



MINUTES & ACTIONS, CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING

20 January 2026

Held at the Meeting Room The Griffin

Chair: NH

Minutes WT/DK

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

Apologies – Chris Murphy, Brian Murphy, Tim Castle.

1) Minutes of last Globe meeting held at The Griffin on 11 November 2025 were approved.

2) Finance and Funding and Publicity

Dave reported that Ania Haskins had kindly donated £50 to Globe for work undertaken for the Harris Garden. Thank you Ania.

Nick suggested that a combined insurance policy for local groups could be investigated as this may save Globe money. Dave pointed out that groups who came under the Econet insurance had to close their own bank accounts and effectively disband as insurers would not cover separate groups under a single policy.

Waitrose has reintroduced their Globe token scheme which provides funding for local community groups. Dave had emailed Waitrose Caversham to ask if Globe could be considered. He hasn't had a response yet and will follow up. It is hoped that if the request is successful the donation could be used to help fund a new planter. (DK).

3) Church Street Planters

Dave reported that he and Nick had done a temporary repair to one of the rotten timbers on a planter outside the Alto Lounge. However many of the planters are in need of repair or replacement. One solution could be to use metal L brackets to pin the corner timbers together, but its proving difficult to source large enough brackets. (DK).

Barriers at BT The plastic barriers on the pavement outside BT keep falling over and are unsightly. Judith had tried numerous times to establish who is responsible for them but had not been successful. Nick suggested ties to stop them being pushed over. (DK/JB/NH).

Pyracantha bush at BT Dave reported that a pyracantha bush on BT land is overhanging the Church Street pavement near Bridge St and is a hazard to pedestrians at eye level. He had reported it to RBC but no action has been taken yet. BT used to cut it back annually. (DK).

4) Litter and Graffiti. No new issues. Dave suggested a possible Globe litter pick at Milestone Woods. (DK).

Dingley Dell. Dave and Jacopo had a site visit with a local resident, there is some litter around Dingley Dell and detritus in the Berry Brook which needs to be tackled, but the main issue is that the brook is silted up. (DK/JL).

5) Parks, Open spaces & River Thames

Nick reported that a fire had wrecked a **memorial bench** at Mapledurham playing fields. It will be replaced by RBC. He also reported that two abandoned boats outside Thames Water appear to have been removed, although it could just be the height of the river. Keep in view (NH).

Sewage pollution continues to leak into the Danall from a mis-connected outlet pipe in the Patrick Road area. Nick would report it as a follow-up to the report from last year. (NH).

RBC has done the annual **vegetation clearance** along the Danall in Christchurch Meadows, but the section through Hill's Meadow still needs attention (LG).

Trees Dave reported that RBC tree planting for the current season had recently started, look out for new and replacement trees in local parks and streets. The Tree Wardens are also planting three alders on Thames Prom. At The Warren 7 trees with ash dieback are due to be felled.

6) Chilterns AONB Extension Globe is to write to Matt Rodda again asking him to urgently press the minister for a meeting to discuss the cancellation of the boundary review. Matt Rodda originally asked for a meeting in mid-2025 but this has failed to take place and needs to be expedited. (WT/DK).

7) Planning Matters

Persian Palace - Still awaiting the result of the appeal. Keep in view

70 Homes on Golf Course - although this application was refused by SODC, there is a new application for an access road into the site. Keep in view.

Two BT hubs with LED display panels in Central Caversham - have been refused but an appeal has been launched.

Church Road conservation area - Vickie was concerned about the impact on trees & greenery from a recent planning application at No 18. The application has been refused. (VA)

8) Advertising Hoarding Sites

a) **Bridge Street** - RBC have advised that they plan to sell the site during 2026.

b) **George Street Triangle** - No update.

9) AOB

a) **Globe constitution** - Judith is looking at updating the constitution and adding a GDPR statement. Judith and Dave to review the wording in February. (JB/DK)

b) **Wall at Last Crumb** - Dave & Caroline reported that the pub wall adjoining Balmore Walk had partly collapsed next to the steps into the park from Peppard Rd, and that five trees by the wall had been felled. He enquired in the pub and the manager told him that RBC had felled the trees. There is now an unsightly mess of bricks strewn around the park entrance at the side of the steps. The pub is unwilling to tidy them up saying its with RBC and the insurers. Dave to contact the pub's regional manager. Perhaps Caversham ward councillors could help? (DK).

Next meeting Tuesday 24th March 2026 at 7.15 pm – at Meeting Room in The Griffin