



MINUTES & ACTIONS, CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 21 January 2025 Held at the Meeting Room The Griffin

Chair: DK

Minutes WT/DK

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

Apologies: Tim Castle.

1) Minutes of last Globe meeting held at The Griffin on 12 November 2024 were approved with minor spelling corrections.

2) Finance and Funding Dave reported that a £250 donation had been received from a Globe supporter. Thank you for their generosity.

3) Church Street Planters Caroline reported that she and Andy have added some new winter bedding plants. Thank you Caroline and Andy. A work party was suggested to finish weeding and tidying the planters, a task which was started in November. Caroline agreed to organise a date and Dave/Wendy will circulate to supporters to ask for volunteers to help. (CJ/ DK/WT).

Wendy reported that she has obtained a quote from Bouchier timber merchants of Woodcote to supply lengths of pressure-treated softwood to the correct sizes to be used to replace one planter. The cost is £518 including delivery to Caversham. Approval is required from key members to proceed with this. (DK/WT).

4) Litter and Graffiti. Dave suggested a work party could be arranged to tackle the litter in Milestone Woods. He will contact local residents who helped previously and will sort out a suitable date and circulate to supporters. (DK). [Update: A litterpick has been arranged with Keep Caversham Tidy on 22 February at 10am, meet in the carpark at Farnham Drive]
Graffiti Dave & Caroline reported some new graffiti near the BT planters which he thought could be tackled when the work party meets to clear the nearby weeds and finish the pruning.(DK).

5) Christchurch Meadows and Thames Parks.

a) Hills Meadow. It is not clear whether the abandoned encampment behind the car wash has been cleared. One tent remains on View Island which Keep Caversham Tidy has reported to RBC. Keep in view. (DK).

b) The Danall Dave said that a discharge of large quantities of wet wipes has been seen in the Danall. Nick said he has reported it to RBC and Thames Water. Keep in view. (DK/NH).

c) Bugs Bottom Dave reported that a small orchard is being planted near the entrance. Some of the saplings cut in error by RBC will also be replaced. (DK).

d) Abandoned boats A sunken boat by River Spice and two others are causing concern. Nick

said that he has a meeting very soon to discuss this with the EA and is hopeful that progress can be made to getting it sorted. (NH)

6) Chilterns AONB Extension Wendy reported that the public consultation is now due to start during the spring. Keep in view. (WT/DK).

7) Planning Matters

Persian Palace - Still waiting for appeal. Keep in view (NH).

Tree removal in Surley Row - An application has been made to remove a tree at 41 Surley Row. CADRA has already objected so Globe may not need to comment. (DK).

8) Advertising Hoarding Sites

a) Bridge Street Jacopo reported that RBC have told him that they still intend to sell the site even though it is of limited appeal and is unsuitable for development. Dave said that as the site is within the conservation area the trees behind the hoardings have protection – similar to a TPO. Keep in view.

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

9) AOB

a) St Anne's Well – The leaves around the bench are still there despite a request to RBC to get them cleared. Dave said that leaves used to be swept annually in November or December by RBC but this had not been done in the last two years. Jacopo would raise this with RBC. (JL)

b) Emmer Green Councillors - Judith reported that she has contacted the Emmer Green ward councillors and told them about Globe's activities. She hasn't received any replies so it was suggested that she email them again. (JB).

c) Bank Signatory - Judith reported that she believes that some progress is being made in getting Wendy's name added as a bank signatory. However it has been very slow and has involved many phone calls and emails. (JB).

d) Flytipping in Chester Street car park - Caroline reported that there is much litter & flytipping in the car park behind the Chinese take away. Nick said the traders are working on the problem and hoping to get it stopped. (CJ / NH).

e) Litter and chewing gum outside FADED - Lin reported that there is a litter and chewing gum problem outside the FADED shop in Patrick Road. She has tried talking to the shop owner but the problem persists. (LG).

f) Link to CADRA - Nick reported that he has joined the committee of CADRA and believes that a more formal link between CADRA and Globe would be beneficial, especially on environmental issues. (NH).

Next meeting Tuesday 18th March 2025 at 7.15 pm – at Meeting Room in The Griffin