

Minutes of MVCF Meeting, Thursday March 17th 2016,

Committee Room 1, MVDC Offices, Dorking

Present: Ron Billard (RB) [Chair], Julia Dickinson (JD) [Bookham/Effingham], Lucy O'Connell (LO) [MVDC], Rod Shaw [MVDC], Eric Palmer (EP) [Leatherhead], Alan May (AM) [Westcott Residents], Roger Troughton (RT) [Secretary],

1. Apologies

John Cohen (JC) [Dorking], Colin Brewer [Treasurer], Mike Ward [Leatherhead], Olly Smith [Surrey Police], Scott Williams (SW) [South Holmwood]

2. Matters Arising, Outstanding Actions not covered elsewhere

BB to follow up on whether there are any plans for the NCN to come through the Leatherhead area – c/f.

JC has emailed RT regarding NCR22 signing & surfaces.

JC provided by email an update (summarised here) on his initiative to tackle the cyclist .vs. motorist debates. The first stage involving information gathering is more or less complete. The next stage will be to relate the learning of the past few months to the issues presented originally and to attempt to devise a means to inform, educate and thereby try to change or at least improve attitudes of road users to their counterparts. Also there are the issues of communicating all that is going on to the general public. JC hopes to provide a progress update at the next meeting of the forum.

3. Police Issues; Road Casualties

Olly Smith emailed to say that he is back as the contact for MVCF and apologised for not being able to supply the list of recent RTC involving cyclists for this meeting. He confirmed that cycling remains a priority for Surrey Police, and most certainly within the area of Mole Valley.

RB had requested an update on the serious incident in Tilley Lane near Headley Court back in November, and whilst there was no update at that time, he understood that progress has since been made on the case.

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

AM raised a number of issues that were concerning Westcott residents, mainly with respect to cyclists either training for the Ride London event or subsequent to the event who were riding as if they were on the event itself when the roads are closed to other vehicles.

5. Surrey Cycling Strategy – Mole Valley Local Cycling Plan

LO confirmed Becky Willson's email response in that they are still looking to hold some sort of consultation event in the Dorking area, albeit not in the same style as the one organised at Leatherhead last year. LO reported that the planned website to list all commercially organised cycling events in the area had been delayed, latest ETA – end April.

6. Route Development Updates

Nothing to report unless mentioned below.

Leatherhead Area

JD was involved in a meeting with Anita Guy (Surrey Highways) and Dave Sharpington where some of the routes relating to the [Leatherhead Sustainable Transport Package](#) were discussed (Annex A map can be found [here](#).)

JD had a proposal for a route that would avoid Waterways Road – it was suggested that she raise this at one of the Transform Leatherhead events (see later).

Bookham/Effingham area

Safe Routes to Schools (Howard of Effingham): The planning application to rebuild the school has been rejected. In the meantime the situation for cyclists has deteriorated and car parking issues are likely to further worsen the situation. RB suggested a site meeting to involve Clare Curran (JD asked that Peter Seeward also be involved).

Dorking area

Dorking Southbound: Anita Guy (Surrey Highways) had provided the following update: Barriers to be installed before the end of March in the subway near Betchetts Green Road, South Holmwood. No decision has been made on which section of the route to tackle next year and she is happy to liaise with us on this. Meanwhile SW reported via RT that nothing had yet been installed in the subway, whilst some progress had been made repairing a number of potholes and some sidelining had been undertaken near Mid Holmwood Lane. SW had submitted a written question to the last Local Committee meeting which also confirmed that any underspend on budget would be carried across to the next financial year. **RB** to arrange site meeting with Anita Guy to involve SW.

Dorking Centre – Meadowbank links: As reported in the local press, updated plans for the football ground redevelopment should be published any day.

7. Other Updates

Nothing to report unless mentioned below.

Transform Leatherhead

Exhibitions are scheduled to take place on the Final Draft Masterplan in mid-April to early-May – see <http://www.molevalley.gov.uk/transformleatherhead> for more details.

Polesden Lacey Routes

JD had noticed that the NT have announced plans to develop new cycle trails at ten of their places in the coming year or so, although the precise locations have yet to be announced. [Sec's note: MCVF met with NT officers a few years back to discuss possibilities on the Polesden Lacey estate, although nothing came of it at the time.]

Dorking Transport Package (Deepdene Station): RS had received an email with some final plans to comment on.

Dorking Hub: RB had attended a site meeting to review the changes during which he identified a couple of access issues. Firstly there are no drop kerbs near the bike hub and the access to the entrance needs to be at least two metres wide to allow for comfortable passage. The overall footprint of the scheme will be the same as it is now (ie. no additional parking spaces will be lost) and work is expected to start in April.

8. Review MCVF Route Development Priorities

Discussion postponed to the next meeting owing to time. The Transform Leatherhead project will undoubtedly impact many of the schemes in that area. **ALL to review the [current priorities](#) before the next meeting.**

9. AOB

JD showed a photo of flooding in Randalls Road which was very hazardous to cyclists. It was suggested that in the first instance she should report this to SCC.

EP queried if there was any progress on the Headley Road surface issues near Tyrell's Wood – RB to follow up. RT queried whether it might be possible, should the one-way system in Dene Street become permanent, for an exception to be made for cyclists. RS suggested contacting Anita Guy.

10. Next Meetings

The next formal meeting is on **Thurs 12th May at 7.00pm** in MVDC's Park House, Leatherhead.

The next informal meeting will be held on **Thurs 21st April at 7.30pm** in The Stepping Stones, Westhumble.