



**MINUTES & ACTIONS, CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 24 August 2021**  
**(virtual meeting – held online via GoToMeeting)**

**Chair:** NH      **Minutes** DK

**Attendees:** Bob Busby, Caroline Johnson, Dave Kenny, Dean Ezra, Jacopo Lanzoni, Judith Barratt, Nick Haskins, Vickie Abel, Wendy Terry

**Apologies** – Chris Burden, Sigi Teer

1. **Minutes of last monthly meeting** held on 27 July were approved
2. **Finance & Funding**  
Change of signatory is in hand. (BB/JB/DK)  
Nick will talk to traders about possible funding (NH)  
The offer of a donation from a care home in Henley may have been premature. (JB)
3. **Air Quality**  
Nick had attended the recent RBC CAST (Cleaner Air Safer Transport) meeting. It proved to be useful with a speaker from Hackney encouraging RBC to put in place low emission zones, especially around schools. (NH).
4. **Church Street Planters**
  - a) RBC has cut back the shrubs at the side of the library which we were planning to tackle, but we still need to trim back some of the shrubs in the planters. (DK/WT)
  - b) Useful visit recently with NH, DH, JL to see the Lavendar Place community allotments where the old civic centre was.
5. **Litter & Graffiti issues**
  - a) Caroline has cleaned off graffiti in Balmore Walk and from some telecom boxes
  - b) **Litter/flytipping** at Abbotsmead Place has been cleared, thanks to Wendy. (WT)
  - c) **Caversham RAYS** group has been busy with litterpicks around the Amersham Rd area recently, including some very large items.
  - d) **Reading Festival**. We will meet at 4pm daily over the festival to do an ad-hoc clean up around Central Caversham and the bridge area. (DK/VA/JB/CJ)
6. **Planning Applications – New or Updated planning applications:**

**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. **Objection sent. DK**  
Nick will again raise this with cllr Ayo who works for the EA.

**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. Various additional reports but nothing significant. Awaiting decision from SODC. **NB** Residents of Nire rd area are complaining of persistent noise and smoke from ongoing activities at Caversham Lakes, they are raising this with RBC as well as SODC councillors.

**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. **Globe comments sent.**

**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**

Dean had written to the EA to ask for an update. They are still working on the scheme and are carrying out an appraisal of costs & benefits. There is due to be an update soon. EA policy is to be net zero carbon neutral by 2030 and absolute zero by 2052.

**8. Emmer Green Hedge**

A meeting had been held with RBC parks and the expert hedgelayers. RBC has agreed to help with removal of the dead hedge, so it's been agreed to accept the £2000 grant for the replacement planting. **MO**

**9. AOB**

- a) **Globe display board and sign.** Richard Denney had been storing these but has now dropped them off with Bob.
- b) **Eco Fest.** is being held at St Andrews Church, Albert Rd. on 2 October. Globe has been offered a stall, we discussed possibly using the display board. Econet has offered to share a stall Globe.
- c) **Damaged Trees on Church Rd** Vickie reported that the two missing trees were wrecked by an out-of-control vehicle which also knocked over a wall; they will be replaced in the autumn along with the monolith horse chestnut, which had recently been reduced to a low stump by RBC.
- d) **Future Globe meetings.** We discussed a possible return to meetings at Church House in the autumn. The majority of those present prefer to continue with online meetings for the moment.

**10. Next meeting - Tuesday 28 September at 7.30 pm - ONLINE**