



MINUTES & ACTIONS, CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING

28 July 2026

Held at the Meeting Room The Griffin

Chair: NH

Minutes WT/DK

Attendees: Dave Kenny, Wendy Terry, Nick Haskins, Ania Haskins, Caroline Johnson, Andy Johnson, Dean Ezra, Tim Castle, Chris Burden, Lin Godfrey.

Apologies – Jacopo Lanzoni, Judith Barratt, Vickie Abel.

1) Minutes of last Globe meeting held at The Griffin on 26 May 2026 were approved.

2) Finance and Funding and Publicity

This was covered in the AGM which preceded the meeting.

3) Church Street Planters

Dave said that the vegetation in the planters outside BT need cutting back and that Globe would organise this task when the weather cools down. (DK).

Caroline said that she is concerned about the weeds by the BT planters and also on the opposite side of the road. Dave agreed but said that Globe has found it impossible to contact BT about any of the issues that need addressing by them, including cutting back the pyracantha which is overhanging the pavement, creating a hazard, and which needs urgent pruning.

Wendy reported that the new planter has been installed outside NOOD. She thanked the work party and said that she will re-stain the timber from the planter that was replaced so that it could be used on planters in need of repair. (WT/DK).

4) Litter and Graffiti. Dave reported that litter is an ongoing problem with graffiti which is getting worse particularly around George Street / Gosbrook junction and by Caversham Laundry.

Reading Festival There was some discussion about whether a daily litterpick is needed as last year large numbers of litter pickers were employed, although a few areas were missed so it would be useful do to a daily review and litterpick if needed. The plan is to meet at the planters at 4pm on Friday 28th, Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th. (DK/NH).

5) Parks, Open spaces & River Thames

Sewage pollution Nick gave an update on the sewage leak into the Danall. The EA have concluded that the wrong size pipes have been used and this is the cause of the problem. It is not clear how the problem can be rectified. (NH).

New Trees Dave reported that there are now three contractors employed by RBC to undertake the watering of trees. However he said that many trees are under stress due to the extreme heat and lack of rain. He reported that a veteran beech tree in Caversham Court Gardens is to be felled imminently as a survey has found it to be unsafe. (DK). [Update: Sadly a number of new trees have recently been vandalised at Christchurch Meadows. RBC is planning to add protection.]

6) Chilterns AONB Extension Wendy and Dave took the opportunity at the Church Fete of speaking to Matt Rodda about the cancellation of the AONB boundary review and he promised to progress the matter. He asked his office to follow it up. Globe awaits his update. Keep in view. (WT/DK).

7) Planning Matters

Persian Palace now Pathaans (an Afghan/Pakistani restaurant) – The Flood Alleviation plans submitted as part of the retrospective planning application have been refused.

70 Homes on Golf Course – the planning appeal decision, the refusal of the planning application that was upheld by the planning inspector, is being challenged by the developers.

Hemdean House School – planning application has been refused.

8) Advertising Hoarding Sites

a) Bridge Street - No update.

b) George Street Triangle - No update.

9) AOB

a) Globe constitution - Dave reported that the updated constitution is nearly ready to be published. (JB/DK)

b) Wall at Last Crumb - No update about the collapsed wall. The steps by the pub are still covered in debris and Caroline offered to sweep them. (DK/CJ).

c) Local community events - Tim said that the Church Fete was useful for publicity and for advertising Globe activities to the local community. He asked if there were any other events that Globe could attend. The Beanpole Day at Caversham Court Gardens was mentioned as a possibility. The advertising panels need updating. (TC/DK).

Next meeting AGM Tuesday 29th September 2026 at 7.15 pm – at Meeting Room in The Griffin