



MINUTES & ACTIONS, CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 20 June 2023

Held at the Meeting Room The Griffin

Chair: NH

Minutes WT/DK

Attendees: Dave Kenny, Nick Haskins, Wendy Terry, Tim Castle, Vickie Abel, Jacopo Lanzoni, Bob Busby, Chris Murphy, Brian Murphy, Lin Godfrey, Judith Barratt.

Apologies: Caroline Johnson, Andy Johnson.

1) Minutes of last Globe meeting held at The Griffin on 18 April 2023 were approved.

2) Finance and Funding Lin Godfrey said that she is willing to approach the traders in Caversham to seek funding for Globe. Thank you Lin. (LG)

3) Church Street Planters Wendy reported that as part of the rescheduled Big Help-Out Day all the planters in Central Caversham were prepared and stained with two coats of wood preserver. In addition two rotten timbers were replaced and stained. A huge improvement to the appearance of the planters and a great team effort. A big thank you to all who helped. (UPDATE Unfortunately subsequently an accident at the Church Road junction shifted and damaged two planters and a seat. RBC were informed and Globe is liaising with them to get the planters reinstated and repaired).

Bob enquired about the wood which was donated to Globe some time ago and whether this could be used to repair some of the planters, particularly where shorter lengths of timber are required. Nick asked Bob to send him the dimensions of the planters and he will chase the person storing the timber. (BB/NH).

Thanks were expressed to Caroline for planting summer bedding in the planters.

4) Litter and Graffiti. Jacopo reported that Keep Caversham Tidy are still organising weekly litter picks and that they had recently tackled the litter in River Spice car park. There was a discussion about this litter hotspot. Nick said he will chase Salters and Adele to see if this problem can be resolved. (DK/NH).

5) Christchurch Meadows and Thames Parks.

a) River Thames Clean-up Nick reported that a river cleanup could now take place as river levels have dropped. The proposed cleanup area is between the two bridges especially where trees are overhanging the river, where litter accumulates. A date needs to be set. (NH/DK).

b) Sunken Boats Nick reported that RBC have been waiting for soil conditions to be right, which they are now. Nick said he would chase RBC again. (NH).

c) Hill's Meadow / Winter Wonderland Nick said he would chase RBC again over reinstating a

barrier between the car park and river to prevent incursion. (NH/DK)

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

7) Wildflower Meadows No update. Dave said he would ask Wendy Rooke for an update.(DK).

8) Planning Matters.

Caversham Park No update. No planning application has been submitted. Keep in view

Caversham Lakes South Oxfordshire District Council have issued an enforcement notice. Keep in view.

9) Advertising Hoarding Sites

a) Bridge Street Triangle Dave has asked RBC to cut the grass in front of the hoardings. He asked Jacopo to progress this with RBC (DK/JL).

b) George Street Triangle Permission to fell the one remaining poplar tree has been refused by RBC. Keep in view. (DK)

10) AOB

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

b) Tree Felling on Warren Escarpment. Dave and Nick to check this as TPOs protect some of the trees. (NH/DK).

c) Hi-Viz Vests 25 new vests have been received including larger sizes. (JB).

d) Recruitment of new members No progress.

e) Bench on Balmore Walk Caroline received a negative response from RBC about when there would be a replacement for the bench that was removed last year. Wendy asked Jacopo if he could take this up with RBC but he said that there were other more important recipients for money within the ward and he did not consider the bench a priority. Keep in view. (CJ/WT).

f) Water Bowser this needs a power supply in order to work and there is no power in Vickie's garage where it is stored. Additionally it may require a new battery.

g) Listing of Reading Bridge RBC is proposing that Reading Bridge is locally listed. Globe to support this.

h) Bench on View Island Lin reported that one of the benches on the island is hidden because of undergrowth. (LG).

i) Dog Poo Bins overflowing Judith reported that some bins in Caversham Park Village are overflowing and need emptying and that they should be replaced with larger bins. Love Clean Reading was suggested to get this actioned. (JB).

j) Thames Path councillor walkabout. Cllr Adele-Barnett Ward is organising Thames path inspection walk on 29 June ward, with RBC officers from parks and highways. Globe had been invited to attend. (DK/NH)

Next meeting Tuesday 22 August 2023 at 7.15 pm AGM – at Meeting Room in The Griffin