



MINUTES & ACTIONS, CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 29 June 2021

(virtual meeting – held online via GoToMeeting)

Chair: NH **Minutes** DK

Attendees: Caroline Johnson, Dave Kenny, Judith Barratt, Nick Haskins, Wendy Terry, Vickie Abel, Sigi Teer, Jacopo Lanzoni

Apologies – Bob Busby

1. Minutes of last monthly meeting held on 25 May were approved

2. Finance & Funding

The accounts for 2020-21 have been inspected and signed ready for the AGM. **DK**
We have been approached by a care company in Henley about possible sponsorship, Judith is in contact with the manager. **JB**

3. Air Quality

Nothing new to report. **ST**

4. Church Street Planters

a) Refurbishment of the planter nearest to Church Rd has been completed.

Nick is following up about the supply and cutting of timber to refurbish some of the other boxes. Judith may also have a source for oak sleepers if needed. **BB/JB/NH**

b) Judith is investigating the cost of replacement planters similar to those installed in Henley, and has emailed Henley Town Council **BB**

c) Thanks to Caroline for sprucing up all of the boxes with summer bedding. Caroline also reported that topsoil needs adding to raise the soil level in some of the boxes. Proposed that we add topsoil before the winter bedding is added **CJ**

5. Litter & Graffiti issues

a) Caroline has cleaned graffiti of some of the green boxes. Thank you! **CJ**

b) Globe supporters carried out a litterpick along George St and the edge of Hills' & Christchurch Meadow last week. Over 15 sacks collected.

c) Nire & Amersham Road RAYS group has been rebranded as Caversham RAYS. They are planning several more clean-ups on Saturday mornings:
3 July Rivermead/Richfield Ave; 10 July Kings Meadow, 17 July Hills Meadow & View Island

6. Planning Applications

182252 Former Royal Mail site 80 Caversham Rd– Application for 620 flats, 24 storeys. Minor amendments to plans dated June 21. Keep in view.

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. EA maintains objections over 'inadequate buffer'.

210018 Reading Golf Course Outline application for demolition of clubhouse and new residential-led scheme with 257 dwellings. Meeting discussed concerns over the proposed removal of approx 130 trees and reduction of crowns on some of the retained trees. A decision is expected at the July planning committee.

UPDATE: The application was refused at RBC planning committee on 21 July.

P21/S2089/FUL Reading Golf Course has put in an application for a “Family Golf Centre” off Kidmore End Rd, a lot of concerns raised by local residents over access.

P20/S3501/FUL Caversham Lakes – Change of use of North Lake for recreation and sporting purposes. The venue continues to expand and operates without planning permission. Awaiting decision from SODC..

P21/S0897/ND1 The Piggery, Gravel Hill. Application for six dwellings withdrawn.

210373 Pipers Island bar – conversion to residential. No further updates. **DK**

7. Environment Agency Caversham & Reading Flood Defence proposals

There has been no news for several months on the proposed the Caversham scheme, Nick will ask EA what is happening. **NH**

8. 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**

9. AOB

a) **Tree felling at Reading University Boat Club.** Concerns raised over extensive tree felling at the boat club site between Abbotsmead Place and the War Memorial. Dave will write to UoR and also ask RBC about TPO to protect the remaining trees on the site. **DK**

b) **Nire Road Community Woodland.** Jacopo has received a lot of support from local residents over the proposal to adopt and open up the woodland which is owned by RBC but is currently fenced off and covered in litter. Cllr Barnett-Ward has submitted a request to officers. **JL**

c) **Sunken boat** Vickie raised concern over a sunken boat in the Thames near River Spice. EA is responsible - Nick to pass on EA contact details

d) **Extension of Chiltern Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.** The Government has announced that there is to be a review of the Chiltern AONB boundaries with the possibility of boundaries being extended. This could be good news for the countryside around Caversham/Emmer Green.

e) **Sale of Caversham Park** . Its been announced that the BBC has sold Caversham Park to Beechwood Homes who plan to convert it to retirement homes. Beechwood have said that they won’t build on the parkland.

10. Next meeting Globe AGM – 27 July. Subject to the latest guidance, it was agreed that our next meeting would be either at Church House or possibly at the Griffin which has a very large upstairs meeting room (subject to availability). Details to be confirmed and circulated. [Update: it was subsequently held online]

Next meeting Globe AGM Tuesday 27 July 7.30 pm