



MINUTES & ACTIONS, CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 22 November 2022 Held at the Meeting Room The Griffin

Chair: DK/NH

Minutes WT/DK

Attendees: Bob Busby, Dave Kenny, Nick Haskins, Wendy Terry, Chris Burden, Vickie Abel, Lin Godfrey, Caroline Johnson, Andy Johnson, Judith Barratt (part of meeting).

Apologies: Wendy Rooke.

1) Minutes of last Globe meeting held at Church House on 27 September 2022 were approved.

2) Finance and Funding Dave thanked the Jane Club for paying for this year's insurance which has been renewed. Various plans to spend the generous donation from Waitrose are being considered.

3) Church Street Planters. Caroline and Wendy tidied the planters, removed the summer bedding and planted some bulbs. Caroline and Andy have planted up with winter bedding. Thank you to Caroline for financing the cost of the plants and bulbs and for her work looking after the planters.

4) Litter and Graffiti. Graffiti training is to be organised through RBC for the volunteers who have expressed interest in helping. Dave and Nick will contact RBC to get some dates for the training. Graffiti is still a major problem and the response by the council is unreliable with some graffiti being cleaned quickly while other areas are being left. (DK/NH)
Globe have received an email from a pupil at Queen Anne's School who is keen to get involved in litter picking with a group of fellow pupils. They would like Globe's advice and support and may also be interested in hedge and tree planting within the school grounds. Wendy and Dave have responded and agreed to get involved with this. (DK/WT).

5) Christchurch Meadows and Thames Parks.

a) Memorial Trees Lin reported that following the recent rain the trees are looking very healthy.

b) River Thames Clean-up This has been postponed due to high river levels. Keep in view. (NH/DK).

c) Collapsed Willow The willow is still blocking the Danall. It seems as though RBC has done some clearance work but the banks are still very overgrown. Keep in view. (LG).

d) Sunken Boats at Bucks Eyot by Caversham Bridge and also an additional sunken boat by the war memorial. Nick has chased the EA again but there has been no progress. One of the boats has now sunk. (NH).

e) Winter Wonderland Dave reported that there has been encroachment by WW into the area reserved for wildlife and which should not be in use by fairs. He reported that WW have been given permission to operate for 52 days a year. Noise and light are also issues and local residents have complained. Nick offered to take the issue forward with CADRA who would be willing to work with Globe. (NH/DK)

6) Chilterns AONB Dave and Wendy have had a site meeting with Matt Rodda and John Nicholls from the Chiltern Conservation Board about the boundary review of the Chilterns AONB which is now underway. It is our view that much of the countryside surrounding Caversham meets the criteria for inclusion in the AONB and this could also include some adjoining parts of Caversham such as Bugs Bottom, Clayfield Copse and the Warren escarpment. Matt was very supportive. The meeting was very useful and positive. In addition Dave has been in contact with the parishes in South Oxfordshire who are actively working on the boundary review in their parishes. (WT/DK).

7) Wildflower Meadows No update.

8) Planning Matters.

Caversham Park. A revised planning application is expected soon. Keep in view. **[Update:** The developer Beechcroft will be holding an exhibition with revised plans at Caversham Park on 8 December from 2-8pm]

Mill Green the appeal on RBC planning refusal for road access to The Moorings has now been refused by the Planning Inspector so it cannot proceed. Keep in view.

Caversham Lakes concern continues to be expressed over safety at the road junction with several accidents and near misses. A local resident has started a petition calling for safely improvements at the junction which is at the boundary of RBC and SODC. Keep in view.

9) Advertising Hoarding Sites

a) Bridge Street Triangle no update. The purchase appears to have stalled.

b) George Street Triangle All but two of the large poplar trees on the site are in the process of being felled. Permission to fell them was given by RBC due to decay in the trees, one of which recently collapsed. Because they were protected by TPO the trees will have to be replaced. It is now known that a developer bought the site with the aim of building flats there, but this may not be possible as it is in the flood zone. The site is becoming an eyesore with graffiti on the hoardings. Keep in view.

10) AOB

a) Felled Tree in Kidmore Road Dave reported that the tree pit has now been tarmaced over and this means that it will be difficult for a tree to be replanted on the site. Despite this a recent residents meeting was assured by RBC that the tree would be replaced. Keep in view. (DK).

b) Cherry Trees Tim has requested a meeting with RBC to discuss alternative locations for the proposed trees. He has received no response and will chase again. Keep in view.(TC).

c) Globe Water Bowser The bowser is being housed over the winter in Mark Palmer's shed but a new home for it will be needed at the start of the watering season next year. Vicki offered to store it in her garage once this becomes free. Thank you Vickie. (DK).

d) Venue for Globe Meetings it was agreed that the new venue for meetings in the meeting room at The Griffin was suitable and convenient.

e) Christmas Social Chris suggested a Christmas get-together at a pub or The Alto Lounge. Details to follow.

Next meeting Tuesday 24 January 2023 at 7.15 pm – at Meeting Room in The Griffin