

COOKHAM PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of the 125th ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Held in the Community Room at Cookham Library, High Road, Cookham Rise
On Tuesday 28th March 2023 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT: Cllr M. Howard (Chairman).
9 Parish Councillors.
1 Resident

Apologies were received from Cllrs M. Barnes, P. Roe and I. Wernham.

The Chairman, Cllr M. Howard, convened the meeting and welcomed those present.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of the 124th Annual Parish Meeting held on 22nd March 2022, were approved on the proposal of Cllr B. Perry.

2. PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT:

Cllr M. Howard introduce the Annual Report.

Cllr Howard thanked all the Councillors, The Clerk and Administration Clerk for their hard work on behalf of the Parish.

3. PRESENTATION ON THE PROGRESS OF COOKHAM'S NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

Cllrs B. Perry and M. Howard gave a presentation on the Neighbourhood Plan. This is an important planning document which will sit alongside the Boroughs Local Plan and help shape future development in Cookham Parish.

The Cllrs talked through the steps that the Council and the Working Party had been through so far, from the designation of the Neighbourhood area in the summer of 2020, two rounds of consultation with parish residents to find out what they wanted to see in their Neighbourhood Plan, to the point we are at now, finalising the draft version of the plan that will go to a Regulation 14 formal public consultation. It is hoped this will be in the next few months.

Whilst there are more milestones to go, work on the plan is progressing well. It is hoped it will get to a referendum within the next 12 months.

Working Group meetings are open to all. The agendas, minutes and draft versions of the plan can be found on the parish councils' website.

Cllr Howard thanked Cllr B. Perry for his Chairmanship of the project, who in turn thanked the Working Group members for their hard work. Cllr Perry also paid tribute to Cllr Martin Coker who had passed away in the summer of 2022, and had been a great source of knowledge of both previous iterations of the plan and his general knowledge of Cookham.

4. OPEN FORUM:

There were no representations made.

The Meeting closed at 8.20pm