



## **MINUTES & ACTIONS, CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 24 January 2023**

### **Held at the Meeting Room The Griffin**

**Chair:** NH

**Minutes** WT/DK

**Attendees:** Dave Kenny, Nick Haskins, Wendy Terry, Bob Busby, Chris Burden, Vickie Abel, Lin Godfrey, Caroline Johnson, Andy Johnson, Judith Barratt, Wendy Rooke, Jacopo Lanzoni, Gill Vooght, Paula Benham.

**Apologies:** None received.

**1) Minutes of last Globe meeting** held at The Griffin on 22 November 2022 were approved.

**2) Finance and Funding** Dave reported that a holm oak has been purchased for Balmore Walk to replace the tulip tree that died last summer. **UPDATE:** the new tree has been planted.

**3) Church Street Planters.** Caroline reported that she has replaced some of the plants in the planters. Thank you Caroline for financing the cost of the plants and bulbs and for looking after the planters.

**4) Litter and Graffiti.** The graffiti kits have been received from RBC ; they consist of graffiti wipes which are stronger than the ones we have been buying; the wipes are only intended for use on smooth surfaces, so won't work on brick or stone. Graffiti is still a major problem, and is getting worse; the response from the council remains variable.

A proposed Globe litter pick in Christchurch Meadows and around the Danall has been postponed due to flooding and will be rearranged when water levels subside. Wendy T is organising a litter pick with a group of pupils from Queen Anne's School. Wendy Rooke suggested that footpaths around Chiltern Road, near the shops on Henley Road, and also at the top of Chiltern Road would be a good place to start as litter is bad here and is near Queen Anne's. Dave also suggested Hill's Meadow. (WT).

There was discussion about the RBC-run RAYS scheme. Nick suggested that the scheme could be improved with better communication and more support for litter picking groups.

### **5) Christchurch Meadows and Thames Parks.**

**a) Memorial Trees** - All ok..

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

**c) Collapsed Willow** Lin reported that this has been dealt with by RBC [update: a check on 3 Feb there were still some logs in the Danall along with a lot of pollution]

**d) Sunken Boats** at Bucks Eyot by Caversham Bridge and by the war memorial. Nick is still chasing the EA but there has been no progress. One of the boats has sunk. (NH).

**e) Winter Wonderland** Dave reported that the site was cleaned up well following the departure

of Winter Wonderland although there again had been some encroachment onto the planted area. Travellers are now on the car park and there is considerable rubbish and mess. Nick said he will contact RBC concerning the rubbish around the recycling bins. (NH/DK)

**6) Chilterns AONB** Wendy T reported that Globe have emailed Natural England about the proposed boundary extension to the Chilterns AONB and informed them of areas in Caversham that Globe feels would merit inclusion in the extended area. Globe is hoping to make a submission to the boundary review. Dave is in contact with the parishes in South Oxfordshire, who are actively working on the boundary review in their parishes; keep in view. (WT/DK).

**7) Wildflower Meadows** Wendy R reported that the appointment at RBC of an officer to look after wildflower meadows in Caversham and Reading is needed before this issue can progress. Keep in view (WR)

### **8) Planning Matters.**

**Caversham Park.** Beechcroft, the developer of the site, held a public exhibition in December to outline their revised plans. Wendy T reported that the new plans seem to have taken account of feedback from residents and generally appear much more acceptable. A revised planning application is expected soon. Keep in view

**Mill Green** The appeal over vehicle access to the Moorings plot has been rejected by the planning inspector. Keep in view.

**Caversham Lakes** Dave reported that it is not clear whether the operator is going to appeal. Keep in view.

### **9) Advertising Hoarding Sites**

**a) Bridge Street Triangle** The purchase appears to have stalled as the Under Offer sign was removed over Christmas and was replaced with a For Sale/For Rent. Keep in view.

**b) George Street Triangle** The site is an eyesore. Dave has contacted RBC Planning and Thames Ward Councillor Adele Barnett-Ward, about the fencing, tree felling and terrible state of the site. **UPDATE:** Adele has responded to say that RBC Enforcement officers are in contact with the landowner and discussions are ongoing. Keep in view.(DK)

### **10) AOB**

**a) Felled Tree in Kidmore Road** Jacopo reported that a tree is to be planted and the tarmac over the tree pit is only temporary. He said that RBC is waiting for residents to choose the replacement tree. Keep in view. (DK/JL).

**b) Cherry Trees** Jacopo asked that Tim be contacted (as he was not at the meeting) and requested to update him, so the matter can be progressed with RBC and the Caversham councillors. Keep in view.(JL/TC).

**c) Trees in The Warren** Nick reported that a group of residents in The Warren had offered to help tackle some problem trees in The Warren, in particular helping with the removal of ivy. It is hoped that Reading Tree Wardens would provide support as before. (NH/DK).

**d) Discharge in Danall** Chris reported that there are regular discharges into the Danall that look like sewage. Nick offered to contact Thames Water. (NH/CB).

**e) Hi-Viz Vests** Judith reported that she is getting prices for hi-viz vests. Globe has only a few left, all small, so she proposes to get a supply with the Globe logo on the back. She will get some more prices before placing an order (JB).

**Next meeting Tuesday 21March 2023 at 7.15 pm – at Meeting Room in The Griffin**