



MINUTES & ACTIONS, CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING
24 March 2026
Held at the Meeting Room The Griffin

Chair: NH

Minutes WT/DK

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

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

1) Minutes of last Globe meeting held at The Griffin on 20 January 2026 were approved.

2) Finance and Funding and Publicity

Dave reported that a generous donation of £250 had been received from a Globe supporter and that the money has been added to existing funds to purchase the timber for a new planter. Thank you very much to the donor.

Dean has renewed the Globe web domain for another two years costing £14.93.

3) Church Street Planters

The timber for a new planter, see above, has been purchased and delivered and is awaiting staining with wood stain and installation. (WT/DK).

Barriers at BT The plastic barriers on the pavement outside BT are still there and efforts by several Globe members to establish their purpose and how long they will be in position have been unsuccessful. As have attempts to get them removed. (DK/JB/NH).

Pyracantha bush at BT The bush overhanging the pavement has not been cut back despite several requests by Dave to RBC. Has anyone tried reporting this to BT?.

4) Litter and Graffiti. Dave reported that there had been a spate of new graffiti that has appeared in many locations around Caversham – mainly “Mayney” “Riot” or “Nuke”. RBC has been removing it promptly from public sites and telecom boxes but it remains on shop walls including Alto Lounge, Go Sing in Prospect St, AW Cycle and Co-op in Henley Rd, Iceland carpark and also on one of the planter boxes [UPDATE: Globe has now cleaned the planter box]. Nick said he would raise the issue at the next Safer Reading Forum on 16th April. (DK/NH).

5) Parks, Open spaces & River Thames

Nick reported that the **memorial bench** at Mapledurham playing fields has been replaced. Abandoned boats are being removed by the Environment Agency as part of an initiative covering the Upper Thames. This has included the removal of the sunken boats by the Persian Palace.

Sewage pollution Nick is awaiting a response to his report about the leak into the Danall from a mis-connected outlet pipe in the Patrick Road area. (NH).

Trees Dave reported RBC has planted several new trees in Christchurch Meadows, Caversham Court and at the bottom of Caversham Park Rd. The Tree Wardens have planted three alders on Thames Prom opposite Caversham Court.

6) Chilterns AONB Extension Globe had written to Matt Rodda again asking him to urgently press the minister for a meeting to discuss the cancellation of the boundary review. There has been no response from him, despite follow up-requests for a response. Wendy offered to phone his office to try to get an update on the situation. (WT/DK).

7) Planning Matters

Persian Palace – The retrospective planning application has been allowed on appeal.

70 Homes on Golf Course – planning appeal due to be held over 5 days from 6 May.

Hemdean House School – proposed new retirement home would impact on frontage trees.

8) Advertising Hoarding Sites

a) Bridge Street - Three large household waste bins have recently appeared on the site. Globe has written to Matt Yeo to ask him to investigate and get them removed as they are not permitted in a conservation area.(WT).

b) George Street Triangle - No update.

9) AOB

a) Globe constitution - Judith is progressing this. (JB/DK)

b) Wall at Last Crumb - Dave has reported the problem of the collapsed wall to Cllr Jan Gavin who has taken up the issue with RBC officers. [Update from Cllr Gavin that that the fallen bricks have been removed by RBC and stored off-site ready to be reused when the wall is rebuilt. RBC is waiting to hear from the pub for an insurance claim to be progressed]. Keep in view. (DK).

c) Bramble clearance in Christchurch Meadows - Chris B reported that he believes that brambles and undergrowth has been cut back too much in Christchurch Meadows. He will try and find out if this is part of a three year vegetation management plan by RBC. (CB).

d) Fly-tipping by River Spice parking area - although some of the fly-tipping has been cleared by RBC , there is still a large builders bag full of carpet which needs removing. (DK).

Next meeting Tuesday 26th May 2026 at 7.15 pm – at Meeting Room in The Griffin