



## MINUTES & ACTIONS, CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 25 September 2018

**Attendees:** Judith Barratt (chair) Dave Kenny, Bob Busby, Dean Ezra, Richard Denney, Maggie Hawkes, Caroline Johnson, Chris Burden, Nick Haskins (Chair NRSNF).

**Apologies:** Vickie Abel, Councillor Adele Barnett-Ward, Margaret Skinner, Jean Newbery

### ACHIEVEMENTS, UPDATES, PRIORITIES & NEW ITEMS:

**Minutes of last monthly meeting held on 28 August 2018** Approved – matters arising were discussed/noted below, with additional items added as discussed in this current meeting.

#### 1. Poor Air Quality

Nick is going to arrange a meeting with RBC Councillors in north Reading to develop a joint approach for remedial action that we discussed at August meeting. 4 more tubes were installed on 17 September to get our concluding measurements for this campaign. **Discuss at next meeting**

2. **Repair of Planters on Church Street.** Bob Busby gave details of his progress with necessary refurbishment of some planters. (also see last month's notes). Suggested we apply to RBC for £1,000 funding from the Section 106 developers fund. **Bob/Dave to give updates at next meeting.**

3. **Waitrose ownership of southern end of Archway Rd.** A problem with cars parked on yellow lines in Archway Road that Waitrose owns. Nick raised this at NRSNF so one of the RBC councillors will contact Waitrose. **Review next meeting**

4. **Finance matters (i) Sources of Grants and Donations to ensure GLOBE group's future and funding of projects.** We are still waiting receipt of promised donations from Walmsley Estate Agents, Elegant Homes (local house builder) and Warings Bakery totaling £300. Should be completed by next meeting. (ii) Agreed we should buy a further 10 litres of preservative for future use.

5. **Christchurch Meadows. (i) Logs in the Danall, almost blocking the watercourse,** needing urgent removal. RBC have been asked to remove them but no progress yet. **Richard to investigate alternative help. (ii) Tents by laundry hedge,** occupants have removed large section of hedge planted by Globe last winter, it will need replacing. 5 tents in the meadows have been reported.

6. **Planning application 180869 Hill's meadow car wash.** Landscaping conditions to be enforced 3 years late.

7. **Planning application 181455 Holm oak in front of St Martins precinct,** has been approved subject to the conditions: Prune secondary branch tips by up to 2m to create 1.5m clearance to the adjacent building – pruning cuts will not exceed 100mm. No climbing spikes to be used.

8. **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. Modified plans have now been consulted upon at a public meeting by RBC. However, these show very little change and the drastic tree felling is still included. **Keep in view**

9. **Planning Application number 181151 Abbotsmead Place 2 x 1 bedroom flats.** Plot where trees and undergrowth were removed last year. **Dave will send in comments** about soft landscaping suggestions for hedging instead of fences in keeping with open plan style of adjacent houses.

10. **Planning Application number 181471 Rear of 27 to 43 Blenheim Road 5 x 2 storey dwellings** on TPO protected woodland, former rear gardens of properties on Kidmore Road. **Concerns discussed and agreed that GLOBE should submit OBJECTION. Dave will arrange.**

11. Litter picking as part of Annual **RESCUE** clean up. Agreed we would hold an event on Sunday 14 October from 10.30 am and to meet at the public car park on Thames Prom just upstream from Caversham Bridge by the boat house to clear Richfield Avenue green margins and adjacent Thames parks and Rivermead car parks. **Richard to arrange**
12. **Anti-Dog mess campaign** Chris suggested that we obtain some harmless spray paint and mark where there is dog mess in Thames Parks as an awareness campaign for action. **Any enthusiasts willing to progress this? Review next meeting.**
13. **Fallen trees along Thames Prom** Nick has reported to RBC.

## ITEMS WITH NO CHANGE SINCE LAST MEETING

14. **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.
15. **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)
16. **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](mailto:rays@reading.gov.uk).
17. **Reprinting of GLOBE business cards** These are to be obtained from Vistaprint. **Judith to action.**
18. **Outline application for 245 dwellings on farmland by Emmer Green.** The Appeal Inquiry against refusal of planning permission was held at end of August. Decision expected in October. **Keep in view.**
19. **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 objected and Thames Water have also raised serious concerns. **Review next meeting**

## NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday 23 October at 7 pm Church House, Church Street, Caversham**