

Minutes of MVCF Meeting, Thursday May 14th 2015,
Committee Room 1, MVDC Offices, Pippbrook, Dorking

Present: Ron Billard (RB) [Chair], Peter Silburn (PS) [Horsham/Dorking], Julia Dickinson (JD) [Bookham/Effingham], Rod Shaw [MVDC], Peter Mayor [Leatherhead], Chris Law (CL) [Surrey Police], Mike Ward (MW) [Leatherhead], Gail Brownrigg (GB) [Oakwoodhill], Eric Palmer (EP) [Leatherhead], Roger Troughton (RT) [Secretary]

Apologies: Andy Tanner [Transition Dorking], Bob Ball [Sustrans, Holmwoods], Colin Brewer [Treasurer]

1. Previous Minutes and Outstanding Actions not covered elsewhere

Regarding vegetation issues between Thorncroft Bridge and Givons Grove: RT had sent some photos to RS who had forwarded them to Claire Saunders who identified them as a Highways responsibility, who have been duly notified. EP had still not had much success following up issues regarding the road surface near Tyrell's Wood, which poses safety problems for cyclists. RB suggested that **EP contact Cty Cllr Tim Hall, copying to RB (ideally with a history of his attempts to follow this through.)**

2. Matters Arising

Police Issues; Road Casualties and Cycling Safety Report

Results from March to May are listed below – there are no obvious patterns:

16/03/15 10:27	CRADDOCKS AVE ASHTEAD ASHT	CYCLE RTC
AT JUNCTION WITH EPSOM ROAD - CYCLIST APPEARS TO HAVE FAINTED AT ROADSIDE. WAS STOOD AT SIDE OF THE ROAD WHEN HE FAINTED		
21/03/15 11:14	CRABTREE LN HEADLEY EPSO	IN FROM AMB
LEECH LANE/TUMBER STREET 40 YEAR OLD FEMALE FALLEN OF BICYCLE AND IN THE ROAD. WAS TRAVELLING 30MPH AT THE TIME OF COMING OFF THE BIKE POSSIBLE BROKEN COLLAR BONE. DAMAGE TO KNEE		
22/03/15 17:28	ZIG ZAG RD MICKLEHAM AND NORBURY DORK	AMB ASKING ASSISTANCE
CAR VS CYCLIST. 49 MALE CYCLIST INVOLVED IN A ROAD RAGE INCIDENT WITH A CAR. NOT INJURED THREW HIMSELF IN FRONT OF VEHICLE FOLLOWING INCIDENT.		
24/03/15 07:43	CHURCH RD LEATHERHEAD CENTRAL LTHD	LOC OUTSIDE PARISH CHURCH
PUSH BIKE INTO CAR. HEAD AND SHOULDER INJURIES OF THE CYCLIST AGE IS FEMALE AGED 41		
30/03/15 12:41	130 KINGSTON RD LEATHERHEAD NORTH LTHD	CAR ON RIDERS FOOT
AT THE ROUNDABOUT AT THE PLOUGH ON KINGSTON ROAD IN LEATHERHEAD VEHICLE HAS NOT ALLOWED ENOUGH SPACE TO OVERTAKE SAFELY AND ROLLED THE DRIVER-SIDE FRONT WHEEL ONTO THE EDGE OF CYCLISTS FOOT. NO INJURY CAUSED TO CYCLIST.		
07/04/15 11:01	ABINGER RD COLDHARBOUR DORK	FEMALE WHO WAS HIT BY A CYCLIST
PEDESTRIAN STRUCK BY CYCLIST. PEDESTRIAN HAS SUFFERED BROKEN BONES - FRACTURED RIBS, AND INTERNAL BLEEDING. PEDESTRIAN LATER TAKEN TO ST GEORGES INJURIES CONFIRMED AS FRACTURED CHEEK BONE, FRACTURED RIBS, INTERNAL BLEEDING. INJURIES RESULTED IN HER SPLEEN BEING REMOVED AND IS IN INTENSIVE CARE		
09/04/15 16:31	117 ST BROCKHAM BETC	IN FROM AMB
LOCN IS OUTSIDE SPAR STORES 20 Y/O MALE HIT BY A CAR OFF HIS PUSH BIKE. MINOR INJURY TO RIDER , FEMALE ELDERLY DRIVER HAS SURRENDERED HER LICENSE		
15/04/15 17:47	CHAPEL LN WESTHUMBLE DORK	A 50 YEAR OLD FEMALE WHO HAS FALLEN OFF HER PEDAL BIKE
AMB ATTENDED LOCN FOR A 50 YEAR OLD FEMALE WHO HAS FALLEN OFF HER PEDAL BIKE. NO OTHER VEHICLES INVOLVED HAS A HEAD INJURY AND CONFUSION		
17/04/15 19:24	CRADDOCKS AVE ASHTEAD ASHT	CYCLIST V STATIONARY VEHICLE RTC
VEH WAS PARKED ON THE CYCLE PATH SO CYCLIST COLLIDED WITH IT. CYCLIST HAS MINOR INJURIES- BEING TAKEN TO EPSOM GENERAL HOSPITAL		
24/04/15 07:39	LOWER RD/THE RIDGEWAY FETCHAM LTHD	IN FROM AMB CAR V CYCLIST RTC
30 YEAR OLD MALE WITH HEAD INJURY AND LEG INJURY - MINOR INJURIES		
26/04/15 13:00	ZIG ZAG RD MICKLEHAM AND NORBURY DORK	INFT WAS HIT BY A VEHICLE WHILST CYCLING UP LOC APPROX ONE HOUR AGO
INFT WAS OVERTAKING ANOTHER CYCLIST AND THE VEHICLE BEHIND AS IT PASSED HIT INFT KNOCKING HIM OFF INFT HAS SOME CUTS AND BRUISES. MINOR INJURIES ONLY		
03/05/15 11:12	LOWER RD/CHURCH RD GREAT BOOKHAM LTHD	INFT WANTING TO REPORT A RTC THIS MORNING CAR HIT A BICYCLE
INFT HAS BRUISING AND GRAZING VEHICLE DID STOP AND DETAILS EXCHANGED. INFT GOT THEIR DETAILS NO DETAILS FROM INFT OTHER THAN NAME AND PHONE NUMBER. BIKE IS DAMAGED BUT DON'T KNOW EXTENT OF DAMAGE WHEELS ARE DEFINITELY DAMAGED. ONE PEDAL GOT STUCK IN THE FRONT BUMPER. ARB BY 40523 - SLIGHT INJURY #		
05/05/15 19:04	CHURCH RD/LOWER RD GREAT BOOKHAM LTHD	HAD AN RTC CAR VS CYCLIST SUNDAY AT 0935HRS
INFT WAS DRIVING CAR AND MALE CYCLIST HAD A BLOODIED NOSE BUT DECLINED MEDICAL ATTENTION AND DECLINED INFT TAKING HIM TO THE MALE DID GIVE INFT HIS NAME BUT INFT WAS VERY SHAKEN AND CANT REMEMBER AT THE JUNCTION CYCLIST CYCLED STRAIGHT OUT IN FRONT OF INFTS CAR WHEN WAS HER RIGHT OF WAY DID EXCHANGE TEL NUMBERS AT THE SCENE BUT CANNOT REMEMBER WHAT HIS NUMBER WAS FROM RECENT EVENTS CYCLIST CALLED THIS IN AND OFFICERS ATTENDED HIS ADDRESS COMPLETING ARB. Cross referenced to above incident P15112592		
07/05/15 15:47	WOODFIELD LN ASHTEAD ASHT	AMB MAKING US AWARE OF A CYCLIST THAT HAS FALLEN OFF HIS BIKE
NO OTHER VEHICLES/PERSONS INVOLVED AMB ARE CURRENTLY ON ROUTE. PATIENT IS 32 YEARS OLD HAS CHEST, HAND AND LEG INJURIES FROM THE FALL FALLEN OFF OF PUSHBIKE – MINOR INJURIES		

GB raised a number of issues including cyclists (most likely mountain bikers) with strong head torches that dazzle, suggesting that it was likely a matter of education. She also queried whether young people are educated about

overtaking horses, whether on a bicycle or in a car – **CL** agreed to take this suggestion to DriveSMART. The issue of sportive's was raised as, whilst these are not strictly speaking races, there is a racing element for many riders.

3. Surrey Cycling Strategy – Mole Valley Local Cycling Plan

Mole Valley Cycle Event

We haven't had any feedback from Becky Willson on the event. **RT** to enquire as to what is planned next, and also what will happen to the proposals that members of the public (including ourselves) had made.

MVCF Cycle Scheme Priorities

An updated version of this had been circulated with the agenda. The main suggestions were more about how the benefits should be presented – along the lines of which schemes tick which boxes: **JD** (and others?) to make suggestions. Meanwhile **RT** will endeavour to find out what SCC's priorities are.

4. Route Development Update

Discussion here was limited by the time available.

Leatherhead-Ashted Cycle Path

A copy of the Safety Audit Response is available at <http://mvcf.org.uk/assets/documents/l2a-safetyauditstage3-response> It was felt that a number of issues with the route resulted from the lateness of the consultation in the process (partly caused by the way the funding is made available), and also that good practice is not being considered sufficiently (eg. the TfL London Cycling Design Standards offer a benchmark).

Randalls Road (Leatherhead)

JD has contacted Anita Guy to clarify the developer-funded plans mentioned in papers to the recent Local Committee meeting, but has yet to receive a response.

Dorking Southbound (Beare Green – N Holmwood)

Daniel Tester (on behalf of Paul Manwaring) provided RT with a brief update – there is definitely £20K in this years' budget.

5. Other Matters

Coast to Capital:

Transform Leatherhead

RS reported that the public consultation exercise is expected to take place in June/July time.

Dorking Transport Package

Nothing new to report, although the DfT have awarded Southern Trains/Surrey County Council £300K for Dorking Station Cycle Hub - the provision of an additional 200 cycle spaces, secure key card access, cycle maintenance and repair workshop and cycle hire with additional CCTV, lighting and signage.

MVCF Website

PS noted that the Horsham District Cycle Forum had a Twitter account which they had found amazingly effective, although quite time consuming to operate (it needs regular updating to keep the interest going). (Sec's note, a Twitter account has been set up, although we need to consider how best to run this.)

6. AOB

GB suggested that a number of topics should be standing items on the agenda: Off Road Cycling / Road Racing / Sportives / Education. **RB/RT** to discuss how best to cover these without making the agenda too cumbersome. Meadowbank Football Ground Redevelopment – there is an opportunity here to improve the cycle routes in this area. RS, RB and RT are expected to attend a meeting to discuss this further towards the end of May.

PS queried the logic behind planting hawthorn alongside cycle routes as when cut it is very effective in causing punctures. GB suggested contacting the Surrey Countryside Access Forum. RT queried whether or not we should have a voice on this forum (there is a cyclist who attends the forum).

JD reported that Becky Willson had organised an event at the Leatherhead Business Park promoting cycling as part of the TravelSMART campaign.

JD reported that there will be Bike Marking at the Doméstique cafe, Grove Corner, Bookham on Wed 27th May. JD reminded us that the "Celebrate Cycling" event on Bookham Common will this year take place on Sun 28th June. There was also a brief discussion on the campaign by the Friends of Bookham Common to attract funding to upgrade some of the tracks. PS had provided some information regarding the recently constructed Holmwood Common circular trail. RT suggested Ride London and Biffa (land-fill tax) as other possible sources of funding. RT noted that the Surrey Downs magazine has a regular page on cycling that we could perhaps contribute to. Finally, Ride London to be included on the next agenda.

7. Next Meetings

The next formal meeting is on **Thurs 9th July at 7.00pm** in Park House, Randalls Road, Leatherhead.

The next informal meeting will be held on **Thurs 11th June at 7.30pm** in The Stepping Stones, Westhumble.