



MINUTES & ACTIONS, CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 22 March 2022

Held at Church House

Chair: NH

Minutes WT/JB

Attendees: Andy Johnson, Caroline Johnson, Chris Burden, Judith Barratt, Lin Godfrey, Nick Haskins, Wendy Terry, Wendy Rooke

Apologies – Dave Kenny, Vicki Abel, Jacopo Lanzoni

1) Minutes of last GLOBE meeting

held at Church House on 22 February 2022 were approved.

2. Finance & Funding

Ongoing problems with getting signatories sorted. Judith will chase NatWest again. Other options including approaching a different bank were discussed. JB/BB.

3. Church Street Planters

Nick still waiting to hear from his carpenter Graham. He is also looking into the possibility of buying some new planters and has seen some that might be suitable. He will discuss with Dave. NH/DK

4. Litter & Graffiti issues

a) **Litter** - No update. Successful litter picks have taken place recently with good attendance.

b) **Graffiti** - Nuke graffiti is still a problem. Nick has asked Chris Camfield (RBC) to issue Globe with green paint and also wipes but Chris says he can't issue them without training. Jodie, who runs Nood in the precinct, has some good cleaner that is effective and she is willing to supply to Globe. Nick has also asked the relevant utility companies for permission to paint their boxes to cover the graffiti but hasn't heard back from them. Graffiti can be reported through the Love Clean Reading app. (NH)

c) **Flytipping** - No update from Bob O'Neill, carry forward.

5. Christchurch Meadows & Hill's Meadow

a) **Sewage in Dannell**. This has been dealt with.

b) **Shopping trolleys in the Thames**. The river is too high at the moment to action their removal.

c) **Sunken boats** near Caversham Bridge have been removed by the EA.

d) **Hill's Meadow** The problem created by Winter Wonderland has been dealt with. (NH)

e) **Willow trees**. The two large willows that have collapsed into the Dannell ditch in the recent storm are still there blocking the ditch. No update about whether RBC plan to remove them.

f) **Geese mess** This is still an issue. (LG)

6. Planning Applications – New or Updated planning applications:

211843 Reading Golf Club. RBC Planning Committee approved the planning application at their meeting on 2nd March despite the record number of objections and representations at the meeting against the application from CADRA, EGRA, the Peppard Ward councillor Clarence Mitchell, Caversham Ward councillor and several others. Following the meeting Keep Emmer Green (KEG) asked Globe to write to Michael Gove to support the request by Clarence Mitchell to Mr Gove to 'call-in' the decision because it is believed to be pre-determined. Wendy T and Nick drafted the letter and email to Mr Gove. Globe has been thanked for their support by KEG and Clarence Mitchell. Mr Gove's decision is awaited.

Globe has also written to Matt Rodda, who says he is opposed to the application, asking for his help in getting the decision overturned. He has responded by asking Globe to make an appointment at one of his surgeries. Wendy T will organise this.

Meanwhile the golf club's previous planning application, which was refused in 2021, is being appealed by the developer and is going to a planning inquiry.

212061 Riverside Academy, Richfield Ave. No update.

212072 BBC Caversham Park. No update.

211077: Reading School Boathouse, No further update.

The Warren No update.

Lower Henley Rd. RBC has confirmed that licenses are needed to operate a commercial business here.

The vacant former back garden plot on the corner of Mill Rd and Kings Rd - no change on the planning application.

SSE The appeal by Berkeley Homes against the planning refusal has been successful despite objections.

No change on these planning applications

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

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.

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

210373 Pipers Island bar – conversion to residential. **The EA has now objected**

7. **Bridge Street Triangle.** The site is now under offer, presumably from the digital sign company that Globe had a meeting with, along with CADRA and RBC. Chris said how much he supports Globe's idea of a community garden on the site and said he would be willing to initiate a petition against any digital signs. It was suggested that a petition would not be appropriate until planning permission for a such a sign is sought. Keep in view. CB/WT/NH

8. **AOB**

a) **Vegetation** The problem with green material being dumped seems to have improved now the green bins are being emptied again.

b) **KEG** One side of the perimeter of the green outside Budgens on Peppard Rd has been planted.

c) Memorial trees. Funding for three memorial trees has been obtained from Nick. Thank you, Nick. It is proposed to plant three willows in Christchurch Meadows to commemorate the founding members of Caversham Globe - Jean Newbury, Jennifer Millest and Phil Bagge. DK

d) Flowering Meadows. Wendy R asked if anything is being done to create wildflower meadows, away from amenity areas, in parks such as Christchurch Meadows. She mentioned an RBC initiative for Rewilding Reading and asked if Globe knows how this is being implemented in parks and along verges. Nick said he will ask RBC about this. NH

e) Mooring Enforcement. Lin asked if RBC are enforcing mooring rules as there are some boats flouting the regulations. Nick said that it is being done.

9. Next meeting Tuesday 26 April at 7.15 pm – at CHURCH HOUSE