

Minutes of MVCF Meeting/AGM, Thursday September 21st 2017
Park House, off Randalls Road, Leatherhead

Present: Ron Billard (RB) [Chair], Rod Shaw (RS) [MVDC], Julia Dickinson (JD) [Bookham/Effingham], Colin Brewer [Treasurer], Peter Mayor [Leatherhead], Scott Wilson [Holmwood], Roger Troughton (RT) [Secretary]

Apologies: Lucy O'Connell (LO) [MVDC], Bob Ball [Sustrans], Sergio Conti [Hookwood/Charlwood], Lisa Scott [Hookwood/Charlwood],

1. Previous Minutes

Agreed.

2. Matters Arising, Outstanding Actions not covered elsewhere

RB had tried to contact Zena Curry (SCC Highways) about consultation issues etc., but had yet to receive a reply. RS noted that she has been on leave.

Regarding DriveSMART, RB is finding it difficult to work out how to contact them.

3. Police Issues; Road Casualties

Cycling Incidents: 8/3/17 – 10/4/17

Accidents involving cyclists in Mole Valley from 11 MAY 2017 – 12 JULY 2017	
TUMBER ST/LEECH LN HEADLEY 18/07/17 08:46	CAR AND PEDAL CYCLE CYCLIST HAS HAD A BLOW OUT AND WENT IN TO THE BACK OF THE VEHICLE. MINOR INJURY
FELDAY RD ABINGER 11/08/17 11:53	CYCLIST V. VEHICLE. MINOR INJURIES.
LEATHERHEAD NORTH - ROAD UNKNOWN 12/08/17 20:03	CYCLIST HAS RIDDEN INTO TAXI. SMALL GRAZE ON LEG AND ARM.
ANSTIE LN COLDHARBOUR 26/08/17 10:02	MALE HAS COME OFF PUSHBIKE. NO VEHICLES INVOLVED. MALE HAS A HEAD AND SHOULDER INJURY.
REIGATE RD DEEPDENE DORKING 29/08/17 08:12	CAR V CYCLIST. NO FURTHER DETAILS.
LEATHERHEAD BYPASS 02/09/17 11:14	COACH V CYCLIST. CYCLIST HAS DAMAGE TO SHOULDER AND IS WALKING AROUND.
BLACKBROOK RD MID HOLMWOOD 08/09/17 20:29	CYCLIST VS CAR. MINOR INJURY
FARM LN / DOWNS RD ASHTEAD 12/09/17 09:47	CYCLIST VS VEHICLE. NO INJURIES BIKE IS DAMAGED.
LEITH HILL RD / TANHURST LN 16/09/17 17:33	BICYCLE VS CAR CYCLIST TAKEN TO HOSPITAL
HIGH ST DORKING 17/09/17 11:36	CAR VS CYCLIST. CYCLIST TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

No common theme. PM. noted that an accident his neighbour was involved in up at Headley did not appear in this list. PM to advise RT of the "P" number so that he can follow this up with his Police contact.

PM outlined the question he raised informally with the Chief Constable regarding witnesses and evidence required for the police to take action and the resulting response that he received.

SW brought to our attention an item he had come across giving advice on "bikecam" evidence:

<http://www.bikebiz.com/news/read/ride-with-a-bikecam-advises-police-officer-and-cycling-coach/021872>

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

The issues relating to the proposed traffic management scheme for Leith Hill when drilling equipment is moved were reviewed (see details sent out along with the agenda). There is still time to write in about this as the planning committee is not now due to consider this until mid-October.

JD pointed out that following on from the recent high profile reporting of the death of a pedestrian caused by a cyclist the government has announced a urgent review of the law and a wider consultation on road safety issues relating to cycling is also planned. However, it was agreed that it is too soon to take a stand on this.

5. Route Development Updates

Nothing to report unless mentioned below.

Leatherhead area

The STP is stalled because there is no matched funding available from SCC.

Bookham/Effingham area

Safe Routes to Schools (Howard of Effingham):

The final decision on this is expected in the autumn.

Dorking area

Dorking Southbound:

SW raised a number of concerns including surface issues on the shared path from North Holmwood to mid Holmwood with vegetation growing through the tarmac which was likely to result in further deterioration. SW had reported a number of these issues (but not via SCC's online system) and no action appears to have been taken. We need to establish what the £20,000 originally set aside for Phase 5 would have been spent on.

SW understood that there are grants available from the Surrey Hills Board for promoting equestrian and cycling activities that aren't being taken up (see minutes of the Surrey Hills MTB Working Party).

SW also raised concerns about vegetation overhanging from the adjacent National Trust land, pointing out that they appear to have the resources to clear their own property. RS suggested that the most effective way forward might be to write to the NT's manager for the North Downs and has since forwarded their contact details.

RB agreed to walk/ride out the route with **SW** to identify the outstanding issues.

Dorking Transport Package (Deepdene Station):

The latest update on this project can be viewed here:

https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/140775/Dorking-STP-Poster-August-2017-v2.pdf

RT expressed concern that the signage put in to try and direct southbound cyclists up Croft Avenue and around the back of the bus shelter was not very clear. RB suggested a site visit and taking some photographs.

Dene Street

We understand John Meudell and the Mole Valley Access Group are continuing to contest the decision.

6. Other Updates

Nothing to report.

7. Financial Statement and Approval of Accounts

CB presented the accounts which were then approved – Proposer: SW, seconder: PM.

The current balance is £35.41 (no change from last year).

8. Voting in of Officers / appointment of committee

The current officers were unanimously voted in to continue for another year:

Chairman - Ron Billard, Treasurer – Colin Brewer, Secretary - Roger Troughton. Proposer: SW, seconder: JD.

9. AOB

JD noted that the local plan will move into the next stage of consultation, RS reported that studies are about to take place for both Leatherhead and Dorking on transport issues. JD expressed concern about the lack of investment in infrastructure despite jobs in Mole Valley generating a higher net worth than elsewhere. RS noted that investment is linked to growth which is far more constrained within the district.

JD also raised a concern about the Effingham neighbourhood development plan which originally referenced sustainable transport links to both Effingham and Bookham stations, although the latter reference has since been removed. RS pointed out that when a transport assessment is made the neighbourhood plans are largely irrelevant. **JD** to draft a letter for **RB** to consider sending on behalf of the forum.

RT suggested that it was time to review our list of infrastructure priorities, which should not just include new infrastructure, but improvements to existing infrastructure.

10. Next Meeting

The next formal meeting is on **Thurs 9th November at 7.00pm** in the Council Chamber, Pippbrook, Dorking.

The next informal meeting will be held on **Thurs 19th October at 7.30pm** in The Stepping Stones, Westhumble.