



**MINUTES & ACTIONS, CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 30 November 2021**  
**(virtual meeting – held online via GoToMeeting)**

**Chair:** NH

**Minutes** DK/WT

**Attendees:**, Bob Busby, Caroline Johnson, Chris Burden, Dave Kenny, Dean Ezra, Jacopo Lanzoni, Judith Barratt (in part), Nick Haskins , Wendy Terry

**Apologies** – Sigi Teer, Vickie Abel

1. **Minutes of last monthly meeting** held on 26 October were approved
2. **Finance & Funding**  
Issues with change of signatory on NatWest account, Judith has made several calls to the bank in an attempt to resolve this. (JB/BB).  
Nick will be talking to traders about possible funding probably in January. (NH)
3. **Air Quality**  
RBC CAST (Cleaner Air Safer Transport) meeting on 2 December. (NH/CB)
4. **Church Street Planters**  
a) Nick's will arrange a visit with his carpenter Graham to look at possible repairs using hardwood timber supplied by Maggie. (BB/NH)
5. **Litter & Graffiti issues**  
a) **Keep Caversham Tidy** is the new name for Caversham RAYS group. They are carrying out one litterpick per week on Saturday mornings. They have recently found some syringes in Lower Caversham, reported to RBC. (JL)  
b) **Graffiti** a lot of new graffiti and tags have been appearing all over the area. RBC clean their property when reported, Globe supporters have been cleaning some of the green boxes. Nick to ask Adele if RBC if they can supply us with a can of fast- drying green paint as they did in the past. (CJ/DK/NH)  
c) **Reading Festival** Nick will be attending a meeting with RBC on 6 December and will report back re litter etc. (NH)
6. **Christchurch Meadows & Hill's Meadow**  
a) **The Dannel (Christchurch ditch)**. RBC has completed cutting back of vegetation along the Danall through Christchurch and Hill's Meadow. Some rubbish & silt remains in the ditch but its considerably clear than it had been.  
b) **Sewage** not seen recently in the Danall but appears to occur during period of heavy rain. Nick has reported it again to Thames Water and the EA. (NH) Pollution observed recently at the eastern end of the Dannel in Hill's Meadow.  
c) **Shopping trolleys in the Thames**. Wendy has reported two trolleys in the river near Christchurch footbridge (now removed). A row of trolleys tied together has been seen in the river somewhere along Thames Prom. Location TBC??  
d) **Sunken boats** are due to be removed by EA soon. (NH)

**7. Planning Applications – New or Updated planning applications:**

**NEW 212061 Riverside Academy, Richfield Ave.** Several Globe supporters had attended the online presentation by the school. Concerns raised over lack of planting & green roofing. (Update: The planning application is now online see 212061)

**NEW 212072 BBC Caversham Park.** Conversion of mansion to 63 apartments, construction of 64 bed care home west of main building, 41 houses and 12 apartments on parkland east of the main building, 33 houses on Peppard rd frontage. *(Not an application yet as such but a scoping option for an environmental impact assessment)*

**210544 Mill Green Footpath.** Application to fill in flood ditch for vehicle access by the new owner of The Moorings. The EA have withdrawn their objection on flood storage plans, but objections from RBC remains. Keep in view.

**211512 Reading Canoe Club, The Warren.** Application to fell prominent willow tree just west of Caversham Court gazebo. *Tree has now been felled & due to be replaced.*

**211623: 80 George Street (Laundry site). 20m lattice tower & with satellite dishes & 5G transmitter.** Application refused on grounds of scale and height of the proposal and the impact on nearby trees of amenity value. *Globe had objected.*

**200328 Vastern Court (The Range/Aldi etc)** Outline permission for flats, offices, retail & leisure. **Developer has appealed, a planning inquiry is underway**

**No change on these planning applications**

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

**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.*

**P20/S3501/FUL Caversham Lakes –** Change of use of North Lake for recreation and sporting purposes. Refused by SODC, but the operators have said they will continue to operate while trying to get retrospective permission.

**211077: Reading School Boathouse,** Thames Prom (off Cow lane). A new boathouse to replace one which burnt down. Utilitarian building needed softening with planting. RBCs ecologist has commented on the need for biodiversity.

**8. Environment Agency Caversham & Reading Flood Defence proposals**

Update: The EA has announced that it will not be going ahead with this scheme.

**9. Grove Road Hedge (Emmer Green Recreation Ground)**

Planting of the replacement hedge has now been completed, thanks to everyone who helped with the task over several sessions. (MO)

**10.AOB**

a) **Nire Road Woodland** Jacopo had recently seen RBC staff surveying the woodland. Some work was needed on a number of the trees and on clearance of flytipping. (JL)

b)**Future Globe meetings.** November meeting would be online. Dave is in contact with Church House over possible resumption of meetings in the New Year. As usual we take a break with no meeting in December.

**11. Next meeting Tuesday 25 January at 7.30 pm - ONLINE**