



MINUTES & ACTIONS, CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 28 September 2021
(virtual meeting – held online via GoToMeeting)

Chair: NH

Minutes DK/WT

Attendees: Bob Busby, Chris Burden, Dave Kenny, Dean Ezra, Jacopo Lanzoni, Judith Barratt, Nick Haskins, Wendy Terry

Apologies – Caroline Johnson, Sigi Teer, Vickie Abel

1. Minutes of last monthly meeting held on 24 August were approved

2. Finance & Funding

Judith has resent the Change of Signatory form, Bob has uploaded ID documents, so the change should now be complete.

Nick will talk to traders about possible funding (NH)

3. Air Quality

No recent RBC CAST (Cleaner Air Safer Transport) meetings have been held. (NH)

4. Church Street Planters

a) Dave & Wendy have trimmed back shrubs in about half of the planters, the remainder would be done over the next couple of weeks as time permits. (DK/WT)

b) Bob has been offered some timber from a felled holm oak near Henley, the planks are oversized (80mm) and very heavy. Nick to ask his contact Graham to see whether they could be cut to the size needed for the planters. (BB/NH)

5. Litter & Graffiti issues

a) **Hill's Meadow cleanup** on 25 September was a great success with 12 volunteers from Globe and Caversham RAYS, a huge amount of rubbish was collected.

b) **Caversham RAYS** is planning litterpicks on Saturdays in October in Amersham Rd park, south bank of the Thames, King's Meadow & The Coals. Anyone interested in should contact Jacopo or join Caversham RAYS on Facebook.

c) **Reading Festival.** Globe carried out daily litterpicks around central Caversham over 5 days of the festival. There was not as much litter as previously with fewer festivalgoers coming to Caversham because of Covid restriction at the festival site. Litter in the precinct was an issue with overflowing bins. Helen Lambert (Cadra) was in contact with the precinct owners about this.

d) Some graffiti has appeared on various telecom boxes from "GXR" and "LURID"

6. Christchurch Meadows

a) RBC has been carrying out various tree works including reducing the height of the landmark row of Lombardy poplars and felling the elm tree in the play area which had sadly succumbed to Dutch elm disease. Concern was raised over drastic cutting of

apparently healthy mature trees by the Dannal near Tamesis Place. Dean had contacted RBC for further details. (DE)

- b) Dave had a site visit with RBC parks manager Andy Gillespie to look at problems with the Danall, which was not flowing. Blockages of silt and vegetation were identified in Christchurch and Hill's Meadow which RBC may be able to tackle over the winter.
- c) Sewage has again appeared in the Danall from a pipe just east of the bridge over the main north/south footpath. This had occurred previously, Thames Water had identified a wrongly connected domestic outlet pipe, which was thought to have been fixed. Nick would report to TW and the EA. (NH)

7. 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 EA and RBC highways have now objected.

P20/S3501/FUL Caversham Lakes – Change of use of North Lake for recreation and sporting purposes. The venue continues to expand and operate without planning permission. Residents of Nire Rd area complain of persistent noise and smoke, they have raised this with RBC as well as SODC. Nick said he would try and attend the SODC planning meeting. The EA and Oxon Highways have now objected and it was thought that the application is likely to be Refused. [Update: This application has now been Refused but the operators have said they will continue.]

201876 Blewgarth, The Warren. Replacement Boathouse. Revised plans submitted, which show an additional planting buffer on the river frontage.

NEW: Reading School Boathouse, Thames Prom (off Cow lane). A new boathouse to replace one which burnt down. Utilitarian building needed softening with planting and a green roof.

NEW: 211512 Reading Canoe Club, The Warren. Application to fell a willow tree. The tree is very prominent on the river frontage next to Caversham Court. Pollarding would be a much preferred option if possible. Comments sent to RBC. (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.

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.

8. Environment Agency Caversham & Reading Flood Defence proposals

Nick noted there was a TRFCC meeting tomorrow, the Reading scheme was not mentioned. Defra had recently said there should be more trees planted in flood zones which somewhat contradicted what the EA had previously been telling us.

9. Emmer Green Hedge

Margaret has a meeting with RBC parks to agree on work to clear out the dead hedge. This would leave gaps where volunteers could then plant replacement hedging. Work may start in October (MO)

10.AOB

- a) Eco Fest. 2-4 pm** at St Andrews Church, Albert Rd. on 2 October. Globe has been offered a stall, we discussed updating the Globe leaflet and the display boards but there may not be time. (JB/DK)
- b) Reading Town Meal.** Chris said that this event would be ideal event to attend and suggested planning for a Globe stall at next year's event. He also suggested that a small Outreach sub-committee could be formed to plan Globe's attendance at local events like the town meal. (CB)
- c) Future Globe meetings.** October meeting would be online. We discussed a possible return to meetings in person in the New Year.

11.Next meeting - Tuesday 26 October at 7.30 pm - ONLINE