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MINUTES & ACTIONS, CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 24 September 2024
Held at the Meeting Room The Griffin

Chair: NH **Minutes** WT/DK

Attendees: Dave Kenny, Nick Haskins, Wendy Terry, Chris Burden, Lin Godfrey.

Apologies: Vickie Abel, Jacopo Lanzoni, Tim Castle, Chris Murphy, Caroline Johnson, Andy Johnson, Brian Murphy, Judith Barratt.

1) Minutes of last Globe meeting held at The Griffin on 23 July 2024 were approved.

2) Finance and Funding No update (DK/NH).

3) Church Street Planters It was reported that more bedding plants have been stolen including plants that Caroline recently planted to replace those stolen previously.

Wendy reported that Reading Men's Shed have now said that they are unable to help Globe with cutting the timber for a new planter because they do not have the necessary equipment. The Shed had previously agreed to purchase the timber and cut it to the correct size ready for installation by Globe. Globe is keen to replace an existing planter in a bad state of repair. Dave thought that there may be similar sized off-the-shelf planter boxes available from other manufacturers. Alternatively an approach could be made to another local Men's Shed to see if they can help. (DK/WT).

A provisional date of Sunday 17th November at 2pm has been set for cutting back the overhanging shrubs and tidying up around the planters outside BT. (NH,DK).

4) Litter and Graffiti. Litter is an ongoing problem at View Island although Dave has reported it to RBC several times, the bins on the island are often overflowing and rubbish strewn around. (DK).

Graffiti continues to be a problem in George Street and new graffiti has appeared outside the hardware store. Globe has raised the problem of George St with Cllr Adele Barnet-Ward who is progressing the matter with officers.

5) Christchurch Meadows and Thames Parks.
a) Hills Meadow. No update.
b) The Danall No update, the collapsed bank has still not been repaired. Lin said that the ditch needs clearing again to prevent flooding.

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 – The planning application has been refused.
Persian Palace - An enforcement notice has been served. Keep in view (NH).

8) Advertising Hoarding Sites
a) Bridge Street Graham from Keep Caversham Tidy has contacted Globe about gardening in the triangle to tidy it up. He is also looking at a possible alternative site in Abbotsmead Place. (**UPDATE** In response to a request from RBC for possible rewilding sites, and wildflower meadow sites, Wendy suggested that a wildflower meadow could be created at the Bridge Street junction. Awaiting RBC's response).
b) George Street Triangle No change - it is still deteriorating and still an eyesore. Keep in view. (**UPDATE** Planning application PL/24/0900 to build five terraced houses has been submitted for the site. Deadline for comments 18th October).
c) Donkin Hill Triangle No update, keep in view.

9) AOB
a) Bench on Balmore Walk. No update. Keep in view. (CJ/WT).
b) Wilding Film - The film at The Biscuit Factory cinema on 14th October is sold out but there is another showing at the Biscuit Factory on 4th November at 8pm.
c) Emmer Green Councillors - Judith suggested that the councillors for Emmer Green ward should be added to the Globe mailing list so they are aware of Globe's activities. Judith to contact them to suggest this. (JB).
d) Henley Rd allotments. Globe was contacted by allotment holders who received a letter from RBC informing them that RBC is recommending closing the Henley Rd allotments in order to extend the adjacent burial ground. The meeting expressed the view that if this closure is to go ahead, then new allotment provision for all of the displaced allotment holders would need to be made in the local area.

Next meeting Tuesday 12th November 2024 at 7.15 pm – at Meeting Room in The Griffin