



MINUTES & ACTIONS, CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING 18 March 2025 **Held at the Meeting Room The Griffin**

Chair: NH

Minutes WT/DK

Attendees: Dave Kenny, Wendy Terry, Vickie Abel, Nick Haskins, Chris Burden, Lin Godfrey, Chris Murphy, Brian Murphy, Caroline Johnson, Andy Johnson, Tim Castle, Judith Barratt.

Apologies: Jacopo Lanzoni.

1) Minutes of last Globe meeting held at The Griffin on 21 January 2025 were approved.

2) Finance and Funding Wendy reported that she has visited the bank and provided all the requested documents. The bank assured her that she will shortly be added as a signatory. (JB). As a result of the multiple delays over the change of signatory NatWest have given us compensation of £150. Thanks to Judith for chasing the bank and raising the complaint. (JB)

Nick has discussed a possible donation with Festival Republic (FR) and with Helen Lambert. Keep in view. (NH)

3) Church Street Planters Dave reported that two tidying-up and cutting back sessions have taken place and that the planters are looking good. He suggested that if a suitable donation is received from FR it might be possible to purchase timber for two new planters. Vickie suggested that Caversham Traders could also be approached for a donation as the traders are keen to have more planters in the precinct. (DK/WT).

4) Litter and Graffiti. Dave reported that the joint joint event with Keep Caversham Tidy and Globe at Milestone Woods went well. A substantial amount of litter was cleared, about 20 bags, but much of this was old and there seemed to be no fly-tipping this time. (DK).

A spate of Graffiti around Caversham with "Oil" appearing in lots of places. Caroline reported that "Oil" is really difficult to remove even with the new graffiti wipes from RBC.

Flyposting by Resinprint Drives has appeared all over the place, on street signs, lamp posts, green boxes and fixed to pallets at road junctions. Flyposts should be reported to RBC and is usually removed promptly.

5) Parks, Open spaces & River Thames

a) Hills Meadow. No update. Keep in view. (DK).

b) The Danall No update. (DK/NH).

c) Bugs Bottom Around 150 saplings have been planted along with a new community orchard.

d) Christchurch Meadows Some of the newly planted trees have been vandalised. A cherry tree was snapped and a new hornbeam was uprooted. Stakes supporting the new trees were removed twice by vandals and thrown into neighbouring gardens & into the Dannel. Various options were discussed but it is not clear how best to stop this.

e) Abandoned boats. Sunken boats have been reported, Nick is chasing the EA and RBC. (NH).

f) Encampments these have been reported to RBC via the App but are not being removed. It was suggested that there may be an issue in communications between St Mungos and RBC over removing abandoned tents and detritus. But in recent months the process does not seem to be working. Encampments should be reported initially via the Love Clean Reading app. (NH).

6) Chilterns AONB Extension Wendy reported that the much delayed public consultation is now due to start during late Spring/early Summer. Keep in view. (WT/DK).

7) Planning Matters

Persian Palace - Awaiting the result of the appeal. Keep in view (NH).

Tree removal in Surley Row - Refused.

Tree removal request – an application to fell two yew trees in Kidmore Rd is pending.

Norman Place - Developers of the large site next to Thames Water have arranged a meeting with CADRA, and Globe, for 25 March.

8) Advertising Hoarding Sites

a) Bridge Street Tim reported that he has written to Matt Rodda about the triangle suggesting that it would be an ideal site for a pocket park, a policy put forward by the previous government. Tim believes that a park would greatly improve the site. He is awaiting Matt's response. Keep in view. (TC).

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

9) AOB

a) St Anne's Well – The leaf litter has now been cleared. Thanks Jacopo for raising with RBC.

b) Emmer Green Councillors - Dave believes there is no need to pursue this unless there are any specific issues to raise with them.

c) Flytipping in Chester Street car park - This has been cleared. (CJ / NH).

d) Clayfield Copse - Dave reported that the planned felling of Ash trees near to paths is about to start as RBC has now obtained the required licence. All of the trees are being checked first by an ecologist for roosting bats. (DK).

e) Rubbish Bins on View Island- Lin reported that some of the rubbish bins on and near View Island are being missed and not being emptied. Nick said he would pursue this with councillors. (LG/NH).

Next meeting Tuesday 27th May 2025 at 7.15 pm – at Meeting Room in The Griffin