



MINUTES & ACTIONS, CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 22 September 2020 (video meeting - held online via GoToMeeting)

Chair: NH **Minutes:** DK

Attendees: Dean Ezra, Judith Barratt, Dave Kenny, Nick Haskins, Vickie Abel, Sigi Teer

Apologies for absence: Bob Busby, Caroline Johnson, Jim Cushley, Wendy Terry, Chris Burden, Steve Harcourt (EGRA)

1). Minutes of last monthly meeting held on 25 August 2020 were approved

2). Finance & Funding

The donation from Warings is still due, Steve Goodchild may need to chase. **SG**
Church House is reluctant to refund for cancelled meetings would rather carry our bookings over for when meetings can be resumed.

3). Air Quality

Sigi will request more details from RBC about the adjusted diffusion readings. An explanation is sought as to how the 2019 readings were so much lower at all sites. **ST**

4. Church Street Planters

Bob is making panels and dowels to refurbish the planter box at the corner of Church Rd. The task date has been pencilled in for Sunday 20th October. **BB**

5. Bridge Street/Church Rd triangle improvements. Wendy has written to RBC Valuation Dept with a number of queries regarding possible sale of the land at the Triangle to Globe. Still awaiting a response **WT.**

6. Autumn Cleanup The planned event has had to be cancelled but ad-hoc cleanups with smaller groups and social distancing may still take place. A small cleanup was arranged for 27 September to cover the planters, Promenade Rd and the area around Caversham Bridge. **DK/VA**

7. Planning Applications

182252 Former Royal Mail site 80 Caversham Road Reading RG1 1AA . Slightly revised application now for 620 flats, 24 storeys (ex 658 flats, 25 storeys) .

192049 Queen Annes School, Henley Rd, Application for new artificial pitches, floodlight tennis courts, new pavilion & changing rooms. Slightly revised plans but concern remains over impact on trees, wildlife (badgers & bats); potential light pollution and traffic. **Objection sent.**

200188. SSE site, 55 Vastern Road Demolition of buildings and construction of up to 11 storeys, with walkway from Christchurch bridge. A public exhibition showing latest plans held on 27 February 4.30-7.30pm at 55 Vastern Rd

200328 Vastern Court (The Range/Aldi etc) Outline permission for flats , offices, retail & leisure. Objections from Environment Agency and Historic England.

200713 Reading Golf Course - application for 260 houses. There have been over 1,000 objections so far. KEG has submitted a very detailed objection, EGRA would also be objecting. Globe's objection would be submitted before the deadline of 25 September.

8. Caversham Lakes earthworks and some further vegetation clearance has continued around North Lake for construction of <https://cavershamopenwaterswim.co.uk/> The permissive path remains blocked despite assurances in August that it would be reopened within a couple of weeks. Soil which had been heaped up against the trunks of a row of protected oaks appears to have been cleared. Dave is in contact with Eye&Dunsden parish who are liaising with SODC and Tarmac. **Keep in view**

9. Environment Agency Caversham & Reading Flood Defence proposals.

The TRFCC which oversees the EA flood schemes in the Thames area is meeting on 25 September. It is our understanding that the scheme has committed funding of £1.8m for 2021/2022. And that the scheme has a private funding score of 32% (i.e amber), whereas schemes that are green (go) have a funding score of over 50%. In theory the scheme should be marked as red. However the EA are pressing on with it. **Keep in view.**

10). Land at Caversham Park Village No further details on the recent sale of parcels of land at Caversham Park Village by the original developer. Judith would contact Matt Rodda to find out if there were any further details. **JB. Keep in view.**

11). The Danall (Christchurch Ditch) No further sewage leaks had been observed but monitoring continues. Thames Water have said it was probably a wrongly connected household outlet pipe. **Keep in view. NH.**

12). Church House is now reopen for meetings but with the latest restrictions on meetings of over 6 people and the covid situation likely to worsen over the winter, we would continue with virtual meetings for the time being. **Keep in view.**

13. Any other business.

a) **Thames Promenade** After 3 months on Thames Prom the Traveller encampment has now moved to Cow Lane - the barrier had not been blocked off to prevent access. Some rubbish still remains on Thames Prom, including what appears to be commercial flytipping and other detritus. Nick was in contact with RBC's ASB team to get it cleared up. **Keep in view.**

b) **Cleaner Air & Safer Transport Forum.** Nick had attended the recent virtual meeting and reported that although three other 20mph schemes were going ahead, there was no funding for the Caversham scheme: it was depended on Section 106 or a future round of government funds. It was suggested during this meeting that the 20mph zone when it does come into force in Caversham would extend up to The Warren from The Griffin, This was accepted as a sensible suggestion. The next CAST meeting is on 3 December: can anyone attend for Globe as Nick is not available on 3rd? **NH**

c) **Horse Chestnut trees on river frontage.** Vickie reported that the Diocese has applied to RBC fell two very prominent protected horse chestnuts river in the Rectory garden, which are ailing. It was expected that if RBC grants permission replacement planting would be required. **Keep in view. VA**

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 27 October at 7:30 pm - Virtual meeting via GoToMeeting..