

**Minutes of MVCF Meeting, Thursday March 9th 2017
Committee Room 1, MVDC, Pippbrook, Dorking**

Present: Ron Billard (RB) [Chair], Lucy O'Connell (LO) [MVDC], Alan May [Westcott Residents], Scott Williams (SW) [South Holmwood], Eric Palmer [Leatherhead], Colin Brewer [Treasurer], John Meudell (JM) [Dorking], Bob Ball [Sustrans, S Holmwood], Sergio Conti [Hookwood], Lisa Scott (LS) [Hookwood/Charlwood], Roger Troughton (RT) [Secretary]

Apologies: Rod Shaw (RS) [MVDC], Julia Dickinson (JD) [Bookham/Effingham],

1. Previous Minutes

The discussion at the last meeting regarding mountain biking on Ranmore Common was reported in the local press. JM outlined some of the historical issues regarding mountain biking in the Leith Hill / Redlands Wood area.

2. Matters Arising, Outstanding Actions not covered elsewhere

None.

3. Police Issues; Road Casualties

Cycling Incidents: 1/1/16 – 8/3/17

P17013266 18/01/17 09:52 STATION APP LEATHERHEAD_NORTH LTHD	PEDAL CYCLIST WITH MINOR INJURIES SLID ON ICE
P17014310 19/01/17 15:11 DEEPDENE AVE DORKING	BICYCLE V. CAR SLIGHT INJURY AMBULANCE ATTENDED
P17021364 - 28/01/17 07:50 - BOXHILL RD BOXHILL	PUSH BIKE HAS CRASHED IN TO A PARKED CAR
P17033239 11/02/17 11:09 - LEATHERHEAD BYPASS RD FETCHAM DOWNS	MALE HIT BY CAR MINOR INJURY AMBULANCE DECLINED
P17040255 19/02/17 15:49 BLACKBROOK RD MID HOLMWOOD	KNOCKED OFF BICYCLE BY CAR
P17048121 28/02/17 16:10 KINGSTON RD PACHESHAM PARK LTHD	CAR VEERED INTO CYCLIST. TOUCHED NO INJURY

A map showing cycling incidents (eg. centred on Dorking) is online at <http://www.cycleinjury.co.uk/map?s=dorking> (NB. Data only goes up to 2013). An alternative source (again centred on Dorking) has data up to 2014 at <http://bikedata.cyclestreets.net/#14/51.2324/-0.3126>

It was proposed that the forum should request a cycle lane be marked through the cross hatching on the eastbound carriage-way of the A25 between The Watermill and the Wyevale Garden Centre. **RB agreed to follow this up.**

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

Drive/Cycle SMART

Whilst the "posters" for the latest campaign are clear, the messages could be clearer, eg. Give Cyclists Room to Ride - how much room? **RB offered to contact DriveSMART** to ask if they should be more specific - perhaps specify the 1.5m distance often recommended. RT noted that Cycling UK have just launched a campaign "Too Close for Comfort" to put an end to dangerously close overtaking. The forum could approach our local area representatives on the Surrey Cycling Board to request Surrey Police initiate action similar to other police forces.

5. Surrey Cycling Strategy & Mole Valley Cycling Action Plan

LO reported that, following agreement by the Local Committee, the 2014 Mole Valley Cycling Action Plan has been implemented as far as has been feasible, cycling is now "Business As Usual". It was also agreed that the focus going forward will be promoting cycling at a local level with links to the wellbeing agenda and sustainable transport. This will also have strong links to the Transform Leatherhead project.

6. Route Development Updates

Nothing to report unless mentioned below.

Leatherhead Area

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

As reported last time, there is currently no matched funding available, although it is understood that the Randalls Road proposals will go ahead.

Bookham/Effingham area

Polesden Lacey Routes:

RT has attempted to contact Jamie Parsons from the National Trust to see if he had been able to find out anything.

Dorking area

Dorking Southbound:

SW reported the progress (mainly by two men and a digger) on siding out the footway alongside the A24 starting at Deepdene Drive heading south, more recently between Spook Hill and the Holmwood underpass. There is an issue in the latter section with vegetation overhanging from National Trust land. There is talk of resurfacing to be carried out on some sections. (Latest news from is "widened and signed!")

Dorking Transport Package (Deepdene Station):

JM reported that what has been built (eg. footway widening) does not match the plans or meet standards and estimates there will have been a significant underspend. He will be taking his findings to the next meeting of the Dorking Town Centre Forum.

Dorking Hub

JM reported that following a long delay this was now finally open, although it requires a keycard (incompatible with similar parking at SW Train Stations) to gain access. There is limited cycle parking outside the new hub and there are some issues here with motorcycle parking.

Dene Street

JM reported that at the Local Committee meeting Highways had responded with a number of incorrect statements, they were also of the opinion that any remodelling could cost £100K and that they would require £10K to initiate the design. The alternative routes eg. via Moores Road did not meet safety standards (no audit had been carried out) and was impractical for mobility scooters. Furthermore there was a danger of a "take it or leave it approach" come June.

Hookwood-Charlwood

LS reported there are issues with schoolchildren in Hookwood accessing schools in Charlwood along a country lane with a 3/4 mile gap in the footway (although there is an adequate verge). A proposed housing scheme in N Horley may also be a factor here. Cty Cllr Clack is aware and looking at the issues. RB offered to assist.

LS also raised the issues with the footway along the A217 north towards Reigate. JM pointed out that if the road is classified as a strategic route, then it is possible for improvements to be implemented on the back of other schemes.

7. Other Updates

Regarding the Kuoni planning application, RT/RB have submitted a comment (which has been published) on the cycling issues.

8. AOB

SW noted that Flanchford Bridge is now open again with a single lane. Cyclists could use the footway, however access at either end could be difficult due to the approach angles.

SW also reported that there is a new cycle path between Cranleigh and Ewhurst – with a gap in the middle.

BB reported that the surface in Milton Court Lane, which had never been properly reinstated, has finally been rectified. He also noted that Cllr James Friend was arranging with Hugh (Bert) Broom to keep the vegetation under control at the Westcott end of the route.

EP raised an issue about recent works impacting the shared footway on the NE corner of the Denbies roundabout by Pixham Lane. (**RT to follow up** – the issue has since been raised with Cty Cllr Hazel Watson at her Highways Forum.)

EP also raised the issue with give-way markings in places across the cycle path alongside the A24. **RB to follow up.**

AM noted that there were reports of issues between some Westcott residents and customers of the Nirvana cycle shop.

9. Next Meeting

The next formal meeting is on **Thurs 11th May at 7.00pm** in the Council Chamber, MVDC, Pippbrook, Dorking.

The next informal meeting will be held on **Thurs 13th April at 7.30pm** in The Stepping Stones, Westhumble.