

COOKHAM PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of a Meeting of the FLOOD and MAJOR INCIDENT COMMITTEE****Held in the Community Room on Tuesday 18th January 2022, commencing at 7.30pm.**

PRESENT: Cllrs M. Brar (Acting Chairman), C. Aisladie, J. Perry and H. Philip.
Also Present: No one else present.

On the approval of those present, Cllr M. Brar chaired the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received from Cllr M. Coker, Mr D. Scarff (Cookham Soc) and Mr P. Willmott (Flood Warden). Cllrs M. Howard and T. Suleiman did not attend.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

No Declarations of Interest were made.

3. TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE AND REVIEW REPORTS FROM OTHER FLOOD GROUPS' MEETINGS:

Borough Flood Liaison Group: 13th October 2021 – draft minutes supplied.

White Brook Sub Meeting: 14th December 2021 – no information available.

4. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE FLOOD HUB DOCUMENTATION AND ENSURE THAT ALL GENERAL DOCUMENTS REFLECT THE CHANGES IN THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE FLOOD AND MAJOR INCIDENT CMTE:

Cllr M. Brar will contact Cllr M. Coker in order to set up a meeting in the near future to review the documents and move the process forward: Cllrs H. Philip, C. Aisladie and M. Brar will work with Cllr M. Coker. The Clerk will forward flood documents to Cllr H. Philip. Cllr M. Brar will also speak to Ms F. Hewer for her guidance.

As part of that process Cllrs will look to get a clear instruction guide, a checklist of important tasks, and a set of training material. Cllr M. Brar will ask RBWM Head of Neighbourhood Services, Alysee Strachan, if any training can be provided by the Borough. Cllr Brar to report back.

5. TO ENSURE THAT THE FLOOD HUB DOCUMENTATION IS UP TO DATE AND READY FOR FLOOD SEASON: Dealt with in item 4.**6. TO REVIEW AND PROVIDE UPDATES FOR THE FLOOD AND MAJOR INCIDENT COMMITTEE'S ACTION LIST:**

- Walkie Talkies and Radio Licence – both purchased, items completed.
- Flood Boards – The Clerk, Cllr M. Brar and Cllr M. Coker have all emailed Brianne Vally (EA) to ask for the boards to be replaced or renovated. Ms Vally has concluded that the boards are not the responsibility of the EA and they will not be doing anything to help. Cllr Brar will raise this at a higher level in the EA.
- Natural Flood Maps – Mr Scarff has approached Project Centre Officer Joe Hitchman for the maps. Mr Hitchman replaced Simon Lavin. It is not clear if these maps are available.
- Cookham bund repairs – no further progress.
- Pumping Station – Mr Scarff has concluded that the pumping station is functioning within capacity, including during the downpour in August 2020 – Cllrs agreed that this matter is therefore closed. It is felt the problem lies with the surface and fowl water drainage systems. Cllr Brar will follow this up with RBWM Officer Alysee Strachan.
- Balancing Pond – The Clerk and Mr Scarff are in the process of clarifying where the responsibility lies. The Clerk is waiting for feedback from RBWM. Mr Scarff reported that Sue Fox has now left RBWM.

Mr Scarff has met with Project Centre Officer and Hydrologist, Joe Hitchman regarding the concerns for flooding on Battlemead and other items. Mr Scarff hopes the concerns will be dealt with appropriately.

7. TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON EVENTS PERTAINING TO FLOODING SINCE LAST MEETING:

Nothing reported.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.