



## **MINUTES & ACTIONS, CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING**

**23 September 2025**

**Held at the Meeting Room The Griffin**

**Chair:** DK

**Minutes** WT/DK

**Attendees:** Dave Kenny, Nick Haskins, Wendy Terry, Tim Castle, Chris Murphy, Chris Burden, Lin Godfrey.

**Apologies** – Caroline Johnson, Andy Johnson, Jacopo Lanzoni, Brian Murphy, Judith Barratt, Vickie Abel.

**1) Minutes of last Globe meeting** held at The Griffin on 29 July 2025 were approved.

### **2) Finance and Funding and Publicity**

Nick reported that the possible attendance of Globe at a Trader's meeting to inform them about Globe's activities, is still outstanding. He will progress this. (NH).

Dave said that Judith is laminating the publicity leaflet so it can be distributed to noticeboards. (JB).

**3) Church Street Planters** Dave said that the plants in the planters were looking good. He may replace some of the shrubs. Tim reported that he has visited a local garden centre and obtained their advice about plants that are more drought-resistant. His findings were discussed. Tim also suggested that to make watering easier for volunteers, bedding plants which require more water than the other plants, could be planted together in one or two planters so that they are grouped together rather than spread out. (DK/TC).

**4) Litter and Graffiti.** Dave reported that the precinct seems to be relatively litter free at the moment.

Globe litterpicks took place on three days over the Reading Festival. There was an issue with some litter bins being missed during the Festival, which Nick had reported to RBC. (NH). Dave reported ongoing issues with fly-tipping and litter around the River Spice car park and nearby benches. He has reported this to RBC but the problem persists. (DK).

### **5) Parks, Open spaces & River Thames**

**Long Grass** During the hot dry summer residents had raised concerns about the fire risk from long dry grass in some conservation/rewilding areas. RBC had cut several fire breaks at Bugs Bottom and the conservation cut had been brought forward after a request from the fire brigade.

**6) Chilterns AONB Extension** Matt Rodda's office have been approached for an update following his letter to the minister requesting a meeting to discuss the cancellation of the boundary extension review, and asking that the review be restarted. However Matt has not yet received a response from the minister. Globe has asked to be kept informed. Keep in view. (WT/DK).

#### **7) Planning Matters**

**Persian Palace** - Awaiting the result of the appeal. Waiting for a planning inspector to be appointed. Keep in view (NH).

**Gladman** - No update. Keep in View.

**70 Homes on Golf Course** - There has been a minor amendment in the planning application to SODC, but it is not significant and objections remain.

#### **8) Advertising Hoarding Sites**

a) **Bridge Street** - No update. Keep in view.

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

#### **9) AOB**

a) **Berry Brook litter clearance** – Dave and Jacopo to arrange site visit to see if it would be feasible for Globe to clear some of the rubbish in the Berry Brook at Dingley Dell. (DK/JL).

b) **Barriers at BT** – Plastic barriers have been put around the BT telephone exchange in central Caversham, blocking our access to several of the RBC planter boxes. The barriers are unsightly and keep collapsing onto the pavement. Dave asked Openreach staff in the building and also the RBC highways officer, but neither knew who had put the barriers up or why. Judith is investigating. (DK/JB).

c) **Globe constitution**. Judith has offered to review the Globe constitution. (During the recent Globe account inspection Jill Dibben had mentioned some parts of it needed updating). (JB)

**Next meeting Tuesday 11th November 2025 at 7.15 pm – at Meeting Room in The Griffin**