

NOTES OF MEETING – TILEHURST GLOBE – Wed 15 November 2017

Present: Liz Ellis (Chair) John Venning, John Kirton, Ray Clayton Pam Webb, Jenny Cottee (notes) , Kate Jones,

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1. Reading Local Plan: Liz welcomed **Mark Worringham RBC** to take us through the latest stage of the Local plan. As he and done on previous occasions mark gave us a helpful written summary about this, the third stage of consultation on the new Local Plan.. We asked questions during the session what follows is a summary including answers to some of the points raised.

What are we consulting upon?- this consultation on the nearly final version of the new Local Plan will last from the end of November until mid January (the required 6 week period is extended because of the bank holidays) as This is the third and probably final consultation , and comes after the first discussion paper about what should be included, the first draft paper and now RBC are consulting on the near-final version.

How to have your say - there is no form to fill in you just send an email to **planning.policy@reading.gov.uk** or write a letter to Planning Policy, Reading Borough Council, Civic Offices, Bridge Street, Reading Rg1 2LU

What is the Local Plan - it is the document that will set out strategy and Reading's Planning policies for the next 20 years. Following legislation requirements , it will be the main consideration when planning applications are made and will replace all other RBC 's planning policies.

What happens after this consultation? - Again reading is following laid down procedure. The council will consider the comments and whether any changes are needed. If only minor changes are necessary the final version will be submitted to the Secretary of State in February or March 2018 , otherwise a further consultation will happen. A government - appointed planning inspector will hold a public examination of the final version and then say if any changes are needed to make the plan a 'sound' legal document. The plan could become formal policy by January 2019, or ;later if several changes are needed and there is correspondence.

What does the Plan say-The plan is about how much development there will be, where it will happen and what will be protected. It covers many topics and includes many policies. The plan says we need an average of 699 new homes every year of which there is land for 671 per year, so Reading Council are consulting with neighbours about how to provide the remainder. There will be sites all over Reading , with half the homes being in the town centre .The plan says there will be new premises for jobs -mostly in South Reading eg on Island Road . Many open spaces will have listed protection as Local Green Space .

Changes in this Plan- there is more emphasis on heritage, some information about schools- a new 6 form entry secondary school , but no information about health- e.g. G.P. surgeries,.The rate of providing new homes is bigger it was 658 and is increased to 671 new homes per year over the 20 years of the plan. . There are new policies on build to rent, and a potential traveller transit site at Cow Lane. New topics include electric charging points for electric vehicles, and details of zero carbon homes.

You can see the plan- on line at www.reading.gov.uk/readingldf. or paper copies at the civic offices, and libraries
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2. Christmas lights we discussed practicalities and safety arrangements about putting the battery-operated lights on the Wellingtonia tree. Carol has matters in hand.

Have a look and tell us what you think of them

3. Meeting on 13 December (2 nd wed in Dec) As well as festive nibbles and chat , we decided we also want an informal discussion exploring issues about how the the Reading Local Plan and the Tilehurst Neighbourhood Plan mesh together, we will hear the latest about the (West Berks) Tilehurst Neighbourhood Plan from people working on it (see their home page tilehurstpcnp.org.uk and try out their fun quiz) and have had time to glance at some of the many pages of the Reading Local Plan reading.gov.uk/readingldf

**Bring festive nibbles
Check out the two websites**

NOTES OF MEETING – TILEHURST GLOBE – Wed 18 Oct 2017

Present: Liz Ellis (Chair) John Venning, Pam Webb, Pat Ager, Carol Mclellan, Jenny Cottee (notes), Judy Cullen, Kate Jones, Ricky Josey, Laise Shotter, L.Horton, Elaine Horton, Elaine Cox, Pam Webb, Lesley West, Pat Ager, PCSO Danni Dutoit
PSCO Adam Edwards

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<p>1. How the bulb planting went: Liz reported the event went well. Good organisation (thanks Jenny) and fine weather. We planted mauve species crocus under/near 3 of the 5 trees at the back of the carpark at Wlanut Way. The 79th Scouts 9th Tilehurst Guides and their leaders/parents with few other adults (totals 10 adults , and 10 young people) planted 2000 little bulbs in about 1 hour- flags marked areas where the bulbs had been planted. Skipton Building Society had been alerted to the groups existence and the work we do by a member. A customer service adviser said they might be interested in supporting our work following phone calls, an application was submitted and accepted- so Skipton Building Society paid for the bulbs. The representative of the building society admired the work and indicated they would consider similar applications in future years. The group were pleased to hear all the good news.</p>	<p>See website for pics</p> <p>Update RBC grass cutters map</p> <p>Plant more around the remaining 2 trees in 2018?</p>
<p>2. Reading Adopt Your Street- litter teams : Ricky Josey RBC co-ordinator of the scheme reported that scheme now had 150 people signed up in August- now 175 including 2 primary schools, university volunteers, community groups etc- we have 10 signed up. There are groups all over Reading ,freegle group, The yellow high viz jackets and kit (pickers. Bag hoops etc) and his (pt) salary were funded by the successful bid for funds to TESCO .Ricky has promoted the scheme at various events. He needs reports of routine litter picking to provide evidence of the on-going work. The funding will stretch to a RESCUE event in March 2018 (inspite of RBC cuts) , and employment of a co-ordinator for another year but reports needed showing funders that expenditure is worthwhile</p>	<p>Jenny contact Ricky for supplies . New RAYS to adopt a street or area please contact us</p> <p>Reports please</p>
<p>3. Trouble in and around Blagrove Recreation Ground : Danni Du.Toit. Liz welcome Danni and Adam explaining the background to this event. Tilehurst Globe became aware of problems in the Rec when resident of Recreation Rd reported to the Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) . We considered the matter at our September meeting, decided to contact local residents, joined the PSCO's 'Have your say' meeting in the rec, and circulated a leaflet asking people to report any unpleasant behaviour. We were careful not to mention exactly what the worries were, but were surprised and shocked to hear widespread consistent concerns (motor bikes ridden dangerously , very noisy, at all hours , drug dealing/usage, threatening behaviour to adults and children. Liz started the session by asking Dani to clarify some legal point. - eg dangerous driving is illegal as is selling drugs , class A drugs- heroin, cocaine . Large quantities indicate dealing- also large amount of cash. Small quantities of cannabis (personal use) less serious. Danni went on to explain frankly the frustrations of the situation saying she recognised all the problems spoken about, there are similar problems all over Reading . She explained the difficulties and the very lengthy frustrating process of identifying the owner and rider(s) of the bikes and where bike is kept. (false info on documents). Police personnel are not permitted to chase motorbikes- too dangerous to all in vicinity. Effective operations require many staff but higher priorities exist- eg stabbing. Resources very limited- e.g. staffing level is 6 response officers in all Reading (sickness and vacancies make things worse). Danni personally travels on foot/by bus -based at Castle Street- leaves office within 30 mins of arrival , at end of shift spend about 1 hr completing paper work etc. 101 messages are logged and available for all team but not always time to read . Minimal time to read emails diary documents etc. Questions discussion and comments from the group illustrated all were frustrated and worried about a) drug dealing b) nuisance of noisy motor bikes at any time c) dangerous driving bikes in alleyways and roads - serious accidents waiting to happen . Examples given in many locations, times etc. Danni- herself also a Tilehurst resident said she too was concerned about the effect on the neighbourhood. When asked what best for residents to do Danni said- don't put yourself in danger, report every incident using 101 - most efficient way of establishing patterns of problems, keeping evidence to be used so when the case for improved resources is made . Hearsay is no good unless actual 101 reports received . The group thanked Danni and Adam for their attendance and the openness in explaining issues and exploring best ways of tackling issues. They offered a return visit to update and review the situation.</p>	<p>Use 101 method of reporting incidents</p> <p>Aim to give as much detail as possible.</p> <p>(101 is available 24/7 cheap phone calls)</p> <p>If short of time keep note of incidents and report several on one phone call</p> <p>Pass the messages on</p>
<p>4. Next meeting Wed 15 November 7.30-9.15pm : Mark Worringham RBC planner will explain the last public consultation stage to update the Local Plan happening November -January</p>	
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NOTES OF MEETING – TILEHURST GLOBE – Wed 17 Sept 2017

Present: Liz Ellis John Venning, Pam Webb, Tom Steele, Steven Brewerton, Pat Ager, Carol McLellan, Roger Sym, Jenny Cottee, **Apols:** Judy Cullen, Kate Jones, Ricky Duveen,

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1. a. How can we make our Parks safe from unpleasant behaviour?

i) **What is the problem?** We reported many examples of unpleasant/antisocial behaviour in all local parks range included out of control dogs jumping up scratching children and adults, drug trading and litter indicating drug usage, motor bikes, threatening and intimidating behaviour to adult and children. The topic for the meeting had been determined following Steve's report to local NAG group of ongoing situation in Blagrave Rec . We would concentrate on this

ii) **What are authorities doing?** PCSO Danni Dutoit has been helpful (including handouts about what to details are needed when reporting motorbike and or drug usage) *Contact us for copies* , but the scale of the problem means more resources needed. High level contacts and discussions proceeding but as yet no significant efforts- multiple exits, and uncertain timing, brief events all cause difficulties, but motor bike ownership known . Problems continue, people intimidated and park usage reduced. CCTV discussed- problems re monitoring even when installed.

iii) **what can residents do?** Collect evidence, reporting all events are crucial and will trigger more resources. Park is surrounded by residential roads..police know owners of bikes, but *evidence* of illegal acts needed to secure prosecution .

iv) **We agreed** Jenny and Liz will produce a short clear handout for residents in surrounding roads asap. It will ask people to keep diary of incidents for say 3 weeks (as much description as possible), phone 101 or 999 if incidents seen/happening .Then pass on / bring to Oct meeting Steve will print ,Pat will deliver.

1. b How to protect parks from development?

i) **What is the problem?**-It appears that parks protected by Trust deed are vulnerable to proposals to change/modify/vary their trust deed very significantly away from the benefactors intentions when the deed was set up e.g Proposals that would involve including educational purposes in the trust deed for Mapledurham Playing Field only in 1938 . Similar issues locally arose re Blundells Recreation ground . Different threats lurk in details of Local Plan eg Downing Rd playing field. Which is not protected by a trust deed.

ii) **Mapledurham Playing Field** situation is complex- several simultaneous strands to the issue all involve consultation. Notable that the RBC Parks dept and Highways as well as Football Assn and many local Caversham community groups that use the field do not agree with current proposals- saying the compensation proposals **do not recompense for permanent loss of facilities by the beneficiaries of the trust** The alternative proposal Fit4All has support from affected local community groups, (sports, bridge, residents etc) . check this out or phone 9425169 for paper copies

Responses needed by mon 25 sept to RBC consultation about compensation if part of the playing field is sold to build the school- phone for paper copy if this is agreed then the way is clear to change the trust deed

See this link for long response form at or phone for short paper copy 9425169

<https://consult.reading.gov.uk/css/mapledurham-playing-fields-consultation-2/>

Or just write and say you do NOT AGREE with the Education Funding agency proposals and DO AGREE with Mapledurham Playing Fields Foundation

Email with your name, post code to mapledurham.consultation@reading.gov.uk

In the next couple of days

2. Annual General Meeting

i) Report . We considered the report previously circulated and kindly printed by Tilehurst Village Properties noting the change in emphasis since last year. Our main challenge now is having enough volunteers to undertake our range of activities. **We decided a) make sure we publicize what we do b) have an open taster meeting in December .**

ii) Finance : We were pleased to note that our local business sponsors have generously responded to report of our financial peril and made up the shortfall in income caused by end of era of RBC grants . We thanked Liz for securing this outcome. We also have also received some generous offers from members for one off emergency funding that we have not taken up at present. Our closing balance at the end of March 2017 was £1,607 . We estimate at the end of March 2018 be £1,400 (allowing for known expenditure) . To undertake new projects it will be sensible (but not essential) to seek specific funding. We do not want more money than we need, and aim to keep a sensible balance for activities. We thanked carol for keeping on top of the financial situation during the year and for her reports.

iii) Firm Plans til Xmas: a) **Bulb Planting event: Sat 14 Oct 10-12 noon at car-park Wendover Way , b) 18 Oct meeting follow up re Blaggrave rec :** PCSO Danni Dutoit and reports of actions c) **15 Nov: Mark Worringham RBC** re local consultations - **Local Plan** and proposed location for travellers short stay site-

iv) More ideas for projects etc welcome. Plans for planters renewal, etc will be sorted out by those involved within reasonable financial limits- aim if possible for perennials...

v) Key members ; We noted the arrangements for key members and agreed they should not be changed- Carol Mclellan, Judy Cullen, Liz Ellis, Jenny Cottee Pat Ager, Pam Webb. With bank signatories any 2 of the first 4 listed.

<p>3. Grant application for 2 year project in Lousehill. Roger explained an application being prepared by Thames valley Conservation Volunteers to involve local community young people etc in training in survey work for specific species and related conservation work. We decided this is a new stimulating worthwhile project. If application is successful we will publicize, help promote, and individuals will probably participate in specific activities.</p>	<p>Jenny write letter confirming decision to support.</p>
<p>4. AOB i) look out for update re RAYS litter team scheme future etc</p> <p>ii) Wildflower planting in verge scheme Liz reported progress with the scheme to grow plugs of wild flower seeds and plant the seedlings in the amenity grass at junction of Armour Rd and Lower Armour Rd. Parks dept agree, seeds distributed. Trial proceeds- if results good and no problems could be replicated</p> <p>iii) Proposed planters at school rd /Recreation Rd . We decided to consider the situation when we see the effect of the Red Route scheme- (that will prevent stopping on verges so problems may be changed)</p>	<p>Watch this space, think of other locations</p> <p>Watch and note</p>

NOTES OF MEETING – TILEHURST GLOBE – Wed 24 June 2017

Present: Liz Ellis (chair), Andrew Purchell, Ray Clayton, Jenny Cottee (notes) Cllr Meri O’Connell, Cllr Ricky Duveen, Carol McLellan, Julia Woolston, George Woolston

1. **Liz introduced Simon Beasley (RBC Network Manager) to lead the session on the proposed first RED Route in Reading**

Simon had suggested that he come to talk about the consultation about Red Routes because he knew of Tilehurst Globe members longstanding interests in enforcement of traffic and parking rules, and seeing that the interests of all (pedestrians, businesses, buses, and car drivers) are looked after.

Simon explained that whilst RED Routes started in London, several other places as well as Reading are considering introducing them. There are rules about red routes e.g. the route must be continuous **This consultation** about is about a scheme for the whole of the 17 route in Reading started on 12 June and **will end on 21 July**.

People can find out about the scheme from the display at the Civic Offices , and the leaflet headed (RED ROUTE -Reading) produced by RBC-there are 3 versions to cover each of the 3 sections of the route: Area 1 (west) our area , Area 2 (central) and Area 3 (east). The versions look the same on the outside and back of the leaflet- showing the overall scheme and explaining that the scheme is about enforcing existing rules. Simon explained it is extremely difficult to enforce rules about current road markings (yellow lines) partly because it is no longer legal to use CCTV to catch offenders. BUT if the Red Route status has been approved THE SAME MARKINGS will be RED - (with appropriate road signs saying it is under red route rules) **and CCTV can be used to enforce the parking and loading rules.** . As with yellow road/kerb markings a double line means 24 hour restriction on loading /parking whilst a single line means the restriction lasts for less than 24 hrs- details on a nearby sign. The plan is broadly to keep the 17 bus and traffic running without hitches. To do this all current designated parking and loading bays and arrangements will be kept, and some new ones to help with loading and unloading will be added ,(since no stopping is permitted except in designated places on a red route, also where there are red route double/single lines parking on the pavements and verges will not be allowed).

The inside of the three different versions of the RBC Red Route leaflet show the areas in detail- marking all the single double line areas (now in yellow ,but proposed to be red so they can be covered by red route enforcement arrangements) . The leaflet also lists the drop-in sessions e.g. at the Civic Centre 4 July and gives the website www.reading.gov.uk/redroutes (there is a feedback section here too) . People can also say what they think by

(a) sending letters to Network Managements and Parking Services ,Reading Borough Council ,Bridge Street, RG12LU

b) email networkmanagement@reading.gov.uk

Reading Council is seeking information from all users. Suggestions about new bays etc welcome. We discussed details about deliveries to local shops and access for disabled drivers. It is important all businesses on the route have their say.

There is another Red Route Consultation paper that has been produced with Peter Brett (targeted at people who have studied the proposals) finding out the responses from different kinds of users and again asking for comments. You will find this questionnaire where there are drop in sessions.

After all this informal consultation an experimental scheme will be set up ; there will be a chance in the Autumn for businesses and people to say what they think about how it works in practice.

We thanked Simon for a very helpful introduction to what seemed a complicated matter

<p>and look forward to the next stage</p>	
<p>2 Next meeting: Note change of date TUESDAY 25 July – we will join the Reading Tree Wardens Network on a tree-focussed walk through Tilehurst Meet outside the Methodist Church the walk sets off at 7.15pm dogs on leads and children welcome- but not suitable for wheelchairs or buggies</p>	
<p>3. AOB (a) Consultation on climate change -we noted the consultation (now finished - 26.06.17)</p> <p>b) Planters- Kate reported that she and Pat had planted up the trough by the water-tower – mostly perennials that tolerate some drought, having added more soil etc. Still looking for local help with watering routine arrangements. The planters outside the library had been much appreciated this Spring (in spite of un-authorized removal/theft of 40 young tulips).We had been delighted by donation of pansies now growing there included in the display. The planter at Steffords poses problems- used as litter receptacle – we discussed thorny perennials.</p> <p>c) how the Show went- what people said what we learnt etc- We congratulated Liz on another successful and popular quiz and arrangements (see website for prize winners and donors listing) .The free quiz held people’s interest, the pitch layout meant that many walked through and looked at the displays etc- sometimes looking for quiz answers(!). People were pleased to take the map of the suggested walk and try it out.</p> <p>Good discussions on many topics- new contacts made. Thanks to all who manned the stall- explaining what Tilehurst Globe does etc. We found it interesting and informative</p> <p>d) Re3 reuse trial at the recycling centre- there is now a facility to recycle for re-use small items- books china glassware kitchen and small electrical items .NO broken items, tapes, videos ,magazines paintings, big things that wont fi into their re-cycle boxes</p>	<p>Pass on Ideas re watering and plants</p> <p>Mark date for next year show SAT 9 JUNE 2018 helpers on the stall welcome and needed</p>

NOTES OF MEETING – TILEHURST GLOBE – Wed 17 May 2017

Present: Jenny Cottee (notes) Pat Ager, Judy Cullen, Pam Webb, Lesley West, Ray Clayton, , Carol Mclellan, Kate Jones, William and Joan Macphee

Apols: Lynda Chater, Liz Ellis (chair), John Venning, , Ricky Josey, ,

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<p>1. Consultation about permitting cyclists to use the Thames path (footpath) from Kennet mouth to the Roebuck-Ray alerted us to this matter. The issue is this sensible and practical ? some narrow bits down to 1.7m ideal is 3 m in Reading policy is 2m.in some places there are reasonable alternative cycle ways .No proposals to do any practical upgrade. see https://consult.reading.gov.uk/dens/proposed-thames-path-cycle-track/</p>	<p>Consultation ends 24 May write a letter to say what you think</p>
<p>2. Repair café we noted the event will happen this Sunday (third Sunday in the month) Rickey Josey will there passing on the word re RAYS</p>	
<p>3. RAYS scheme- litter bags very small,some have not received kit, otherwise generally OK . We are pleased the scheme is getting publicity and look forward to the Show and possibility of more recruits.RAYS will feature on at least two stalls NAG and ours Litter levels very variable for no apparent reason-</p>	<p>Jenny pass on info to Ricky Josey.</p>
<p>4. Summer Planting . We care for several troughs and planters. The Winter/Spring planting had been successful -good to see from the bus etc following addition of more compost. We aim to move towards more perennials . Several members have some to offer. Need a sub group to sort out practicalities-more people welcome there is lots to do , planting out will start early june</p>	<p>Kate Pat and Jenny to meet plan and sort out what to do, how to get the work done.contact Globe if you want to help join the gardening team</p>
<p>5. League of Friends of RBH Show-Sat 3 June 10.30-4.30. Tilehurst Globe have booked a pitch. We will borrow THA tables, Liz has been working on quiz , and display ,but more volunteers needed to set up, be on stall on the day etc</p>	<p>Jenny pass on info to Liz, volunteers please email or phone 9425169</p>
<p>6. RBC Draft Local Plan. Last month's introduction had been helpful, but the matter was still rather overwhelming. Some had seen articles in the press-only Jenny had seen the Plan in the library. The RBC link works OK www.reading.gov.uk/readingldf a few had tried reading the long document and steering through it. (It is very long and tricky). We looked at the paper copy and the proposals map . We discussed the scope extent and complexity of the Draft Plan- . looking particularly at the requirements for developers and noting how these would determine future planning decisions.</p> <p>We felt it is worrying to see what seem to be isolated schemes without clear links with infrastructure to match proposed in this document-we hope things will be better in the next version- eg evidence that education , health and roads plans will be available and fit together.</p> <p>We are concerned at the scale of Town Centre growth without evidence of supporting infrastructure or Parks /local play space. There will be families with children in the town centre balconies are not enough. Members have families who live in London have community gardens social spaces etc. We looked at the requirements associated with local development sites , compared previous policies with new policies</p> <p>Locally we found it strange to be reducing space for primary and early years education, when there is a shortage. It was good to note the protection for allotments , but we noted there are some concerns about details of the Armour Hill site. We welcomed the policy to safeguard valued views</p> <p>The consultation ends on 14 June You can send in lots of separate responses to different issues/sections of the document (say which paragraph/site etc you are commenting on - possibly the least daunting way of doing it.</p> <p>RBC say that replies can be emailed . to planningpolicy@reading.gov.uk</p> <p>Or sent to Planning Policy Team, Reading Borough Council,Civic Offices ,Bridge Street,</p> <p>RG1 2LU or you could use Tilehurst Globe's form which prompts you to say what you think about points of common concern ,(with page references) it will go automatically</p>	<p>Consultation ends on 14 June . people can write email or use this Globe form. https://goo.gl/forms/O750e8tVcdIu2IUm2</p> <p>You can send in as many comments as you want on what ever you wish , so it is best to get started and do something, rather than not comment on anything.</p>

NOTES OF MEETING – TILEHURST GLOBE – Wed 19 April 2017

Present: Jenny Cottee (notes) Liz Ellis (chair), Phillip Allen, Rod Fenner, Alex and Lisa Moon, Judy Cullen, Pam Webb, Lesley West, John Venning, Ray Clayton, Ricky Josey, Carol Mclellan, Kate Jones,

Apols: Lynda Chater, Pat Ager, Roger Sym, Cllr Tom Steele, Cllr Meri O'Connor,

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Liz welcomed our speaker **Mark Worringham (RBC Planning Policy Team Leader)** introducing him to the meeting.

Mark's **hand-out** (attached) explains the background to the imminent consultation what would happen next etc .His talk followed this structure .After his input he answered questions (see some below) . Mark explained that the new Local Plan would probably be finished approved and in use in 2019 . The final version would replace the current three documents, and would be the major determinant of changes of land use in the Borough until 2036. The main headline information is that Reading **needs an average of 699 new dwellings per year** for the period of the plan but the plan says that being such a limited area Reading cannot identify where they could all be located within the Borough There is a shortfall of 1000 homes ie it can only provide at an average rate of **658** homes per year of which 50% will be in the Town Centre, 17% in West Reading/Tilehurst .(Note in the 20 year period ending 2015 on average **600** new homes were provided, so even with the shortfall a significant increase is proposed).

The New Local Plan looks different (new structure, changes in emphasis) but most policies are carried over. It will be published on **28 April** on the Council's website at www.reading.gov.uk/readingldf and be available in libraries and at the Civic Office. .People are invited to **write or email comments** (and preferably **suggest some changes of wording**) by 9 June. There is no official response form. All the comments will be considered, a revised draft will be published so in the autumn people will be able to comment on the revised version. Then a third version will be prepared and sent for official consideration. A government-appointed planning inspector will conduct a public examination in 2018, make recommendations and the final version will be approved and in use during 2019.

Question	Answer
How was the figure 699 for housing need arrived at?	Reading and neighboring authorities employed a specialist firm who have long track record in this field, knowledge of the market etc. They conducted research , interviews with all sectors of the market .
How will the problem of unmet need be tackled, (ie the plan shows we cannot build enough homes). what will happen if there is no agreement with neighbouring authorities	Discussions are on-going including the possibility of a Green Village in the Grazeley area, but ultimately if RBC cannot find a solution by the time the plan has to be submitted it will report the problem to the inspector along with all the evidence showing of unmet need.
What about schools, doctors surgeries,pharmacies ie all the infra-structure needed (and assumed to exist for residents in West Berks too?	There are on-going discussions within the council e.g. with RBC Education Department, and Clinical Commissioning Groups about how to meet the needs. Discussions with neighbouring authorities include these topics The autumn draft will have more information about these issues
What is the worst that could happen	The planning inspector could say the plan is unsound- so we would not have a plan and no up-to-date mechanism for determining planning decisions.
What has happened to the planning provided to open space protection in the previous plan in policy CS28 .	The new Local plan includes the new nationally recognized status Local Green Space for spaces that fit specific criteria. The new policy EN7 lists well-known spaces (eg Blagrave Recreation Ground) designating them as Local Green Spaces Other green spaces(publicly or privately owned) are covered by EN8 and are given the same protection as in the previous plan
What does the plan say about using land efficiently and the balance of housing mix- not just expensive house -most profitable to builders	The plan has to balance many different interests, and be able to stand up to planning appeals (which are costly if lost). It states there will be higher density in the town centre- predominately flats, with lower density outside . At least 50% of homes outside the centre will be family accommodation-3 bed or more with gardens. The % of affordable homes in different size developments is as high as realistically can be achieved.
Discussion included (i) need for smaller homes with gardens- to help older people with large family houses to down size. Virtues of terraced housing. (ii) Heritage- greater emphasis in this plan- locals need to identify to complement work done by residents of Conservation areas. NB significant views/vistas need to be identified-not just 'Heritage' (iii) Conversion of ex-offices into homes can cause many problems-quality of accommodation and need employment space too.	
We thanked Mark for his excellent clear presentation of many tricky topics.	
RAYS (Adopt a street, or space to keep tidy); Ricky Josey and Liz reported the problems of excessive red tape inappropriate forms etc have been sorted out- the scheme is up and running members welcome see http://www.tilehurst-globe.org.uk/	

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1. RESCUE (rivers and environmental spaces clear up event) 11,12 March 2017 We had planned this years event very carefully since there were new constraints, however all went smoothly Thanks to all who helped, Thames Water who sponsored the whole event, and the refuse team. Although we only wore were only 3 sessions, and fewer volunteers we collected more rubbish.

For a summary **use this link to our website events page**

<http://www.tilehurst-globe.org.uk/Textframes/events2017.htm> **Now click on summary report** to see how many volunteers, rubbish, bags and the prizes donated by generous sponsors and names of lucky volunteers

Since we had fewer volunteers this year we considered what to do in 2018 to recruit more. It seems that as well as shop window posters we need posters on park gates (areas to be cleaned up) and possibly for schools .In the past we have also had success when we leafleted neighbours

We also considered the worst areas- why are they so bad every year? What can be done to improve the situation? **To read details** of the litter areas and two proposals for the Gypsy Lane area use the **same link**, but this time click on **full report**

Liz told the meeting about the summary and full reports and that they are circulated to many Cllr and officers and the Dog warden (problems with full dog poo bags)

We discussed the suggestions a) to improve oversight of Gypsy Lane where there is regular dumping of all kinds of stuff, and an exciting proposal to reduce antisocial behaviour in the amphitheatre area at the end of Rodway road . We decided that the first steps are to obtain broad agreement on the approach- then Globe has experience of obtaining funding/volunteer help so that grubbing up brambles and mowing grass would be relatively easy. The suggestion of surplus benches from Oxford Rd would only leave installation and some litter/ recycling bins to be negotiated

We noted the continued examples of dumping reported during and immediately after RESCUE i (using the ap Love Clean Reading) - see pic on website

Agenda Feb 2018
Improve publicity in 2018- need someone i/c extra poster distribution

See agreement in principle to the outline plan then sort implementation

2. Reading Adopt Your Street (RAYS) had been launched about a week prior to the meeting, and already 52 people (including several Tilehurst Globe members) had signed up. Ricky(co-ordinator of the scheme explained that the paperwork had been agreed with Tesco (scheme sponsors) and RBC legal department, however there were various flaws pointed out by community groups. Liz explained many ways in which the paperwork was impractical and not suited to the several different categories of users and was too vague about adopting local spaces not just streets , and the language seemed to fail any reasonable readability test.

We agreed that Tilehurst Globe wished to support the scheme , we would check out revised paperwork to help iron out difficulties. When this is sorted we look forward to publicizing the scheme eg with fliers and at Show 3 June

Ricky forward documents to Tilehurst Globe for comment

3. AOB (i) Planters We noted that the various planters are looking good -thans to the gardeners
(ii) Library opening hours – we noted the revised opening/closing hours and regret that it seems to be assumed that it is impossible to open libraries on a Sunday- when many have family activities- in contrast with practice eg in London
iii) Show 3 June- we noted that this falls within school half term holidays so some regular participants will be unavailable. If you will be around please mark the date in your diary- this is a major chance to showcase what we do
iv) Tilehurst Globe meeting Wednesday 19 April will include The Reading Local Plan- and explain the 6 week consultation about the updated version that will last until 2036
iv) Liz reported overall positive response from Sponsors when asked for help to meet the shortfall following loss of RBC grant . Our problems in this area seem to be fading, but we still need to attract people to lead and help with projects and tasks, and need to provide things people can manage in their own time

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Consider joining in- to do a bit you care about.
Publicize at Show in June

NOTES OF MEETING – TILEHURST GLOBE – Wed 15 February 2017

Present: Jenny Cottee (notes) Judy Cullen, Pam Webb, Liz Ellis (chair), Lesley West , John Venning, Ray Clayton, Ricky Josey , Cllr Ricky Duveen ,Cllr Tom Steele, Kate Jones, **Apols: Lynda Chater , Pat Ager**

Bank account details given following requests for info (we also have a standing order form -which people who wish to can fill in and hand to their bank- we will send it on request) contributions *of any size* very gratefully received – to help meet running costs

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4. Planting young plants already in flower-11.02.17 Following discussion with RBC officer, we changed the location to be the more wooded area- St Michaels Rd /Walnut way area.

Far fewer volunteers than previous years- partly due to weather- snow, (only two passers- by joined in) group leaders responses showed their members have regular Sat. morning commitments , possibly staleness.

Bulbs were planted in rapid time . Due to uncertainty Jenny had decided to act as insurance- ordering a maximum amount and planning to purchase excess for personal use. We planted enough to make a good show under one tree **cost to Globe £**

Problems with delivery of bulbs (nursery error) and some quality issues. So some additional aconites were donated- planted in same location on 16.02.17 remaining less satisfactory ones being nursed for later planting

Re-think for 2018

5. RESCUE (rivers and environmental spaces clear up event) 10,11,12 March 2017

Update and agreeing plans Liz and Ricky explained that **Thames Water** are sponsoring the event solely, most significantly for us, paying for one refuse collection vehicle team working round Reading on Sunday 2.00-6.00pm shift (not 3 vehicles on several days as previous years). We are making arrangements to minimise return of collected stuff before collection., **Tilehurst Globe activities are on Saturday 11th and Sunday. 12th**. Launch of event will be on Friday 20 March involving corporate teams (who will be clearing allocated Thames towpath areas).We checked and revised the draft arrangements on the agenda.

NB Many changes to this years arrangements because of reduced funding. Please read details carefully and follow instructions eg ONLY collect small items of litter than will go into landfill bags. Do not move or touch large items, or hazardous waste but REPORT IT- camera with location details...

Look out for details on posters new times and locations also ONLY small litter items
Jenny&Ricky Josey agree kit delivery arrangements
As well as sat and Sunday if you can be available for a photo-shoot at **Thames Water HQ on Friday 10 March 12.30**

6. Ricky explained about **Reading Adopt Your Street (RAYS)**-scheme sponsored by TESCO -cash granted To RBC for admin, litter pick kit etc to encourage volunteers to clear a small patch they care about. *'if we all do a little together we can change a lot'* The scheme would start next wee

We decided to participate Liz would invite Tilehurst Litter team members to pass on their details, put info on website, .We thought the scheme will help lp busy people make a difference to their patch in their own time. Does not have to be streets- alleyways , green spaces ... all possible but we need info about the areas receiving attention so we can map it (and insurance cover OK) receiving a.... Will Tilehurst Globe to be the first group in this exciting new scheme supported by popular vote ?

Public launch am wed 22 Feb at TESCO (Portman rd)

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4. Widening our base of volunteers, supporters and well-wishers:

(i) How can we provide opportunities to suit peoples' varied talents, interests, and circumstances?

(ii) What are the blockages that stop people joining in? **(iii)** What kind of jobs could new recruits help with?

Bring ideas and a plan to next meeting

5. Financial Planning - in spite of losing 50% or more of our regular annual income in six weeks time we do not have an immediate crisis. We have a financial cushion to use, but it will not last 12+months; we need a cushion to have confidence to plan projects etc . Liz has started contacting sponsors, this and some kind personal donations are making the situation look less daunting but more needed.

Bring ideas and a plan to next meeting (ideally regular income as well as one/off grants)

NOTES OF MEETING – TILEHURST GLOBE – Wed 18 January 2017

Present: Jenny Cottee (notes) , Judy Cullen, Pam Webb, Carol Mclellan, Liz Ellis (chair), Cllr Meri O’Connell, Lesley West , John Venning, Ray Clayton, Ricky Josey Apols: Lynda Chater , Cllr Tom Steele, , Pat Ager

<p>1. New Year Letter : We thought the content was right-good balance no significant omissions Some, delivery problems – people moved .</p>	<p>Pass on any more to liz to update data base</p>
<p>2 RESCUE 2017- Update from Ricky- he has been in many detailed conversations with Thames Water etc. Excellent news- Thames Water will sponsor both March and Oct events in 2017- their logo on posters, cash for reduced bin collections , other sponsor discussions in progress. The equipment (gloves inc disposable,, pickers hi viz jackets for adults and children) is now secure and dry at Bennet Rd and all stored together. Detailed planning so far : Major sponsor/commercial events will happen on Friday 10 March- with different teams clearing allocated lengths of Thames riverside in and around Reading . There is some sponsor cash to pay for modest bin collection ,due to re-allocation of waste collection rounds the most likely possibility will be one van on Saturday or Sunday- we need to co-operate with other participating community groups for efficient use..</p> <p>Tilehurst Globe plans for RESCUE March 2017 -we considered how previous arrangements would fit in- we need to have very few collection points .</p> <p>Preliminary arrangements We decided to concentrate on Blundells Copse and Mcillroys park – doing 2 sessions in and around each of these areas collection points to be Teviot Rd (pan handle) and Thirlmere Rd entrance to Mcillroys Park Probably Sat 11 March and Sunday 12 March 10-12 and 2-4.00pm ,undecided as yet which day to be which location problems are about best and safest place to leave rubbish -might need an earlier finish to permit collection at say 3.00 pm . Use wheel barrows if long session as childrens centre for access to loos?</p> <p>NB only big stuff needs to go in RBC waste van- small stuff can go in domestic bins, and street bins. and glass to bottle bank Worst black spot in triangle area is behind Pizza shop and Setfords- private landlord issues (mattresses and general mess) tba contact with other groups, and confirm dates, then do posters, H&S inspections, collect equipment to borrow)</p> <p>ACTIONS : Please look out for details of arrangements when finalised- situation getting clearer but not final yet</p>	
<p>3. Suggested modest bulb planting event : So far no scouts/guide groups wish or are able to take part on the suggested dates, so Sat 11 Feb- 10-12 noon . A few adults to plant in grass verge probably at junction of Halls Rd and Park Lane-budget : aim for maximum £50 possibly add some to the trough at the water tower.</p> <p>Revised venue St Michaels rd/ Walnut way grass area-</p>	<p>Tell jenny asap if you plan to participate</p>
<p>4. Suggested raising perennials for planting in troughs- maximum outlay £20 plug plants-have we volunteers to look after some in frost free- conditions March- May</p>	<p>Consider next meeting</p>
<p>5. Preparing for Local Plan consultation -what do we hope for, what are the pressures on the area at the moment- could the Local Plan help?</p>	<p>Consider next meeting</p>
<p>6. Recycling and land fill We did a communal effort at sorting rubbish for grey/red bins, following the instructions in the recent RBC letter to residents about improving re-cycling rates and ensuring less contamination in re-cycling collection (to minimise less loss ££) .</p> <p>We don't know what to do with metal jam jar lids- what about muddy bottles that are picked up in the woods. We note that guidance in Reading is far more restrictive than equivalent in London . Is the RE3 contract (signed many years ago more restrictive?</p>	<p>Talk on re-cycling or visit</p>

7. Updates a) Blundells ditching work : Conservation Volunteers have improved the ditch to prevent flooding on the path about 8 -10 volunteers worked in damp muddy conditions 10- 2pm clearing blocked pipes and enlarging/digging a new ditch a week ago- water now flowing away from the path

b) **2 more flowering crab apples trees** have been planted in the grass at Dunstall Close- whole area much more attractive

c) **Repair café** happens on 3rd Sunday in the moth- different locations 12-4.00pm learn how to sharpen tools, sort out electrical/IT, get help with sewing repairs see www.transitionreading.org.uk/projects/reading-repair-cafe or ask jenny about the experience- very helpful and useful

d) **Tilehurst Globe Finance-** as reported earlier (in Sept and in new year letter) as from 1 April our income will be halved (no RBC grant) as reported at AGM To be more precise our shortfall will be between £500 and £670 pa. i.e between 60 %and 40% income reduction . We have some cushion to help get through the yea, but not much.

We will be tackling methods of reducing expenditure and increasing income, aiming for many minor changes however the matter is now urgent.

Major item next meeting. Whilst we have talked about it agreeing that we want to arrange things to suit all pockets, avoid significant reduction in activities , and no exclude people, one -off and regular contributions however big or small welcome. Tricky balancing act, and we have taken no significant actions yet.

We have a standing order form -which people who wish to can fill in and hand to their bank – we have had a couple of requests asking how individuals can make a contribution so for reference the TG bank details are given below.

Please come to the February meeting to have your say and help decide what to do.

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