



## **MINUTES & ACTIONS, CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 21 March 2023** **Held at the Meeting Room The Griffin**

**Chair:** NH

**Minutes** WT/DK

**Attendees:** Dave Kenny, Nick Haskins, Wendy Terry, Chris Burden, Lin Godfrey, Judith Barratt, Gill Vooght, Paula Benham, Tim Castle.

**Apologies:** Vickie Abel, Wendy Rooke, Jacopo Lanzoni, Bob Busby.

**1) Minutes of last Globe meeting** held at The Griffin on 24 January 2023 were approved.

**2) Finance and Funding** No update.

**3) Church Street Planters.** Dave reported that Caroline and Andy had planted more plants.

**4) Litter and Graffiti.** Dave reported that Globe supporters plan to tackle some of the local graffiti over the coming weeks. (DK).

Wendy reported that the litter picks organised by Queen Anne's School, supported by Globe, have started. Globe obtained bags for them from RAYS and advised them of litter hotspots. It now seems that Globe's involvement in the actual litter picks will be minimal. (WT).

Nick asked Wendy to obtain more bags and some stickers from RAYS. (WT). (**UPDATE** these have been ordered). (WT).

As part of Keep Britain Tidy's Great British Spring Cleanup, Globe is organising two litter picks. The first along The Warren escarpment on 26th March and the second in Milestone Woods on 15th April. (**UPDATE** the litter pick in The Warren took place on 26th and was very successful with 24 sacks of litter collected plus metal, timber and recycling).(DK/WT).

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

**a) Memorial Trees** - No update, memorial plaques to be fitted at a later date. (DK).

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

**c) Pollution in the Danall** Nick reported that he had chased Thames Water, they had visited the site and removed several bags of foul waste but could not find the source of the pollution, which only occurs in heavy rain. Keep in view (NH/DK)

**d) Sunken Boats** RBC say that the boats cannot be removed at the moment because the ground is too soft and the river is too high to safely remove them. (NH).

**e) Winter Wonderland** Nick reported that RBC are carrying out target hardening at Thames Prom to prevent incursion onto the meadows. He has also asked for target hardening to prevent access to the river and planted area at Hills Meadow. Dave suggested that a small earth bund be used instead of logs at Hill's Meadow as logs are too easily pushed aside. (NH/DK)

**6) Chilterns AONB** Wendy and Dave had a meeting with the chairman of the Working Party of the South Oxfordshire parishes. They are working on AONB boundary review in their parishes. The Working Party Chairman David Woodward has helped to draw up a map for Globe showing the areas Globe is proposing for the AONB in Caversham. This will form the basis of a Globe submission to Natural England. Keep in view. (WT/DK).

**7) Wildflower Meadows** No update.

**8) Planning Matters.**

**Caversham Park.** A revised planning application is still awaited. Keep in view

**Caversham Lakes** The operator, Cosmonaut Leisure, had announced a public exhibition at short notice (which was then cancelled just before the event). Interested parties such as local residents and resident groups had not been informed about the meeting, only supporters. Nick suggested that a complaint be raised about this. Its unclear if the operator is intending to submit a third retrospective application or an appeal against the last planning refusal. Keep in view.

**9) Advertising Hoarding Sites**

**a) Bridge Street Triangle** The threat of a digital sign on the site seems to have gone due to the withdrawal of the offer. Dave suggested that Globe make a minimal bid for the site. A vote by show of hands approved this. Keep in view. (DK/WT).

**b) George Street Triangle** All but one of the remaining trees have been felled; under the TPOs they should be replaced by the end of March. RBC can take enforcement action if this fails to happen. There is no information yet about what the developer intends to do with the site, which without the trees is even more of an eyesore. Keep in view.

**10) AOB**

**a) Felled Tree in Kidmore Road** The tree has now been replaced with a maple tree – species chosen by residents.

**b) Cherry Trees** Tim reported that he has had a meeting with RBC about his proposed line of cherry trees in Christchurch Meadows. His plan will be submitted to RBC's Tree Surveyor and if approved the trees will be planted in the autumn. Nick asked Tim if he could send Globe a copy of his plan. (TC).

**c) Trees in The Warren** Nick reported that he has removed ivy from some of the trees along The Warren but there is more to do. (NH).

**d) Hi-Viz Vests** Judith confirmed that she would order 20 hi-viz vests, a mixture of large and extra large, as Globe already has enough small sizes. The logo is being finalised. (JB).

**e) Recruitment of new members.** A discussion took place on how to recruit new members and how to encourage existing members to be more active in the group. Paula offered to contact Reading University to see if they have any students who would be interested in a volunteer programme involving Globe. (PB).

**f) Big Help Day on 8th May** Wendy asked if Globe planned to get involved with the Big Help Out Day which is planned for the bank holiday following the King's Coronation. Dave suggested that this be discussed at the next meeting. (WT/DK).

**Next meeting Tuesday 18 April 2023 at 7.15 pm – at Meeting Room in The Griffin**