

Minutes of MVCF Meeting, Thursday July 10th 2014,
Committee Room 1, MVDC Offices, Pippbrook, Dorking

Present: Ron Billard (RB) [Chair], Rod Shaw (RS) [MVDC], Peter Silburn (PS) [Horsham/Dorking], Cllr David Preedy, PS Bert Dean [Surrey Police] (BD), John Meudell (JM) [Dorking/CTC], Peter Mayor (PM) [Leatherhead], Colin Brewer (CB) [Treasurer], Julia Dickinson (JD) [Bookham /Effingham], Roger Troughton (RT) [Secretary]
Apologies: Paul Tunnel (PT) [British Cycling], Andy Tanner [Transition Dorking], Bob Ball [Holmwood, Sustrans], Lucy O'Connell [MVDC]

1. Previous Minutes and Outstanding Actions not covered elsewhere

2. Matters Arising

Police Issues: Road Casualties and Cycling Safety Report

Results from May to date are as follows:

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| 04/05/2014 14:57 | LEATHERHEAD CENTRAL | EPSOM RD |
| CAR V PEDAL CYCLIST MINOR INJURIES | | |
| 09/05/2014 16:33 | WESTCOTT | NK |
| PEDAL CYCLE VS CAR MALES MOTHER SAID THAT THERE ARE SCRATCHES ON HIS BACK BUT NOTHING MAJOR ADVISED THAT AMB WILL BE ATTENDING | | |
| 14/05/2014 22:40 | BROCKHAM | CASTLE GDNS |
| AMB: PATIENT HAS BEEN KNOCKED OFF HIS PUSHBIKE AND IS CONFUSED POSSIBLE RIB INJURY AND CUT TO HIS HEAD POSSIBLY INTOXICATED | | |
| 19/05/2014 15:33 | LEATHERHEAD NORTH | RANDALLS RD |
| AMB RE-QUESTIONING POLICE ATTENDANCE TO MALE WHO HAS FALLEN OFF HIS PEDAL CYCLE MALE IS IN HIS 50' AND WAS NOT WEARING HELMET TO CONFIRM HE IS GOING TO ST GEORGES DUE TO THE HEAD INJURY AND POSSIBLE ISSUES RE HIS MEDICATION POSS BRUISE ON BRAIN | | |
| 25/05/2014 10:07 | LEATHERHEAD CENTRAL | STATION RD |
| MALE IN 50S FALLEN OF PUSHBIKE BIKE HAS HIT A BUMP IN THE RD AND COME OFF...POSSIBLE BROKEN COLLARBONE AND KNOCKS AND BRUISES ARB SERIOUS INJURY | | |
| 26/05/2014 17:03 | BROCKHAM | KILN LN |
| 47 YEAR OLD MALE CAME OFF PUSH BIKE HIT HIS HEAD NO OTHER VEHICLES INVOLVED PATIENT HAD RETURNED HOME AND HAS NOW BEEN TAKEN TO HOSPITAL BY AMB | | |
| 31/05/2014 13:15 | PIXHAM | A24 |
| INFT AND HIS FRIEND ON PUSH BIKES KNOCKED OFF BY CAR WHEN COMING OUT THE CAR PARK CUTS AND SCRATCHES ON HANDS AND ARMS AND BRUISES AND RIBS MINOR ARB | | |
| 31/05/2014 19:15 | LEATHERHEAD NORTH | BROOK WAY |
| 16 YEAR OLD MALE FALLEN OFF PUSH BIKE MALE HAS WRIST AND ANKLE INJURY | | |
| 02/06/2014 14:53 | OCKLEY | STANDON LN |
| CAR VS CYCLIST FEMALE CYCLIST WAS KNOCKED OFF HER BIKE AND HAS JUST BEEN FOUND FEMALE HAS HEAD INJURY CONVEYED TO ST GEORGES NOT KSI | | |
| 10/06/2014 16:18 | GREAT BOOKHAM | EAST ST |
| 50YOA MALE ON PUSHBIKE TRAPPED UNDER CAR AND NOT BREATHING KSI (KSI= Killed or Seriously Injured) | | |
| 14/06/2014 14:34 | BETCHWORTH | THE ST |
| CYCLIST VS CAR. DETS EXCHANGED OTHER PARTY LEFT. CYCLIST HAS HIP PAIN AND GOING TO NESH MINOR INJURY | | |
| 15/06/2014 10:25 | LITTLE BOOKHAM | BAGDEN HILL |
| CYCLIST HAS COME OFF CYCLE ON ROAD PATIENT HAS ELBOW HEAD AND LEG INJURIES SLIGHT INJ NO OTHER VEHICLE INVOLVED | | |
| 16/06/2014 14:05 | MICKLEHAM AND NORBURY | A24 |
| ONLINE REPORT: CAR COMPLETELY BLOCKED THE CYCLE PATH TRIED TO BRAKE AND AVOID THE CAR, ENDING UP CYCLING INTO THE KERB, GOING OVER THE HANDLE BARS MY LEG (KNEE) WAS BLEEDING SHOULDER & ARM WERE BRUISED | | |
| 17/06/2014 12:58 | LEATHERHEAD NORTH | A244 |
| CAR V CYCLIST HEAD WOUND IS BLEEDING POSSIBLE CLINICAL SHOCK AMB HAVE RE-GRADED HIGH RESPONSE MINOR INJS ONLY | | |
| 21/06/2014 11:40 | HEADLEY | LEECH LN |
| VAN VS BIKE 50 YOA MALE WITH BACK INJURIES. SERIOUS INJURY. | | |
| 22/06/2014 11:57 | WHITEDOWNS | WHITE DOWN LN |
| CYCLIST WHO HAS FALLEN FROM PUSH BIKE PATIENT SUSTAINED HEAD AND LEG INJURIES AFTER FALLING INTO A THORN BUSH | | |

The issue of what happens to these statistics was raised – **BD to find out more if possible.**

BD raised a couple more points – the Redhill Cycling Club race at Newdigate where tacks were deliberately left on the road (see <http://road.cc/content/news/122717-surrey-road-race-hit-drawing-pin-attack> for more details).

SCC are looking at measures that might be taken on Byttom Hill in Mickleham and the way it is being misused by MTB'ers (also using footpaths in that area). BD also highlighted the issue with Sportives which, because they are not regulated, can result in conflicts (particularly with other events using the same roads at the same times).

The issue of the behaviour of cyclists around horses was discussed, and how education can be improved. BD noted that the UK Cycling Events registration pack includes an item on this and there is also a video:

<http://www.ukcyclingevents.co.uk/videos/considerate-cycling/> – although this only very briefly covers considerate riding around horses.

3. Surrey Cycling Strategy – Mole Valley Local Cycling Plan

Lucy O'Connell reported (via email) that they are nearly at the stage where they have a document they can usefully discuss with the MVCF. It was felt that this should be discussed at a wider meeting. RS pointed out that that this will be a document interpreting County strategy in a local context, and as such would not contain detailed proposals.
RT to coordinate with Lucy O'Connell to arrange this meeting (see Next Meetings)

4. West Street (Dorking) Alterations

RS reported that the revised plans have yet to be published – the works are due to commence in September.

5. Route Development Update

Capital-to-Coast: This is the current government's answer to their removal of the regional government layer in which local authorities come together to bid for money for economic development. In Mole Valley this would include money to regenerate Leatherhead Town Centre (which would also include an element for Sustainable Travel). RS suggested that *RB write to Mole Valley's Chief Executive identifying schemes that could be included in any Leatherhead regeneration.*

SCC Cycle Safety Scheme bid

This progresses slowly (issues with contractors) resulting in complaints from residents and adverse press coverage.

Bookham/Effingham area – Safe Routes to Schools (Howard of Effingham)

There are proposals to relocate the school (the existing site would be reused for housing) with the resulting increase in traffic. Both locations are physically in Guildford borough, although MVDC would be a consultee.

RB to liaise with JD on setting up a meeting with councillors to discuss the issues.

Dorking-Southbound:

This is progressing bit-by-bit as money allows.

Dorking centre – Brockham link

Following questions put to the last Local Committee meeting, Highways are to hold a meeting to discuss extending the Brockham route (which currently goes to the stations and Ashcombe School) into the centre of Dorking along with the issues where it passes the entrance to Tescos, as well as those regarding the bus stop opposite Dorking station.

Holmwood Circular Trail

PS reported that phase 2 will start any day now. This will include bringing the surface of the existing paths up to standard, repairing the ford and replacing the narrow bridleway bridge, with expected completion in August. There are also plans for a new guide, notice board maps etc. There has been good feedback about the surfacing.

Brockham-Betchworth

RT has spoken to Claire Saunders – progressing this requires an EA report to be carried out and they as have no funding at present for improvements like this, they will not be actively promoting this proposed link.

5. Other Matters

Cycle Path Signage Audit

Action Ongoing: RT & RB (for Dorking). PM & MW (for Leatherhead).

Both PM and RT reported that they had re-audited the respective areas that day.

Bike Week 2014

JD reported her employer (CGI) had 26 people at their Bike Breakfast, she was not aware that any other nearby employers had arranged anything similar. She also reported that around 76 youngsters (+ parents) enjoyed the Celebrate Cycling event that she helped arrange on Bookham Common. This went really well despite a couple of last minute challenges. She may also look to getting a grant from the London Marathon Charitable Trust to support future events.

MVCF Website

CB confirmed we still have enough funds to cover this for at least one more year. RT suggested that there should be an item urging cyclists to avoid wearing black, however there was not unanimous agreement over this, as some attendees felt that it should be a matter for the individual.

JD suggested we had a link to the new cycle café in Bookham.

6. AOB

JM shared his stats for cycle parking at Dorking Stn – this had recently peaked in June at 93 bikes (max 160 spaces). JD highlighted that there might be a gas works related road closure in the Oxshott area on the Prudential RideLondon route.

7. Next Meetings

A special interim meeting to discuss the MVDC's Local Cycling Strategy will be held on **Thurs 14th August at 7.00pm in Park House, Leatherhead.**

The next formal meeting is on **Thurs 25th September at 7.00pm** in Committee Room1, MVDC Offices, Pippbrook, Dorking. This meeting will also include the AGM.