



DRAFT MINUTES & ACTIONS, CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 24 September 2019

Chair: DE **Minutes:** HS

Attendees: Bob Busby, Dean Ezra, Vickie Abel, Helen Sheldrake, Dave Kenny, Margaret Skinner, Jean Newbery, Judith Barratt, Wendy Terry, Francis Hamley, Nick Haskins

Apologies for absence: Sigi Teer, Caroline Johnson

Minutes of last monthly meeting held on 27 August 2019 were approved

1 Air Quality (AQ)

DE contacted Adele Barnett-Ward (Caversham Ward Councillor) with regard to the co-funding of trees in Church Road – she has agreed to try and progress this with Ross Jarvis.

HS attended first meeting of **Cleaner Air & Safer Transport Forum (Chair Councillor Barnett-Ward)** - See minutes 28 May 2019 for more details. Most discussion around play/school streets – reducing traffic around schools and residential streets. Good ideas, but not something that is going to address the specific AQ problems in Caversham.

RBC Local Air Quality Management Annual Status Report 2019 (June) can be accessed here:
http://www.reading.gov.uk/media/6388/Air-Quality-Annual-Status-Report/pdf/Reading_ASR_2019_v1.pdf

2 Finance & Funding.

Further discussion of donations via the website (Paypal) were felt to generate too much extra work for the Treasurer, so this idea has been abandoned in favour of continuing with asking traders to make a standing order to GLOBE. (BB to give SG details from Tilehurst GLOBE as to how they operate) **BB, SG**

Discussion of Globe Constitution wording of paragraph 3c:

raise money from time to time when necessary for carrying out the aims of the group.
decided to remove the words “from time to time when necessary” **HS** to amend

3 Environment Agency Flood Defence proposals.

Thanks to Dean for his article with regards to GLOBE's position on the FAS. This was posted on the website and Facebook page. **HS** to email to all supporters.

4 Church Street Planters

DK thanked Caroline, Wendy and Frances for keeping the planters looking so good over the Summer.

NH offered a solution to the ‘out of line’ planter

DK mentioned crab apples around the planter by the BT forecourt. **WT** offered to sweep them up.

5 Planning Applications

191088 **Crowne Plaza** Richfield Avenue RG1 8BD – Redevelopment of the hotel's car park and construction of new 132 bed hotel, with associated access, car parking and landscaping.

190451 **SSE, 55 Vastern Road** Further revised plans are being developed, Globe had been invited to a meeting with the developer to review them (DK/VA/AH). There will be a public exhibition on 15 October and a new planning application will follow.

182252 **80 Caversham Road** Reading RG1 1AA (former Sorting Office). Application for 658 flats. Decision is awaited.

181151 **Abbotsmead Place** – erection of a two storey building to provide 2 x 1-bed flats
A recommendation has been made by planning officer, decision is awaited.

180499 **St Martin's Precinct developments**. Decision still awaited.

Vastern Road Station Shopping Park Redevelopment – Exhibition 25 – 26 September at Crowne Plaza
Vickie & Nick to attend

Car wash on Hill's Meadow awaiting planting of new tree by operator. **Keep in view**

Any other business.

Reading Festival Clean up DK reported that GLOBE had received an apology from Workman (managing agent for Precinct) over the lack of cleaning of the precinct during the Festival.

Woodland Trust Tree/Hedge Planting Scheme GLOBE has taken part in this scheme in previous years, but it was felt that all the suitable areas for hedging have been planted. DK also expressed a concern about the small size of saplings supplied previously and the use of plastic tubes which appear to be non biodegradable.

River Clean Up 19 October – volunteers needed . Nick H. to circulate information.

Watering of new Trees - concern was expressed about the condition of new trees planted by RBC in Balmore Walk, Thames Prom and elsewhere. They had not been watered by the council for many weeks during the summer. GLOBE volunteers & tree wardens had stepped in to provide some emergency watering, but RBC needed ensure watering takes place next summer.

NEXT MEETING

Next Monthly meeting Tuesday 22 October 2019 7 pm at Church House, Church Street, Caversham.