

**Minutes of MVCF Meeting, Thursday January 26th 2017
Committee Room 1, MVDC, Pippbrook, Dorking**

Present: Ron Billard (RB) [Chair], Rod Shaw (RS) [MVDC], Julia Dickinson (JD) [Bookham/Effingham], Lucy O'Connell (LO) [MVDC], Peter Ansell (PA) [British Cycling], Bronwen Chinien [SCC], Jamie Chisholm [Ashtead], Jamie Parsons (JP) [National Trust], Roger Troughton (RT) [Secretary]

Apologies: Aldith Bruty [Bookham], Alan May [Westcott Residents], Scott Williams (SW) [South Holmwood], Eric Palmer [Leatherhead], Colin Brewer [Treasurer], Peter Mayor [Leatherhead], John Meudell (JM) [Dorking], Jenny Bowall [Brockham], Bob Ball [Sustrans, S Holmwood], Penny Tyson-Davies [British Horse Society, Newdigate]

1. Previous Minutes

In the November minutes, sections 10 & 11 should have been numbered 8 & 9 respectively!

2. Matters Arising, Outstanding Actions not covered elsewhere

None.

3. Police Issues; Road Casualties

Cycling Incidents: 05/11/16 – 11/01/17

P16261419 OLD HORSHAM RD 15/11/16 BEARE GREEN 15/11/16	DRUNK CYCLIST WITHOUT A LIGHTS ON THE BICYCLE RODE INTO PEDESTRIAN / MINOR INJURY
P16262273 BARNETT WOOD LN LEATHERHEAD 16/11/16	DRUNK MALE - FALLEN OFF BICYCLE ON TO THE ROAD
P16268082 LEATHERHEAD RD LOWER ASHTEAD 23/11/16	CYCLIST HAS BEEN KNOCKED OFF HIS BIKE BY VEHICLE FAILING TO STOP SLIGHT INJURY
P16268099 LEATHERHEAD RD LOWER ASHTEAD 23/11/16	CARS WING MIRROR HAS HIT CYCLIST IN BACK AND CAUSED HIM TO COME OFF / THIS IS A DUPLICATE OF INCIDENT ABOVE.
P16274083 LEATHERHEAD BYPASS RD FETCHAM 01/12/16	INFT REPORTING THAT HE WAS KNOCKED OFF HIS PUSH BIKE INFT HAS PAIN IN HIS ANKLE
P16278714 - TOLLGATE RD GOODWYNS 06/12/16	FELL OFF BIKE NO OTHER VEHICLES INVOLVED CUTS TO THE FOREHEAD
P16282926 KINGSTON RD LEATHERHEAD 11/12/16	ONE CYCLIST HAS COME OFF PUSHBIKE SEEN BY PARAMEDICS AND DISCHARGED. SLIGHT INJURY
P16289525 RANMORE COMMON RD RANMORE 18/12/16	CAR CLIPPED CYCLIST KNOCKING CYCLIST OFF INJURY TO HIS LEG AS WHILE FALLING OFF HIS LEG TWISTED
P17006402 09/01/17 A24 MICKLEHAM	CAR PULLED OUT INFRONT OF A CYCLIST BLEEDING FROM NOSE AND MOUTH AND GRAZES

RT did ask for the approximate time of incidents, and will ask for this again next time..

The response to RB's enquiry as to whether the DriveSMART events being held for youngsters covered cyclist awareness was that this matter is indeed covered.

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

RB had received a response from Ride London regarding lessons learnt. Stewarding issues were identified in a number of areas, and they propose working with local cycling clubs and involving local volunteers. Contingency routes are to be re-examined following this year's incidents which brought some into use. The contract for the ride runs until 2019. Local acceptance of the event appears to be growing and businesses are starting to take advantage. PA noted that the professional event has been awarded World Tour Status which greatly increases its importance.

Mountain Biking on Ranmore Common

Jamie Parsons, a NT Ranger, was welcomed to the Forum. He reported that a number of unofficial MTB routes had been identified on Ranmore Common which in places pass through ancient woodland, and in one instance across an ancient boundary ditch, with the result that Natural England have requested that action is taken. It was noted that similar situations have in the past arisen in Redlands Wood and on Holmbury Hill and Leith Hill and the issues have to a large extent been mitigated by working with MTB'ers. The Surrey Hills MTB Working Group has taken a lead on this matter. Cycle shops and local MTB groups were also suggested as useful contact points. We also recommended an active approach to map out and sell, by various means, the routes that NT would like MTB'ers to use.

Road-Racing

PA reported the measures that British Cycling are taking to liaise with various police and safety advisory groups, together with the planning and training of their officials and marshals before road races take place.

RS suggested contacting the umbrella group for Parish Councils to help disseminate this information.

LO commented that well-organised events like these tended not to be seen as an issue compared with some poorly organised events such as ad-hoc charity rides.

5. Surrey Cycling Strategy & Mole Valley Local Cycling Plan

LO reported there was no update on the wider SCC strategy - the last meeting was held back in November.

Funding has been found to continue the Active Travel scheme for schools which will now include some Bikeability Plus modules. These include St Johns and Powell Corderoy schools in Dorking. They are trying to get data on the numbers cycling and infrastructure requirements.

SCC together with DriveSMART and Surrey Police have been funding a social media campaign around behaviours, littering, promoting alternative routes etc. which has had a good response. The funding runs out in March, although they hoping to be able to extend it.

The bid for funding to develop a destination management plan for the Surrey Hills has been successful, as has a similar bid for East Surrey. They hope to get this moving quickly so that data can be gathered over the summer period to enable a bid for implementation to be put together.

An update report on the plan is expected to go before the March Local Committee meeting.

6. Route Development Updates

Nothing to report unless mentioned below.

Leatherhead Area

Leatherhead STP (see <http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/leatherheadstp>)

Bronwen Chinien from SCC outlined the original proposals for the bid. Feedback from the consultation was broadly supportive. Unfortunately, because of funding issues within SCC, the bid was not put forward to the LEP. The current plan is to prioritise the Randalls Road off-road shared path with a view to seeking suitable matched funding. We recommended that "off the shelf plans" be held in reserve, for future funding bids.

Bookham/Effingham area

Safe Routes to Schools (Howard of Effingham):

Planning permission for the development has gone to appeal which we understand will take place in March.

Polesden Lacey Routes:

JP offered to check back with Simon Akeroyd who had contacted the Forum on this matter some years ago

Dorking area

Dorking Southbound:

SW had drafted questions which RB raised at the last Local Committee meeting. However he reported via email that nothing further has been carried out on the route.

Dorking Transport Package (Deepdene Station):

We have been informed that works resulting from the Stage 3 Road Safety Audit are currently being programmed, this will include additional signing to make the end of the cycle route clearer in Station Approach. Improvements have been made to the road table in Lincoln Road to make it level with the adjacent footway/cycleway.

Dorking Hub

This appears to be substantially complete. Possible issues identified by JM include need to have a swipe card to gain access, also potential CCTV limitations. JM observed a user struggling to get a bike on/off the top level.

Dorking centre – Brockham link, Meadowbank links

RT had looked at the revised Planning Application for the new football group, and it does include a 1m strip on the northern edge to allow for future widening of the path.

Dene Street

Nothing further has been heard although plans may be presented at the next Local Committee meeting which may give little time for comment.

7. Other Updates

Nothing to report unless mentioned below.

MVCF Communications:

We now have the ability to enable more than one authorised person to "tweet" via the MVCF Twitter feed.

8. AOB

RT reported that the plans for the conversion to housing at the Kuoni site have published. On the plus side, there is plenty of space allocated for secure cycle parking. However, we have concerns about cycle access to/from the location - the accompanying Transport Assessment contains factual inaccuracies: a non-existing cycle route alongside the A24 and a 30mph speed limit (actually 50mph).

RT/RB to prepare and send a comment on this planning application (MO/2016/2075) before 16 Feb.

JD reported that the new Waitrose at Leatherhead had opened that morning and she was pleased to see the availability of cycle parking close by.

Penny Tyson-Davies reported by email about the possibility of reviving the upgrade of the footpath that runs parallel to Trig Street near Newdigate.

9. Next Meeting

The next formal meeting is on **Thurs 9th March at 7.00pm** in the Council Chamber, MVDC, Pippbrook, Dorking. Owing to the rescheduling of this meeting there will no informal meeting in February.