MINUTES & ACTIONS, CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 23 July 2024
Held at the Meeting Room The Griffin

Chair: NH **Minutes** WT/DK

Attendees: Dave Kenny, Nick Haskins, Wendy Terry, Tim Castle, Chris Murphy, Caroline Johnson, Andy Johnson, Chris Burden, Dean Ezra, Judith Barratt.

Apologies: Vickie Abel, Jacopo Lanzoni, Brian Murphy, Lin Godfrey, Bob Busby.

1) Minutes of last Globe meeting held at The Griffin on 21 May 2024 were approved. (Wendy pointed out a spelling mistake in Francis Hamley's name in the minutes).

2) Finance and Funding Nick reported that Festival Republic have again been approached for a donation for a new planter and their response is awaited. Keep in view. (DK,NH).

3) Church Street Planters It was reported that some of the bedding plants have been stolen. Caroline kindly offered to replace them, and said that she had spent £12 which is to be treated as a donation to Globe. Thank you Caroline. Chris suggested that the local press should be alerted to the theft but the feeling of the meeting was that this might make the situation worse by drawing attention to it.

Wendy reported that she had approached Reading Men's Shed (RMS) to ask if they could help Globe to purchase and prepare new timber to repair some of the planters. She said that the Men's Shed were keen to help and a meeting had been arranged with RMS and Dave, Wendy and Francis to discuss the matter. (**UPDATE** following the meeting RMS have provided their price to purchase and prepare new timber ready for installation by Globe. Globe will place an order with them to cover the timber for a new planter). (WT, DK, FH).

Nick said that some tidying is required of the undergrowth in the planters outside BT. (NH,DK).

4) Litter and Graffiti. Litter has started to build up again in Salter's car park and needs addressing. Dave showed photos of the terrible mess, including fly tipping, near St Martin's Precinct bin store area, which is spilling over the public footpath. Nick asked him to send photos so he could progress the matter. (**UPDATE** Dave reported the mess in the car park to the managing agents (Workman) and is awaiting a response and remedial action) (DK, NH).

Caroline asked if Globe would be undertaking its usual daily litter picks during the Reading Festival and it was agreed that the litter picks would go ahead on Sat 24th August, Sunday 25th and Monday 26th. Tim asked if there would a boat on Thames to collect litter and Nick said that one could be arranged for Monday 26th if needed. (DK,NH).

Graffiti - this has been getting worse in George Street and following Globe's intervention Adele Barnet-Ward has raised the matter with officers and is awaiting their response.

5) Christchurch Meadows and Thames Parks.
a) Sunken Boats No update. (NH).
b) Hills Meadow. No update.
c) The Danall No update, the collapsed bank has still not been repaired.
d) View Island. The brambles have been cut back but from the paths but there is one paths that has been missed. (Update: Globe volunteers cut back the path in advance of the Keep Caversham Tidy cleanup on 27 July)

6) Chilterns AONB Extension Waiting for the start of the public consultation. The date of this has slipped. Keep in view. (WT/DK).

7) Planning Matters
Brindles – Its understood discussion is ongoing.
Caversham Park - approved despite objection from Historic England.
Persian Palace RBC say they are progressing this, after planning application was refused. Keep in view (NH).
Caversham Rd/Vastern Rd No update.

8) Advertising Hoarding Sites
a) George Street Triangle No change - it is still deteriorating and still an eyesore. Keep in view.
b) Donkin Hill Triangle No update, keep in view.

9) AOB
a) Last Crumb Wall Resolved, wall has been rebuilt.
b) Petition for Church Road crossing has been submitted.
c) Bench on Balmore Walk. No update. Dean reported that another park bench, removed in Westfield Road Recreation Ground, was due to be reinstated during July following a formal complaint initiated by him. Keep in view. (CJ/WT).
d) Globe website - Dave asked Dean to remove the Recent Articles feature on the Globe website because the news covered was out of date.(DK/DE).
e) Wilding Film - Chris said that Globe supporters may be interested in a film showing at The Biscuit Factory cinema on 14th October based on the Sussex rewilding project.
f) Emmer Green Councillors - Judith suggested that the councillors in Emmer Green should be added to the Globe mailing list so they are aware of Globe's activities. Judith to contact them to suggest this. (JB).

Next meeting Tuesday 24th September 2024 at 7.15 pm – at Meeting Room in The Griffin