



DRAFT MINUTES & ACTIONS, CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 27 August 2019

Chair: DE **Minutes:** HS

Attendees

Dave Kenny, Dean Ezra, Helen Sheldrake, Caroline Johnson, Margaret Skinner, Jean Newbery, Sigi Teer, Vickie Abel, Nick Haskins, Maggie Hawkes

Apologies for absence:

Judith Barrett, Steve Waite, Steve Goodchild, Bob Busby

Minutes of last monthly meeting held on 23 July 2019 were approved

Air Quality (AQ)

Ross Jarvis had responded to DE ref co-funding of trees in Church Road – Traffic and Planning had previously objected to idea - on the grounds of possible root damage to pavement? – there may be some confusion about the location (Road not Street)

DK suggested getting Caversham Ward Councillor – Adele Barnett-Ward – on board **DE**

Request for No Idling Posters has not been progressed – it was felt that these were not appropriate at the locations of poor air quality in Caversham.

Finance & Funding.

Discussion of DE's suggestion of adding a donation button to GLOBE website (via PayPal) – general agreement, just awaiting agreement from **JB**

NH proposed amending constitution to allow donations to be used where needed, rather than tied to specific projects. **HS** seconded, all present in favour – motion carried.

Steve Goodchild to start contacting local traders to inform and encourage them to donate, preferably on a regular basis, to the work of GLOBE **SG**

Christchurch/Hill's Meadows and riverside green spaces

DE reported that the previously seeded area in Christchurch Meadow is starting to 'take'.

As a result of pressure from local residents and local media – RBC has apologized for having taken money from the organisers of the Beer Festival but having not used it to repair the damage sustained during the festival.

Environment Agency Flood Defence proposals.

Lewis Purbrick (EA) has promised to provide the GIS files for the Tree Survey, which DK had previously reported as being lacking in detail and of little use without the GIS data

Further discussion of how GLOBE might respond to FAS

DE suggested posting to GLOBE website details of incorrect/inaccurate/incomplete information given by EA in response to questions

Reading Golf Course

Awaiting outcome of RBC Local Plan consultation part CA1b. Sigi Teer gave thanks for the support given by GLOBE.

Church Street Planters

A rota for watering the planters over the summer has been organised. DK gave thanks to all those who volunteered to help.

It was noted that one of the planters (outside Alto Lounge) has been pushed out of line. Attempts to move it back have not been successful. Was suggested that a vehicle might be needed to pull it back in position.

Reading Climate Change Partnership

HS reported back on meeting with Nature Theme working group for the Reading's Climate Change Strategy 2020 -2025. A main objective for this theme is identifying, creating and enhancing wildlife corridors through Reading. Interested in any thoughts/idea GLOBE members might have that she could take back to the group.

Planning Applications

191088 A new application for a hotel on the car park next to the Crown Plaza Friends of Caversham Court and CADRA to comment. Does GLOBE need to comment? **HS**

190835 Demolition of 199-203 Henley Road and erection of part four, part three and part two storey 82 unit residential care home building (C2 use class) with associated external structures, access from Henley Road, car parking and landscaping. **No change**

181151 Abbotsmead Place Erection of a two-storey building to provide 2x1-bed flats
Revised plans with minor changes have been submitted. **Keep in view**

180499 St Martin's Precinct developments. Comments had been submitted about height of buildings and the need to include trees and planters on the Church Street frontage as part of the scheme. Requested Councillor Barnett-Ward to urge the planning officer to add a landscaping condition for 5 planters (or trees). **No change**

Proposed Development on the SSE site opposite Christchurch Bridge. A public consultation on revised plans took place on this major residential development – see <http://www.vasternroad.co.uk/> Planning application expected soon. **keep in view**

Car wash on Hill's Meadow DK reported that some shrubs have been planted, but as yet no tree. **Keep in view**

Any other business.

Reading Festival Clean up

DK reported that over the 5 days, GLOBE volunteers (11 adults and 2 children) contributed 33hrs to cleaning up around Caversham.

RBC did a good job on the street, but there was an issue with accumulated rubbish in the Precinct (private property) Dave to email managing agents Workman **DK**

Bridge Street Car Park

As part of the above clean up Vickie had cleaned up the ongoing litter problem in the car park behind the estate agents. VA/HS to send pictures and email to managing agents suggesting that they make a donation to GLOBE **VA/HS**

NEXT MEETING

Next Monthly meeting Tuesday 24 September 7 pm at Church House, Church Street, Caversham.