



MINUTES & ACTIONS, CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 27 April 2021

(virtual meeting – held online via GoToMeeting)

Chair: NH **Minutes** DK

Attendees: Bob Busby, Bob O'Neill, Caroline Johnson, Dave Kenny, Judith Barratt, Nick Haskins, Wendy Terry, Vickie Abel

Apologies – Sigi Teer, Chris Burden

- 1) **Minutes of last monthly meeting** held on 30 March were approved
- 2) **Finance & Funding** – Bill Ellison has kindly agreed to carry out the annual inspection of Globe's accounts. **DK**
- 3) **Air Quality** – Sigi is still awaiting 2020 data from RBC. **ST**
- 4) **Church Street Planters**
Bob lead a working party on 18 April to refurbish the westernmost planter on the corner of Church Road. One last section supporting the bench still needs to be cut and installed – a three person lift will be required as its heavy. Meeting discussed various options for revamping more of the planters, Bob explained that cutting the timber to size is very time consuming and requires use of a bandsaw. Nick knows a carpenter who might be able to help. Judith has found a possibly source of oak sleepers which would be more resilient than softwood. **BB/JB/NH**
- 5) **Litter & Graffiti issues**
 - a) Maggie and Wendy have carried out a litterpick of the Hills Meadow/George St/Christchurch Meadows area but have now run of the large RBC litter sacks. These are difficult to obtain from RBC, Nick has a contact who may be able to supply some. **NH**
 - b) A very active new group is carrying out litterpicking around Amersham Road.
 - c) **Reading RESCUE cleanup 3-9 May** Globe would participate. Two areas were suggested: Hills Meadow/George Street and Warren Escarpment. **DK/NH/WT**
- 6) **Planning Applications**
 - 182252 Former Royal Mail site 80 Caversham Road Reading RG1 1AA** – Application for 620 flats, 24 storeys. Pending – no updates.
 - 200188 SSE site, 55 Vastern Road** Construction of up to 11 storeys, with walkway from Christchurch Bridge. Refused at 31 March planning committee.
 - 200328 Vastern Court (The Range/Aldi etc)** Outline permission for flats, offices, retail & leisure. Pending - No update
 - 201734 Rivermead – new leisure centre** Approved at 31 March Planning Applications Committee with no changes despite calls for green roof or green wall and green/brown paint rather than blue/white. Although it was agreed at the PAC that landscape maintenance would be extended to 10 years the Decision letter from RBC only refers to 5 years of maintenance. Nick would chase this with planning. **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. Expected to be decided at the June planning committee.

P20/S3501/FUL Caversham Lakes – Change of use of North Lake for recreation and sporting purposes. Concern over increasing amounts of inappropriate development around the lake, which is designated as a nature reserve, without planning permission. The applicant has recently submitted a number of additional papers. Eye & Dunsden parish have again asked SODC to refuse the application. Deadline for comments is stated as 29 April with a decision expected on 4 May. **DK**

P21/S0897/ND1 The Piggery, Gravel Hill. Application for six dwellings. CADRA has submitted a robust objection. RBC has also objected to SODC.

NEW 210373 Pipers Island bar – conversion to residential. Concern over the lack of soft landscaping. Several planters, required as part of the previous rebuild have been removed. No soft landscaping at all is proposed in the conversion to residential. Globe to raise this with RBC planning. **DK**

- 7) **Environment Agency Caversham & Reading Flood Defence proposals** No update. It was mentioned in one of the recently submitted papers for the Caversham Lakes application that the scheme is currently undergoing cost benefit analysis.

8) **Emmer Green Hedge**

Margaret Ormonde has now submitted a grant application from Globe for funding to replant the hedge along Grove Rd. A decision is expected in July. Concern has been raised with RBC over the recent use of weedkiller along the base of the hedge. An assurance has been given that it would not happen again. **MO**

9) **AOB**

- a) **The Moorings, Mill Green** The owner of Better Boating has objected to the legal notice from the new site owner seeking to establish vehicular access which would include infilling of the flood ditch. **Keep in view**
- b) **Chazey Farm Barn.** Bob O'Neill raised concerns over lack of progress on repairs to the Grade I listed barn. Possible removal of the scaffolding which is supporting the barn, as well as filling in of the flood ponds. **Keep in View.**
- c) **Future Globe meetings.** The next meeting would be online but hopefully it might be possible to resume meetings at Church House soon. To be discussed next month.

Next meeting Tuesday 25 May at 7.30 pm – online via GoToMeeting