



MINUTES & ACTIONS, CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 25 May 2021

(virtual meeting – held online via GoToMeeting)

Chair: NH **Minutes** DK

Attendees: Caroline Johnson, Dave Kenny, Judith Barratt, Nick Haskins, Vickie Abel, Sigi Teer, Chris Burden

Apologies – Bob Busby, Vickie Abel, Wendy Terry, Helen Warren

Minutes of last monthly meeting held on 27 April were approved

1) Finance & Funding

Dave would prepare the 2020 accounts for the forthcoming AGM. **DK**

2) Air Quality

Sigi reported on plans for more Electric Vehicle charging points around Reading.

The 2020 AQ data has not yet been published by RBC. **ST**

3) Church Street Planters

The last section supporting the bench on the refurbished planter is ready to be installed – Bob is proposing to do this on 30 May at 10am with assistance from CB/DK. Nick has a contact who may be able to help with supply and cutting of timber. Judith will also investigate sources for oak sleepers. **BB/JB/NH**

4) Litter & Graffiti issues

a) Nick has managed to source some larger sacks from RBC which have been distributed to Wendy & Maggie.

b) Nire & Amersham Road RAYS group has been very active recently, Jacopo reported they have also been clearing litter in the Coals Woodland. They are working with RBC on clearing litter behind the metal fence along in Nire Rd and hope to turn this area (currently fenced off by RBC) into a community woodland.

c) Some new graffiti has appeared on green boxes. Caroline would clean it. **CJ**

d) Keep Britain Tidy is promoting a Spring cleanup between 28 May-13 June, the Reading RAYS Spring Cleanup will be from 3-9 June. Nick suggested we help with a cleanup along the river NH. Jacopo is organising a cleanup in Amersham Rd.

5) Planning Applications

182252 Former Royal Mail site 80 Caversham Road Reading RG1 1AA –

Application for 620 flats, 24 storeys. Pending – no updates.

200328 Vastern Court (The Range/Aldi etc) Outline permission for flats, offices, retail & leisure. Pending - No update

201876 Blewgarth, The Warren. Replacement Boathouse. Revised plans submitted.

210018 Reading Golf Course Outline application for demolition of clubhouse and new residential-led scheme with 257 dwellings. Keep Emmer Green has submitted a detailed response to the developer's rebuttal see keepemmergreen.com

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 supposed to be a nature reserve, without planning permission. The applicant has recently submitted a number of additional papers. Eye & Dunsden parish have submitted a detailed objection urging SODC to refuse the application. RBC have also objected on traffic grounds. No decision yet.

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

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**

6) Environment Agency Caversham & Reading Flood Defence proposals

The Times reported on 24.5.21 that the EA plans to reduce the use of concrete flood barriers in future in order to halve its CO2 emissions by 2030. Concrete defences are by far the EA's biggest source of emissions. The new EA Chair is a strong advocate of natural methods of managing flood risks. There has been no news on the proposed the Caversham scheme recently.

7) Emmer Green Hedge

A decision is expected in July on Margaret Ormonde's application on behalf of Globe for funding to replant the hedge along Grove Rd. **MO**

8) Bridge Street Triangle

No progress on proposed adoption of the triangle. Nick has raised this with Andy Molloy at RBC, the delay is with RBC Valuations dept.

9) AOB

- a) **Tree Damage.** Richard Denney reported damage to three young trees in Newland Avenue by the RBC grass cutting gang last week. Dave has raised this with RBC who have asked them to be more careful. RBC are reluctant to use weedkiller around trees.
- b) **Dead tree on Church Rd** Vickie had raised with RBC the decaying dead horse chestnut monolith opposite the Rectory. It is hoped that this will be taken down to enable a new tree to be planted there next winter.
- c) **Future Globe meetings.** Our usual fourth Tuesday date in June clashes with Cadra's AGM so it was agreed we would hold the Globe meeting a week later on 29 June. It was hoped we may be able to resume meetings at Church House in July, depending on any restrictions in place nearer the time. It was agreed that the July meeting (on 27 July) would be the Globe AGM.

Next meeting Tuesday 29 June at 7.30 pm – online via GoToMeeting