

Minutes of Mole Valley Cycling Forum Meeting, Thursday January 11th 2018 Council Chamber, MVDC Offices, Pippbrook, Dorking

Present: Ron Billard (RB) [Chair], Rod Shaw (RS) [MVDC], Colin Brewer [Treasurer], Eric Palmer [Leatherhead], Peter Ansell (PA) [British Cycling], Roger Troughton (RT) [Secretary]

Apologies: Sergio Conti (SC) [Hookwood/Charlwood], Lisa Scott (LS) [Hookwood/Charlwood],

1. Previous Minutes

Agreed.

2. Matters Arising, Outstanding Actions not covered elsewhere

RB has emailed Zena Curry (SCC Highways) about consultation issues etc.

RB will try Andy Reid (who kindly provides the RTC Statistics) as a route into the DriveSMART team and PC Lucy Marriott, who contacted us about cycling issues last year.

3. Police Issues; Road Casualties

Cycling Incidents:

MV RTC stats involving cyclists since 10/11/17 – 11/1/18	
PARK RSE LEATHERHEAD 01/12/17 12:28	CAR V CYCLIST – CAR PULLED OUT OF DRIVE KNOCKED CYCLIST OFF – SLIGHT INJURY
LODGEBOTTOM RD HEADLEY 18/12/17 13:07	CYCLIST CAME OFF IN ICY CONDITIONS
REIGATE RD BETCHWORTH 21/12/17 14:30	SLOW IMPACT CAR V CYCLIST / TO HOSPITAL FOR STITCH.
BUNCE COMMON RD LEIGH 22/12/17 18:45	CAR V CYCLIST - CAR PULLED OUT OF CAR PARK NO INJURIES AND DECLINED ANY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
SOUTH ST DORKING 30/12/17 20:55	CYCLIST ON PAVEMENT RODE INTO PEDESTRIAN SLIGHT INJURY
A23/A217 HOOKWOOD 03/01/18 07:23	VEH VS PUSHBIKE AMBULANCE HAS CALLED POLICE. MINOR INJURY
THE DR HEADLEY 08/01/18 07:12	VEHICLE V CYCLIST MINOR INJURY

There followed a discussion on rates of prosecution, if any, resulting from cars hitting cyclists, along with general safety issues such as poor road surfaces.

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

PA reported on road racing events held on public roads throughout the South East of England, with some 20 races deploying Accredited Marshals (AMs) in 2017. The AMs have the power to stop traffic by use of a DoT authorised sign.

PA had met with Surrey/Sussex Police Liaison to review the 2017 season and any complaints raised by the public (none in Surrey, 1 in W Sussex). The 2018 South East programme of road races, including 40 races utilising AMs was submitted for approval. All road race courses used by British Cycling are risk-assessed as the aim is to make these events as safe as possible for all concerned. Local parish councils will continue to be notified in advance of races and the events are publicised locally nearer the time.

There was a brief discussion as to how these events might be made more of a spectator sport, although it seems there is not sufficient interest at present at local level.

5. Route Development Updates

Nothing to report unless mentioned below.

Hookwood area

Reigate-Hookwood (A217)

SC reported by email that they had taken their petition (which gathered 689 signatures) to the Mole Valley Local Committee at which the Chairman (Cty Cllr Tim Hall) agreed to support the project. They are now in the process of trying to get Reigate & Banstead on board. They have also received a promising letter from Sir Paul Beresford MP.

Leatherhead area

EP reported that he understood that the shared route alongside Randalls Road was going ahead.

Dorking area

Dorking Southbound:

RB agreed to walk/ride out the route with Scott Wilson to identify the outstanding issues.[c/f]

RB has emailed Zena Currie and Anne-Marie Hannam to try and establish what outstanding work was planned for this financial year until the funding was withdrawn.

Dorking Transport Package (Deepdene Station):

RB & RT to carry out a site visit and photograph the signage on the western side which is unclear/misleading.[c/f]

Dene Street & Dorking Hub to be removed from the agenda.

6. Review of Cycle Route Priorities

It was agreed that this should be expanded to include deficiencies and additional improvements to existing infrastructure – e.g. the cycle path from Dorking to Denbies which is rather narrow in places, along with the shared section at the Burford Bridge roundabout which also is narrow, in part because of the overgrown vegetation, and has a poor surface.

RT to update the document accordingly and bring to the next meeting for signoff.

7. Other Updates

Nothing to report.

8. Next Meetings

The next formal meeting is on **Thurs 8th March 2018 at 7.00pm** in Committee Room 1, Pippbrook, Dorking.

The next informal meeting will be held on **Thurs 8th February at 7.30pm** at The Stepping Stones, Westhumble.

9. AOB

RT queried what influences how S106/CIL money from development is targeted on highways infrastructure. RS suggested that they may use the conclusions of the Infrastructure Needs Assessment.

EP had brought along a copy of SCC's 1996 Cycling Design Standards. *RT to scan and return, and place a copy for reference on the MVCF website.* RS pointed out that this is unlikely to be current now, although it is unclear what may have replaced it.

For information, a copy is now available from our website (7MB download) at:

<https://mvcf.org.uk/assets/documents/surrey-cycle-design-guide-1996> - please contact the Secretary if you require a higher resolution version.