



MINUTES & ACTIONS, CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 29 July 2025

Held at the Meeting Room The Griffin

Chair: NH

Minutes WT/DK

Attendees: Dave Kenny, Nick Haskins, Wendy Terry, Tim Castle, Dean Ezra, Chris Murphy, Chris Burden, Judith Barratt, Vickie Abel, Lin Godfrey, Jill Dibben.

Apologies – Caroline Johnson, Andy Johnson, Jacopo Lanzoni, Brian Murphy.

1) Minutes of last Globe meeting held at The Griffin on 27 May 2025 were approved.

2) Finance and Funding and Publicity

Vickie suggested that Globe should approach Caversham Traders and ask for donations. Nick said that he is happy to raise the matter at the next Traders meeting. He suggested that Globe could attend a Traders meeting and give a brief description of our activities as this would raise awareness of Globe with the traders.

Tim has distributed a revised Globe publicity leaflet to local venues including the library, the bookshop and several noticeboards including ones in Emmer Green. It is hoped that this will encourage new members. Chris Burden offered to take some of the leaflets to distribute. Jill suggested that the leaflets should also be distributed to the shops in Caversham.

3) Church Street Planters Vickie raised the problem of watering the planters during the recent extremely hot weather. It is difficult to provide enough water and some of the plants have died. Wendy suggested that Globe should consider planting drought-resistant perennials, which would be more suitable to the conditions. Especially as the planters are unlined and most of the water runs out over the pavement. Tim offered to visit a local garden centre and ask their advice, and to also ask for donations of suitable plants. (TC).

4) Litter and Graffiti. Dave reported that the precinct was under new ownership Sorbon Estates. He was monitoring the situation with litter in and around the carparks.

Globe litterpicks during Reading Festival was discussed. Although RBC street cleaning was generally very good last year there were a few gaps, notably side streets, the footpath behind BT and the area around the bridge and Salters car park. It was decided to arrange three Globe litter picks on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the Festival. (DK/WT).

5) Parks, Open spaces & River Thames

a) Long Grass in parts of several parks and open spaces is causing concern due to the fire risk. Jill raised concern about long grass at Bugs Bottom. Dave reported a similar situation in parts of Balmore Walk and Hills Meadow.

It was suggested that because of the exceptionally dry conditions this year, RBC should bring forward their annual conservation mowing to reduce fire risk. Although a few “fire breaks” have been cut in places there are still many vulnerable areas of long dry grass. Nick would discuss this with his contact at the fire service. Keep in view (DK/NH).

6) Chilterns AONB Extension Following the cancellation of the boundary extension review, Globe has drafted a letter to Matt Rodda strongly expressing Globe's views and requesting that the review be reinstated. (**UPDATE** - the letter has been sent and an acknowledgment received). (WT/DK).

7) Planning Matters

Persian Palace - Awaiting the result of the appeal. Keep in view (NH).

George Street Triangle - Awaiting the result of the appeal. Keep in view.

Gladman has revealed proposals to build 1200 houses on agricultural land owned by the Phillimore Estate between Caversham Park Rd and Playhatch as well as fields between Kiln Rd and Peppard Rd – a site which had previously been rejected on appeal. Keep in View.

8) Advertising Hoarding Sites

a) Bridge Street No update. Keep in view. (TC).

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

9) AOB

a) Flytipping in Chester Street car park - This has been cleared. Oxford Street flytipping has also been cleared. Redundant Biffa bins have been removed from both locations..

b) Berry Brook litter clearance – site visit to be arranged with Jacopo in the autumn. (DK/JL).

c) Damage to tree branches in Christchurch Meadows - Chris B reported that he has noticed branches had been cut from some trees in Christchurch Meadows. Dave said that some lower branches had also been cut in Balmore Walk and King Meadow, presumably by RBC. It was noted that some branches had been left on site and not yet cleared away. Keep in view. (CB).

Next meeting Tuesday 23rd September 2025 at 7.15 pm – at Meeting Room in The Griffin