerns that SODC is now reconsidering several potential housing sites close to Emmer Green/Caversham border without proper consultation. **Keep in view.**
14. **Environment Agency Flood Relief Proposals** – No change since July. **Keep in view**
15. **Planning Application 181100.** Installation of two Venturi-Enhanced Hydroelectric Turbines, a controls kiosk and a new fish pass. We are still pursuing the offer of a site visit to look at the location of the proposed fish pass and concerns re trees and habitat. **Keep in view**
16. **Planning Application 181056.** Redevelopment of former Crowne Plaza Hotel car park and construction of new 132-bed hotel (Use Class C1), with associated access, car parking and landscaping. Due for consideration by RBC Planning committee 10 October. The EA have objected and Thames Water have also raised serious concerns. **Keep in view**
17. **Reading Golf Course** - the club is trying to sell to developers for housing. **Keep in View**
18. **BBC site Caversham Park** –The BBC are due to vacate the site by year end. **Keep in view**

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 25 September 7 pm Church House, Church Street, Caversham