



MINUTES & ACTIONS, CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 30 March 2021

(virtual meeting – held online via GoToMeeting)

Chair: NH Minutes VA/DK

Attendees: Bob Busby, Caroline Johnson, Chris Burden, Dave Kenny, Dean Ezra, Judith Barratt, Lin Godfrey, Nick Haskins, Wendy Terry, Caroline McArthur, Vickie Abel

Apologies – Sigi Teer

- 1) **Minutes of last monthly meeting** held on 23 February were approved
- 2) **Finance & Funding** – nothing new to report
- 3) **Air Quality** – Sigi has contacted the Council regarding the 2020 diffusion tubes result. They only have the raw data at the moment but once the bias adjustments are made they will post the data on the Annual Status Report. The Council is in the process of reviewing their air quality action plan.
- 4) **Church Street Planters**
Bob to lead a team of 4 (Bob, Dave + 2) to repair planter on corner of Church Road on 18 April. Wendy to ask if Francis is available. **BB/DK/WT**
Some of the winter primroses had been pulled out, Dave has replaced a few of them. Caroline is bringing on summer bedding for planters. **CJ**
- 5) **Bridge Street/Church Rd triangle improvements**
Wendy reported that Andy Gillespie emailed 30 March to say he had had contacted Valuations but had no response. Project in abeyance.
- 6) **Litter & Graffiti issues**
Dave reported groups of volunteers litter-picking around Caversham and Emmer Green, including View Island and Amersham Rd Rec. Caroline and Maggie to litter-pick Hills Meadow soon: Dave to get larger sacks from RBC. Bob to check whether he has any sacks with the Globe equipment. **CJ/BB/DK**
- 7) **Planning Applications**
182252 Former Royal Mail site 80 Caversham Road Reading RG1 1AA – Application for 620 flats, 24 storeys. Pending.
200188 SSE site, 55 Vastern Road Demolition of buildings and construction of up to 11 storeys, with walkway from Christchurch Bridge: on agenda of 31 March Planning Applications Committee with recommendation for refusal. **NH**
200328 Vastern Court (The Range/Aldi etc) Outline permission for flats, offices, retail & leisure. No update
201734 Rivermead – new leisure centre Plan for new build on car park to the east of the current building. Developer has confirmed that most of the trees we queried will be retained. On agenda of 31 March Planning Applications Committee. Objections calling for blue & white colour scheme to be softened to browns and greens have been ignored. Nick to speak. **NH**
201876 Blewgarth, The Warren. Replacement Boathouse. No update

210018 Reading Golf Course Outline application for demolition of clubhouse and new residential-led scheme with 257 dwellings. Keep Emmer Green reports over 3,000 objections have been filed with RBC.

P20/S3501/FUL Caversham Lakes – Change of use of North Lake for recreation and sporting purposes. Advertised date of opening Good Friday, 2 April, without planning permission. RBC has belatedly objected to South Oxfordshire on highway grounds. The development in what is designated as a nature reserve is inappropriate. Dave is in contact Eye & Dunsden parish council who is liaising with SODC. Planning decision awaited. **DK**

8) **Environment Agency Caversham & Reading Flood Defence proposals** No update.

9) **Emmer Green Hedge**

Dave reported that Margaret Ormonde is applying for a grant to replant the Grove Rd section of hawthorn hedge surrounding Emmer Green Recreation Ground which is deteriorating with large areas of dieback. She has been in contact with local hedge-layer Clive Leeke. It was agreed that the formal application could be in Caversham Globe's name. **MO**

10) **AOB**

- a. **EA policy** Nick has received an email from MP Matt Rodda to say he would support objections to EA policy permitting repeated release of raw sewage into water courses.
- b. **The Moorings, Mill Green** A legal notice has been published by the new site owner seeking to establish vehicular access – this would include infilling of the flood ditch. Dave would forward this to contacts in Mill Green. **DK**
- c. **Gravel Hill, The Piggery** concern had been raised on the Friends of Bugs Bottom Facebook group about an inappropriate planning application for flats on this rural site near the northern end of Bugs Bottom. **Update:** SODC planning ref P21/S0897/ND1 – CADRA has submitted a detailed objection.

Next meeting Tuesday 27 April at 7.30 pm