

Minutes of MVCF Meeting, Thursday November 12th 2015,

Council Chamber, MVDC Offices, Pippbrook, Dorking

Present: Ron Billard (RB) [Chair], Mike Ward (MW) [Leatherhead], Julia Dickinson (JD) [Bookham/Effingham], Cllr Corinna Osborne-Patterson (COP) [Exec Member for Cycling & Rural Economies], Lucy O'Connell (LO) [MVDC], Eric Palmer (EP) [Leatherhead], Pat Smith (PS) [Dorking], Roger Troughton (RT) [Secretary]

1. Apologies

Peter Silburn [Horsham/Dorking], John Cohen (JC) [Dorking], Chris Law (CL) [Surrey Police], Rod Shaw [MVDC], Peter Mayor [Leatherhead], Colin Brewer (CB) [Treasurer], Jenny Bowall, Peter Shearmur, David Preedy (DP) [Headley Parish Council]

2. Matters Arising, Outstanding Actions not covered elsewhere

Regarding the Headley Road surface issues near Tyrell's Wood, DP has reported by email that he raised this at Cty Cllr Hazel Watson's Highways Forum although unfortunately the response was that there's no funding for it as a priority. Meanwhile, RB considers the road to be in Cty Cllr Tim Hall's area.

RB to raise a question at the Local Committee.

3. Police Issues; Road Casualties

Cycling incidents logged 17/09/2015 – 12/11/2015 are listed below:

P15243622 - WEST ST DORKING 18/09/15 16:16:56	12 yo male has come off a bicycle arm, and leg injury. No other vehicles involved. Minor injury. ARB completed
P15245346 - LONDON RD WESTHUMBLE 20/09/15 12:25:40	Cyclist has fallen off their bike, no other vehicles involved cyclist has a deep cut to his elbow he came off bike at high speed. ARB completed.
P15249720 - YOUNG ST FETCHAM 25/09/15 12:44:43	Car v Cyclist - The driver didn't look an pulled straight out into the roundabout in front of my path and hitting my bike and knocking me to the ground. Minor injury ARB completed.
P15251878 - TILLEY LN HEADLEY COURT 27/09/15 21:23:22	In from ambulance advising of RTC car v pushbike. Minor injuries. ARB completed
P15255160 - DOWLANS RD / DORKING RD GREAT_BOOKHAM 01/10/15 14:20:22	Ambulance attending a male who has come off his cycle, reporting of pain to leg and hip No other vehicles involved. ARB completed.
P15257408 - KINGSTON RD LEATHERHEAD 03/10/15 20:36:17	Location vicinity of Swan public house informant wanting to report a hit and run, informant was cycling along the road and vehicle drove off following collision. Index unknown. No injuries sustained or damage caused.
P15274638 - KINGSTON RD LEATHERHEAD 23/10/15 19:19:04	In vicinity of D'Abernon farm, car vs cyclist at speed. Leg and arm injury, ARB completed.

CL reported that the suggestion to arrange for the speed awareness course to link to Drive Smart has been raised by their force lead and work is progressing in this area. COP noted that the same point about road sharing had been raised at the SCC Cycling Strategy Board, and they are also attempting to get this included in Surrey's "Safe Drive, Stay Alive" events for young people, although this may be difficult as there is so much content already.

DP has reported by email that the police have prepared a document for their own guidance on what powers they have to advise or intervene when addressing bad conduct by drivers or cyclists and are considering creating a public-facing version of this document.

4. Cycling Issues: Road Racing/Sportives/Off-Road

COP reported that communication about organised events continues to improve. Regarding the plans for an on-line calendar of events – proposals are due by end-November; the challenge will be ensuring that less cooperative event organisers take part. The main issue with Sportives is that there is no legislation to control these and the government is shying away from any involvement, although apparently British Cycling is now becoming increasingly supportive of the idea. Other Local Authorities are starting to have similar issues with the main aim being registration rather than control. There have been situations where the police have been able to advise and if necessary alter routes to avoid dangerous situations.

One proposal is to have a "seal of approval" that properly organised events can display.

5. Surrey Cycling Strategy – Mole Valley Local Cycling Plan

DP has reported by email that during the next period of the Surrey Cycling Strategy the priorities look like being:

Improving cycling safety, via training, engagement & enforcement;

Managing the impact of sports cycling - largely via communications & the calendar;

Delivering infrastructure - district plans and improvements, especially in Egham, Blackwater Valley & Guildford. (NB. funding difficulties are challenging for any development work which then threatens the Travel Smart initiative.)

RB (and PS) attended the joint Mole Valley/Surrey Police event on 15th October to debate cycling issues where about 50 people were present. There were presentations from Cyclists, Horse Riders and Communities. The general consensus was that it was really positive. LO reported that they are looking to see what they can take away from the event and make it available to a wider audience. Issues seem to arise more with out-of-area cyclists rather than local cycling clubs who have much greater awareness of the situation.

LO reported that the Mole Valley Cycling Strategy is now available at

[http://www.molevalley.gov.uk/media/pdf/c/3/item_08\(j\) - Local_Cycling_Plan_-_Progress_Update.pdf](http://www.molevalley.gov.uk/media/pdf/c/3/item_08(j) - Local_Cycling_Plan_-_Progress_Update.pdf)

This will now go to the council on 24th November and the Local Committee on 2nd December.

In addition to the recently appointed Active Travel Officer (Keith Reed) who will be working with Charlwood Infant School (and others still to be announced), SCCF have also funded a similar position (appointee – Anita Powell) who will be working with Downsland School and businesses in Leatherhead.

Mole Valley have just launched their “Be Safe Be Seen” campaign with a full page advertisement in the Dorking Ad along with social media. Next year they are planning a Responsible Cycling campaign.

The cycling pages on MVDC’s website (see <http://www.molevalley.gov.uk/cycling>) have been updated and they are considering a placing more information on a separate website. They are also working with Surrey Hills on mountain biking issues.

Mole Valley are also putting in a “wheels, feet and hooves” bid for funding for a 12-month post which will include how best to manage the influx of cyclists and their spend. They are also still looking at how to run an event in Dorking similar to the one held in Leatherhead earlier this year.

RB will be representing the Forum at the inaugural Surrey Cycle Forum, which is being held as part of the Active Surrey Conference on Friday 13 November at Kempton Park racecourse.

6. Route Development Updates

Nothing to report unless mentioned below.

Leatherhead-Area

See *Transform Leatherhead* below, as a number of possible scenarios are being proposed.

Safe Routes to Schools (Howard of Effingham)

Nothing will happen until the decision is taken on the planning application to rebuild the school (due Jan 2016).

Dorking Area

Money has now been set aside in this and next financial year to complete Dorking Southbound (N Holmwood towards Beare Green), although progress appears to be very limited.

The Infrastructure Needs Assessment – see <http://www.molevalley.gov.uk/ina> recently announced by MVDC would be a good opportunity to lobby for cycle infrastructure improvements in Dorking (and other areas). At present there is no closing date for the responses to this assessment and it is understood that it will be running into the new year.

7. Other Matters

Transform Leatherhead

Details are now available from <http://www.molevalley.gov.uk/transformleatherhead> (see Downloads section).

Assuming this passes both scrutiny and the council executive on 1st December, the next phase of consultation will take place in December and January. If **Leatherhead members can feed back to RB, he will submit a response on behalf of MVCF**. Following a suggestion from LO it was proposed that we invite Cllr Howard Jones (Executive member for Town Centres) to the next meeting.

Dorking Transport Package

Deepdene Station: Nothing new to report.

Dorking Hub: RB reported that the revised draft plan has not been delivered.

Priory School (Dorking) Expansion

LO noted that whilst MVDC can comment it does not have much say in these matters, however, SCC are much more demanding these days on ensuring appropriate infrastructure, travel plans etc are included in such proposals.

8. MVCF Communications (Website etc.)

RT has updated the MVCF website to make 2 years worth of previous minutes available.

9. AOB

Unfortunately time did not permit for any discussion here.

10. Next Meetings

The next formal meeting is on **Thurs 21st January at 7.00pm** at Park House, Leatherhead..

The next informal meeting will be held on **Thurs 10th December at 7.30pm** in The Stepping Stones, Westhumble.