



MINUTES & ACTIONS, CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 22 August 2023 **Held at the Meeting Room The Griffin**

Chair: NH

Minutes WT/DK

Attendees: Dave Kenny, Nick Haskins, Wendy Terry, Tim Castle, Vickie Abel, Bob Busby, Caroline Johnson, Andy Johnson, Lin Godfrey, Judith Barratt, Chris Burden.

Apologies: Chris Murphy, Brian Murphy, Jacopo Lanzoni, Gill Voight, Paula Benham.

1) Minutes of last Globe meeting held at The Griffin on 20 June 2023 were approved.

2) Finance and Funding Lin Godfrey reported that she has approached a number of Caversham traders and has received donations from several of them, and CADRA, totalling £500. Well done Lin and many thanks for all your efforts. (LG) Thanks also to Dean who has updated the banners showing all the current sponsors of the Globe web site. (DE)

3) Church Street Planters Gratitude was expressed to the work party who repositioned the planter at the Church Road junction hit by a car. The work party of Francis, Dave and Wendy, removed the soil and managed to push the planter back to its original position and then refill the planter. Many thanks to them, a great effort.

Prior to the work party, RBC had removed about half the soil and all the shrubs from the affected planter and the adjacent one. Dave said he will buy more shrubs and plant them. Caroline offered to supply some winter bedding. Thanks to both. (DK/CJ).

Bob asked Nick if he had received the measurements that he requested at the June meeting which Bob sent after the meeting. Bob mentioned that short lengths of timber are particularly useful for repairs and he asked Nick if he could check the lengths of the timber that was donated to Globe some time ago. Nick agreed to check whether he had received Bob's email, so he could progress the matter with the person storing the timber. (BB/NH).

4) Litter and Graffiti. Graffiti is bad in several places including on the bridge and on the underpass near the bridge. (**UPATE** RBC cleaned much of this just prior to the Festival).

Festival Litter Picks. It was decided that these should take place daily at 4pm from Thursday 24th to Monday 28th inclusive. A river clean-up was also proposed over the Festival, see below. Several volunteers have come forward to help. (**UPDATE** The Festival litter picks have taken place and central Caversham has been kept largely clear of litter, and several areas in adjacent roads have also been cleared. Several trolleys have been removed from the river. A big thank you to all who helped with this).

5) Christchurch Meadows and Thames Parks.

a) River Thames Clean-up It was proposed that this should take place over the Festival weekend. **UPDATE** This has now taken place about 10 trolleys were removed from the river along Thames Prom. (NH/DK).

b) Sunken Boats RBC has removed the sunken boat by the war memorial but there are still two others in the river by Caversham Bridge and Bucks Eyot are still. (NH).

c) Hill's Meadow / Winter Wonderland A planning application **231094** has been submitted by WW. Nick will chase RBC to install a barrier, ideally a small bund, to stop encroachment onto the planted area between the car park and river. Keep in view. (NH/DK)

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

7) Wildflower Meadows No update. An update will be requested from Wendy Rooke. (DK).

8) Planning Matters.

Caversham Park Planning applications **220409 & 220410** now online. Keep in view

Caversham Lakes The South Oxfordshire District Council enforcement notice is on hold because an appeal has been received from the operator and an appeal takes precedence over enforcement. Keep in view.

Shell Garage George Street. Application **230603** had been made to RBC to install E-V charging points at the rear of the garage, which would involve the removal of 18 trees with no remedial planting, raising concerns. The application has now been withdrawn.

The Warren application 231084 to build a house close to the river is raising concerns.

9) Advertising Hoarding Sites

a) Bridge Street Triangle It was noted that the For Sale/To Rent sign has been removed. Dave to ask Jacopo if there is any update. (DK/JL).

The grass in front of the hoardings has still not been cut by RBC despite being raised by Jacopo with RBC in June. (DK/JL)

b) George Street Triangle No update. Keep in view.

10) AOB

a) Christchurch Meadow Cherry Trees No update. Keep in view. (TC).

b) Tree Felling on Warren Escarpment. Dave has checked with RBC and the correct procedure was followed. Replacement planting is required. (NH/DK).

c) Bench on Balmore Walk A replacement bench is still required despite RBC's negative response and options are being pursued by Caroline and Wendy. Keep in view. (CJ/WT).

d) Bench on View Island Lin reported that the bench is still hidden by undergrowth which has not been cleared. Lin to raise with Pedro at RBC. Keep in view. (LG).

e) Thames Path councillor walkabout. This was attended by Dave and Nick and was quite useful. (DK/NH)

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