



MINUTES & ACTIONS, CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 18 April 2023

Held at the Meeting Room The Griffin

Chair: NH

Minutes WT/DK

Attendees: Dave Kenny, Nick Haskins, Wendy Terry, Chris Burden, Tim Castle, Caroline Johnson, Andy Johnson, Bob Busby (part of meeting), Chris Murphy, Brian Murphy.

Apologies: Vickie Abel, Jacopo Lanzoni, Gill Vooght, Paula Benham, Lin Godfrey.

1) Minutes of last Globe meeting held at The Griffin on 21 March 2023 were approved, with a minor amendment adding Andy Johnson's name to the item on Church Street Planters.

2) Finance and Funding No update.

3) Church Street Planters. No update.

4) Litter and Graffiti. Dave reported that as part of the Great British Spring Clean Globe undertook a litter pick on 15th April in Milestone Woods. This was a joint event with Keep Caversham Tidy and was very successful with much litter collected. (DK/WT).

Dave has cleaned graffiti on some of the bus stops along Hemdean Road. He expressed concern about the River Spice car park near Caversham Bridge, which has become a litter hot spot. He and Vickie have tried to tackle the problem but the litter keeps recurring. There are also 2 abandoned cars. Nick will raise this with Salters who lease the land from RBC. (NH).

Caroline reported that the new graffiti wipes supplied by RBC are effective and much better than the previous wipes they supplied.

Wendy suggested that as part of the Big Help-Out Day on 8th May, the bank holiday following the King's Coronation, Globe could repaint the wooden planters on Church Street and at the corner of Church Road. A discussion followed about what varnish and/or oil to use. Bob called in briefly and reported that we have two cans of Barretine left over from previous painting sessions. (**UPDATE** The event has now been advertised and 12 volunteers came forward to help. The planters have been sanded and prepared ready for painting but the main event on 8th had to be postponed because of rain on the day. Thank you to Francis, Dave and Wendy). (WT/DK/BB)

5) Christchurch Meadows and Thames Parks.

a) River Thames Clean-up Still waiting for water levels to subside. Keep in view. (NH/DK).

b) Pollution in the Danall This has been cleaned up.

c) Sunken Boats Nick said that he would follow this up at a meeting he was attending in coming days. (NH).

d) Hill's Meadow / Winter Wonderland Nick said that he would chase RBC again over reinstating a barrier between the car park and river to prevent. Dave suggested a small earth bund would be better than logs and that a site meeting with RBC would be useful. (NH/DK)

6) Chilterns AONB No update. Keep in view. (WT/DK).

7) Wildflower Meadows No update.

8) Planning Matters.

Caversham Park No update. Keep in view

Caversham Lakes No update. Keep in view.

9) Advertising Hoarding Sites

a) Bridge Street Triangle No update. Keep in view. (DK/WT).

b) George Street Triangle Dave reported that he has received an email from Adele Barnett-Ward, in response to his email asking for clarification regarding the dreadful state of the site and the plans for replacement trees. Adele explained that a planning application is imminent and that this will cover replacement trees. RBC have given the site owner until September to rectify the situation regarding the felled trees and improve the site. Keep in view. (DK)

10) AOB

a) Christchurch Meadow Cherry Trees No update. (TC).

b) Ivy on trees in The Warren Nick reported that this has been completed. (NH).

c) Thames Prom. Nick reported that a tree has been hit by lightning.

d) Hi-Viz Vests Judith is ordering a new supply. [Update these have now arrived] (JB).

d) Recruitment of new members No progress.

e) Bench on Balmore Walk Wendy asked if there was any news of a replacement for the bench that was removed last year. Caroline said that she had received a negative response from RBC when she enquired some months ago but offered to chase it again. Keep in view. (CJ/WT).

f) Water Bowser Vickie has offered to store the water bowser in her garage. Dave will arrange its transfer to the new home. Thank you Vickie and to Mark who has been storing it in his shed over the winter.

Next meeting Tuesday 20 June 2023 at 7.15 pm AGM – at Meeting Room in The Griffin