



MINUTES & ACTIONS, CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 27 July 2021

(virtual meeting – held online via GoToMeeting)

Chair: NH **Minutes** DK

Attendees: Bob Busby, Caroline Johnson, Dave Kenny, Dean Ezra, Jacopo Lanzoni, Jo Ramsay, Judith Barratt, Margaret Ormonde, Nick Haskins, Vickie Abel, Wendy Terry, Chris Burden

Apologies – Sigi Teer

1. **Minutes of last monthly meeting** held on 29 June were approved
2. **Finance & Funding**
Nothing new to report.
3. **Air Quality**
Nothing new to report.
4. **Church Street Planters**
 - a) Thanks to Caroline the planters are looking good with a display of summer bedding plants around the shrubs. A rota has been circulated for watering. **CJ/DK/WT**
 - b) Nick will contact Graham about possible replacement timber to refurbish some of the planters. **NH**
5. **Litter & Graffiti issues**
 - a) **Graffiti** has appeared on various telecom boxes and a bench in Balmore Walk. Caroline has a list of locations that need cleaning and will tackle them. **CJ**
 - b) **Litter/flytipping** was reported in the shrub border at Abbotsmead Place. Dave/Wendy to arrange an ad hoc litter pick. **DJ/WT**
 - c) **Caversham Library** Five volunteers have cleared weeds and litter around the parking area at the back of Caversham Library. Sacks of cuttings still needed to be collected. Wendy would take them to the tip if they were not collected by RBC. Further work was needed to cut back the shrubs behind the bus stop. **WT/DK**
 - d) **Caversham RAYS Update**. Saturday morning clean-ups are scheduled for Nire Road and Ivydene (Portman Rd play area). Dave suggested Hills Meadow/George Street needed another litterpick. **JL**
 - e) **Reading Festival**. We discussed arranging ad-hoc lean ups around Central Caversham over the Reading Festival. Details to be confirmed at next meeting.
6. **Planning Applications – New or Updated planning applications:**
 - 210018 Reading Golf Course** Outline application for demolition of clubhouse and new residential-led scheme with 257 dwellings. **Refused.**
 - 210544 Mill Green Footpath**. Application to fill in flood ditch for vehicle access by the new owner of The Moorings. This has raised a lot of concern from local residents over flooding and other issues. The applicant does not own the ditch. **Globe to Object. DK**

No change on these planning applications

182252 Former Royal Mail site 80 Caversham Rd– Application for 620 flats, 24 storeys.

200328 Vastern Court (The Range/Aldi etc) Outline permission for flats, offices, retail & leisure.

201876 Blewgarth, The Warren. Replacement Boathouse. EA maintains objection over 'inadequate buffer'.

210373 Pipers Island bar – conversion to residential.

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/S2089/FUL Reading Golf Course application for a "Family Golf Centre" off Kidmore End Rd, has raised a large number of objections from local residents. Awaiting decision from SODC.

7. Environment Agency Caversham & Reading Flood Defence proposals

There has been no news for several months on the proposed the Caversham scheme, Dean will ask EA if there is any update. **DE/NH**

8. Emmer Green Hedge

Margaret reported that the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment has given partial approval to our application to restore the hedge along Grove Road. However there were conditions relating to future management of the hedge by RBC, which could be an obstacle. TOE would cover the cost of replanting (about £2,000) but not professional expenses. Site meeting has been arranged to review the application. **MO**

9. AOB

- a) Tree felling at Reading University Boat Club.** RBC had contacted the University which advised that the land, at the entrance to the UoR boat club, was owned by Hermes: their managing agents Workman had arranged the felling, apparently after complaints from a local resident about the trees. It was hoped they would be allowed to regrow. As regards a veteran willow on the UoR frontage which has gone, UoR say that it collapsed and was removed about three years ago. Nick will contact the boat club with an offer from Globe to plant a new willow to replace it **NH/DK**
- b) Nire Road Community Woodland.** Jacopo has got the support of 85% of local residents along Nire Road, who have signed a petition calling on RBC to allow access as a community woodland. Cllr Barnett-Ward has submitted a request to officers. A response from RBC is awaited. **JL**
- c) Sunken boat** A land registry search has confirmed the land belongs to RBC, who as riparian owners are responsible for removing the boat. The EA may carry out the work and could bill RBC. There is another sunken boat on the west side of Caversham bridge, also on land belonging to RBC.

10. Next meeting - Tuesday 24 August at 7.30 pm