

**COOKHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a Meeting of the FLOOD COMMITTEE**  
**Held at 7.30pm in the Community Room on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

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**PRESENT:** Cllr. A-L Regan (Chairman)  
 Cllrs. N. Bedwell, M. Howard, and L. Tull.  
 Mr. D. Scarff (Cookham Soc) and Mr. P. Willmott (Flood Warden)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mrs. H. Holder (Locum)

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**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND WELCOME**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. B. Perry, M. Brar and H. Fleming.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FLOOD COMMITTEE MEETING 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024**

The minutes of the Flood Committee meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024 were **approved** as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

**4. TO REVIEW THE UPDATED FLOOD ACTION PLAN FROM RBWM**

Cllr. Howard reported that the RBWM Flood Risk Manager, Ben Crampin, was in the final stages of preparing the updated Flood Action Plan but said he would not be dealing with the causes or how the Parish should respond. This would be dealt with by the JEPU team. Mr. Crampin had asked what information the Council wanted to know. Following discussion Cllr. Howard was asked to raise questions about the role of the flood warden and what actions we would be required to take and when.  
**Action: Cllr. Howard**

**5. TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES ON OTHER FLOOD RELATED EVENTS SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

5.1 There had been no flooding since the last meeting.

5.2 Mr. Scarff asked if any answers had been forthcoming to the questions he raised with Thames Water regarding the problems at the Lightlands Lane pumping station. Cllr. Howard noted that a response had been received recently via Nick Westlake which would be forwarded to Mr. Scarff. Mr. Scarff said Thames Water needed to upgrade the sewage system prior to any approval of AR37 and make sure the system was flood proof.

5.3 Cllr. Tull would be contacting Wooburn and Bourne End councils to ask what their testing results had shown and that if results were shown to us, we might be able to help towards the costs of producing them and might be able to help with future costs. Cllr. Howard noted that there was a Water Testing Group already operating in the area and putting their findings on the internet. He suggested Cllr. Tull might want to ask how they fitted in with what the Little Marlow group were doing.  
**Action: Cllr. Tull**

**6. TO CONSIDER AN UPDATE ON FLOOD ALERT SIGNAGE**

6.1 The Chairman produced a set of 5 draft flood signs utilising Environment Agency icons (depicting, no flooding, flooding expected, severe flooding expected and the last two showing Cookham Moor Closed with flooding expected and separately severe flooding warnings). She and the Clerk had considered how best to replace the existing rusting and broken metal signage and were recommending that A2 size noticeboards could be put up to replace the existing signs at the Pound and the High Street with a third put up at a new location on the cycleway sign at the junction of Lightlands Lane and Maidenhead Road. Pre-printed A2 sized solid foam boards could be kept in the noticeboards and changed over as needed. The alternative might be to have bespoke metal signage put up but no easy or obvious solutions suggested themselves. Following debate **it was**

**agreed** to obtain quotes for 3 such noticeboards and 3 sets of the notices printed front and back.

**Action: Clerk**

6.2 The Board on the High Street was regarded as ineffective as it was often hidden behind parked cars and not visible by cars approaching from the bridge. Cllr. Howard to enquire if a new noticeboard could be put up on or near the camera pole in the central reservation outside the Stanley Spencer Gallery.

**Action: Cllr. Howard**

**7. TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE AND REVIEW REPORTS FROM OTHER FLOOD GROUPS' MEETINGS (including but not limited to):**

- i. RBWM Flood Liaison Group – 23rd January and 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024
- ii. RBWM / Environment Agency/Thames Water meetings

There was no update.

**8. TO REVIEW AND PROVIDE UPDATES FOR THE FLOOD COMMITTEE'S ACTION LIST:**

All matters on the action list had been cleared but the issue relating to signage should be placed on it.

**The meeting closed at 8.25 pm. The next meeting would be held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025**

Signed as a true record of the meeting

.....Chairman

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