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MINUTES & ACTIONS, CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 24 October 2023
Held at the Meeting Room The Griffin

Chair: NH **Minutes** WT/DK

Attendees: Dave Kenny, Nick Haskins, Wendy Terry, Vickie Abel, Caroline Johnson, Andy Johnson, Lin Godfrey, Jacopo Lanzoni, Chris Murphy, Brian Murphy, Francis Hamley.

Apologies: Tim Castle, Bob Busby.

1) Minutes of last Globe meeting held at The Griffin on 22 August 2023 were approved.

2) Finance and Funding Lin Godfrey reported that there although Nood promised a donation a while ago, nothing has been received yet. Nick suggested that Festival Republic could be approached for a donation to repay Globe for all their hard work litter picking during Reading Festival, and also for the river clean-up Globe undertook at the same time. He suggested that FR could be asked to make a contribution towards new planters.

Dave reported that the renewal from Zurich Insurance has been received and is about £200. Nick said that the JANE Club may be able to fund this if they are approached. Thank you JANE Club (again). (DK,LG).

3) Church Street Planters Dave reported that he will be replacing some of the shrubs in the planter outside Warings which had been affected by box moth caterpillar. Wendy said that she has planted some daffodils in the two planters by Bridges and Caroline said that she has put some winter bedding in there too. Thank you Dave, Caroline and Wendy.

4) Litter and Graffiti. Graffiti is still bad in several places. More wipes are required and Dave said he would approach RBC for more supplies. (DK). Litter is still a problem in the Salters (River Spice) car park and although Globe cleaned the area thoroughly during the Festival, it is now bad again.
Jacopo reported that Keep Caversham Tidy is still conducting their weekly litter picks.

5) Christchurch Meadows and Thames Parks.
a) Sunken Boats Nick reported that the two sunken boats in the river by Caversham Bridge and Bucks Eyot are still there. (NH).
b) Hill's Meadow. Winter Wonderland WW have arrived and seems bigger than usual. Initially they did not encroached into the wildlife area despite the fact that there is no barrier or bund to protect it. (UPDATE: They have now encroached onto the planted area with several caravans and other vehicles). Nick said he would raise this issue with RBC again. Lin said that WW will be on site from 15 October to 21 January – quarter of the year. Keep in view. (NH/DK/LG)

6) Chilterns AONB Extension Wendy reported that Globe had received an update from the South Oxfordshire parishes, who have formed a working party with the aim of getting the AONB boundary extended in their parishes. The working party are finalising their draft submission to Natural England. Globe plans to make a submission during the public consultation next year. Nick suggested that several local groups would be interested in supporting and helping Globe with this. Keep in view. (WT/DK).

7) Planning Matters.
Caversham Park Planning applications **220409 & 220410**. No update. Keep in view

Caversham Lakes Appeal over planning refusal is due soon. Keep in view.

The Warren 231084. This application has now been withdrawn.

De Montfort Island A Globe supporter reported that there appears to be a structure being constructed on the island although there is no planning application. Vegetation has been cleared and a metal structure has been placed on the ground. Keep in view.

9) Advertising Hoarding Sites
a) Bridge Street Triangle There has been no update either about the removal of the For Sale/To Rent sign or the cutting of the grass in front of the hoardings. It has not been cut this year. Jacopo said he would ask RBC again for an update. (DK/JL).

b) George Street Triangle No update. Keep in view.

10) AOB
a) Christchurch Meadow Cherry Trees No update. Tim said he will contact RBC again. Keep in view. (TC).
b) Tree Felling on Warren Escarpment. Replacement planting is still required. Keep in view. (NH/DK).
c) Bench on Balmore Walk. Keep in view. (CJ/WT).
d) Bench on View Island Lin reported that there is no progress on this. Keep in view. (LG).
e) Hedge at Emmer Green Rec Dave reported that the hedge around the park is being renovated with support form Globe. Work is being undertaken by local residents led by Margaret Ormonde and is covered by Globe insurance. Some 280 new hedging plants are due to arrive during November. Some Globe members may like to help with the planting. (DK).
f) Wall on Balmore Walk Caroline expressed concern that the wall behind The Last Crumb on Balmore Walk has not been reinstated after several months. Dave said when he spoke to the manager earlier in the year he assured us that the wall would be rebuilt and he offered to reimburse Globe for the hedging that was removed. It was suggested that Globe sends a letter to DODO Pubs HQ. (**UPDATE** A letter was sent to DODO Pubs and an email response has been received from the manager at The Last Crumb stating that he is getting quotes and expects the reinstated wall to be complete by the end of January at the latest). (DK/WT).
g) Gravel on pavement by Caversham Court Gardens Vickie reported that a lorry has shed gravel over the pavement by the entrance to Caversham Court Gardens. She said she had reported it to Love Clean Reading but nothing has been done and the matter was now urgent. Jacopo said that he would progress with RBC. (VA/JL).

Next meeting Tuesday 23rd January 2024 at 7.15 pm – at Meeting Room in The Griffin