



MINUTES & ACTIONS, CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING

26 May 2026

Held at the Meeting Room The Griffin

Chair: DK

Minutes WT/DK

Attendees: Dave Kenny, Wendy Terry, Nick Haskins, Caroline Johnson, Andy Johnson, Dean Ezra, Vickie Abel, Chris Burden, Chris Murphy, Sarah Thorpe.

Apologies – Tim Castle, Jacopo Lanzoni.

1) Minutes of last Globe meeting held at The Griffin on 24 March 2026 were approved.

2) Finance and Funding and Publicity

Dave reported that the current bank balance is down to just over £500 and that three bills have been received covering the Globe website, Google and domain hosting. He said that web hosting prices had risen and were becoming increasingly unaffordable. Dean offered to investigate ways to reduce the cost. (DK/DE).

3) Church Street Planters

The plants in the planters are looking good and Dave said that he has replaced a few shrubs. Caroline has some seedlings ready to plant when the weather cools down.

Wendy reported that she has almost finished staining the timber for the new planter. She reported that Francis has found some suitable metal fixings for the planters from a local supplier which are strong and are fitted on the inside of the planters, and require no cutting of the timber. The next step is installation and Wendy asked for volunteers to come forward to help with this. A few volunteers have come forward. Thank you to them. (WT/DK).

Barriers at BT The plastic barriers that were put in front of the planters around the BT building several months ago have mostly been moved out of sight behind the planters. Efforts to find out who put them there and get them removed have proved unsuccessful.

Pyracantha bush at BT The bush overhanging the pavement from BT's carpark has still not been cut back despite being reported twice on Love Clean Streets by Dave.

4) Litter and Graffiti. Dave reported that there had been a spate of new graffiti that appeared on many telecom boxes, walls, shops and even church buildings in Caversham Centre. He reported that generally RBC has been removing it promptly. (DK/NH).

Dave reported that bags of rubbish keep being flytipped under the trees in the parking area next to River Spice (RBC land). It is suspected to be coming from boats moored along there.

5) Parks, Open spaces & River Thames

Nick reported that about 170 abandoned boats have been removed by the Environment Agency as part of an initiative covering the Upper Thames. More are in the process of being removed.

Sewage pollution Nick said he will ask the EA for an update to his report of a sewage leak into the Danall. The leak is not visible at low water so is not currently visible (NH).

Trees Dave reported that RBC has appointed a new contractor to water new trees and it is hoped that watering will take place more regularly now. (DK).

6) Chilterns AONB Extension Still no response from Matt Rodda to Globe's request to pursue the reinstatement of the Chilterns Extension Boundary Review. Further attempts to contact Matt Rodda are being considered. Keep in view. (WT/DK).

Nick reported that there was a petition to call for a stop to the development of greenfield spaces. He will forward details to Globe. (NH/DK).

7) Planning Matters

Persian Palace now Pathaans (an Afghan/Pakistani restaurant) – The retrospective planning application was allowed on appeal but the ruling stipulates that changes have to be made to the extension to make it permeable to water. Dave reported that the restaurant has put up new signage. These need planning permission because they are in a conservation area.

70 Homes on Golf Course – the planning appeal, which was held over 5 days from 6 May, was attended by CADRA who spoke at the hearing. A decision by the inspector is awaited. [Update: Good news, the planning inspector has refused the appeal]

Hemdean House School – the proposed new retirement home has been recommended for refusal by RBC planning officer on multiple grounds.

LED advertising display in Church Street to replace the phone box allowed on appeal by a planning inspector. But a similar sign for Vastern Rd has been refused.

8) Advertising Hoarding Sites

a) Bridge Street - Globe approached Councillor Matt Yeo about the three large household waste bins that have appeared on the site. He responded that they are part of a trial scheme introduced by RBC for the residents of the flats over the shops in Bridge St. He said that when the site is sold they will be removed. It seems that this eyesore in the centre of the conservation area is likely to remain for some time. (WT).

b) George Street Triangle - No update.

9) AOB

a) Globe constitution - Judith and Dave to have a meeting to progress this. (JB/DK)

b) Wall at Last Crumb - This is still an eyesore and the steps are still covered in debris. Keep in view.

c) Caversham Bridge - Nick reported that there will be a celebration on Thursday 25th June to commemorate the centenary of Caversham Bridge. The celebration will take place on the bridge western viewing platform at 3pm. (NH).

d) St Peter's Church Fete - the fete will take place on Saturday 4th July in Caversham Court Gardens. CADRA have offered Globe space on a table at the fete.

e) National Climate Briefing - a film covering this topic will be shown on 10th June at Highmoor Church and on 30th June at St Barnabas Church.

Next meeting AGM Tuesday 28th July 2026 at 7.15 pm – at Meeting Room in The Griffin