



DRAFT MINUTES & ACTIONS, CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 23 July 2019

Chair: DE Minutes: HS

Attendees

Dave Kenny, Dean Ezra, Bob Busby, Helen Sheldrake, Caroline Johnson, Isabella Pietrzak, Wendy Terry, Francis Hamley, Chris Burden

Apologies for absence:

Judith Barrett, Vickie Abel, Steve Goodchild, Sigi Teer

Minutes of last monthly meeting held on 25 June 2019 were approved

1. Air Quality (AQ)

Dean contacted **Ross Jarvis** with reference to co-funding the planting of two trees on Church Road. (beside or replacing bollards currently in place) **Awaiting response**

Dave to also pursue this through the Tree Officer RBC **DK to progress**

Request for 'No Idling' posters from Ross Jarvis – Mariella who was to investigate was not present at meeting.

2. Finance & Funding.

Discussion of providing a method of donating to GLOBE via the website as a way of making it easier for people to donate – encourage regular sponsorship. **DE, BB & SG**
Enabling any donations to be used for running costs (insurance, equipment etc) rather than just specific projects would be useful, but may require a change in the Constitution.

Dave reported that TVC have again agreed to pay £200 towards the £280 cost of GLOBE insurance this year. He will formally thank them when this is finalized. **DK**

3. Christchurch/Hill's Meadows and riverside green spaces

The work on the Danall culvert under George Street has been completed. The posts have been reinstated, but the only replanting appears to be of a dead hazel! **DK to replace hedging**

Discussion of the unsuccessful reseeding of several areas of grass in Christchurch Meadows. Not clear what more GLOBE can do to progress this issue. **DE to send another email to RBC**

4. Environment Agency Flood Defence proposals.

Discussion of ongoing developments in the **CABFAS** campaign. The EA has provided a tree survey produced by Jacobs which is lacking in detail and raises a number of concerns. Dave is in the process of reviewing it. **DK**

5. Reading Golf Course

Helen forwarded **KEG** email (20.619) which gave guidance on how to respond to the new RBC Local Plan consultation part CA1b, to all GLOBE supporters.

6. Church Street Planters

Bob continuing ongoing repair and maintenance as time allows. **BB Project ongoing**

Discussion about problems around watering – the tree in front of the Spice Oven is particularly dry. CT, WT, FH, CB offered to help with watering, Dave to draw up a watering rota for the rest of the Summer. **DK**

7. Reading Climate Change Partnership

Helen has attended the Reading Climate Change Strategy consultation launch and has joined the group looking at Nature and Green (and Blue) Spaces.

One item discussed was RBC mowing regimes – we were asked to identify existing grass verges and areas that might be suitable for including wildflowers and reduced mowing to increase biodiversity and create wildlife corridors. Any ideas that she can take forward to the group would be very welcome. **HS**

8. Planning Applications

190835 Demolition of 199-203 Henley Road and erection of part four, part three and part two storey 82 unit residential care home building (C2 use class) with associated external structures, access from Henley Road, car parking and landscaping. GLOBE concerns about number of trees under threat. **Outstanding – unable to do anything yet DK**

190434 Blenheim Road - Planning refused on the grounds of access.

181151 Abbotsmead Place Erection of a two-storey building to provide 2x1-bed flats

Revised plans with minor changes have been submitted. **Keep in view**

180499 St Martin's Precinct developments. Comments had been submitted about height of buildings and the need to include trees and planters on the Church Street frontage as part of the scheme. Requested Councillor Barnett-Ward to urge the planning officer to add a landscaping condition for 5 planters (or trees). **No change**

Proposed Development on the SSE site opposite Christchurch Bridge. A public consultation on revised plans took place on this major residential development – see <http://www.vasternroad.co.uk/> Still awaiting planning application. **keep in view**

Car wash on Hill's Meadow – Dave reported that some shrubs have been planted, but as yet no tree **Keep in view**

9. Any other business.

Discussion of an email from Lin Godfrey with reference to damage to grass in Christchurch Meadows (see item 3)

Reading Festival Cleanup

GLOBE will organise a daily 'cleanup' around Central Caversham from Thursday 22nd to Monday 26th. Meet at 4pm by the planters on Church Street near corner of Hemdean Rd. Litter pickers and sacks available in advance from DK. **DK to organise rota**

River cleanup is being organised in September by Nick H. Date to be confirmed. **Keep in view**

Next Monthly Meeting: Tuesday 27 August 7 pm at Church House, Church Street, Caversham.