

**Minutes of Mole Valley Cycling Forum Meeting, Thursday May 10th 2018  
MVDC Offices, Pippbrook, Dorking**

**Present:** Ron Billard (RB) [Chair], Eric Palmer [Leatherhead], Roger Troughton (RT) [Secretary], Sergio Conti (SC) [Hookwood/Charlwood], Lisa Scott (LS) [Hookwood/Charlwood], Rod Shaw (RS) [MVDC], Julia Dickinson (JD) [Bookham/Effingham]

**Apologies:** Colin Brewer [Treasurer], Peter Mayor (PM) [Leatherhead],

### 1. Previous Minutes

Agreed.

### 2. Matters Arising, Outstanding Actions not covered elsewhere

**RB** will try Andy Reid (who kindly provides the RTC Statistics) as a way into the DriveSMART team [c/f]. The section of the track near Milton Court farm between Dorking and Westcott previously raised as being "a sea of mud" has since dried out.

### 3. Police Issues; Road Casualties

Cycling Incidents:

<b>MV RTC stats involving cyclists between 7/3/18 – 9/5/18</b>	
LONDON RD PIXHAM 29/03/18 13:41	VAN HAS HIT INTO BIKE NO INJURIES
HEADLEY RD LEATHERHEAD 09/04/18 13:10	FELL OFF PUSHBIKE HIT A HUGE POTHOLE INJURED AND SOUGHT MEDICAL ADVICE
PARKGATE RD NEWDIGATE 09/04/18 14:43	BEEN HIT OFF BICYCLE BY A CAR SLIGHT INJURY
LEECH LN/LODGEBOTTOM RD HEADLEY 14/04/18 11:23	HAS COME OFF PUSH BIKE FACE FIRST TAKEN TO HOSPITAL SERIOUS INJURY
BAGDEN HILL LITTLE BOOKHAM 22/04/18 09:14	MALE FALLEN OFF BIKE GOING TO ST HELIER
LEIGH RD GADBROOK 03/05/18 12:44	CYCLIST OFF BIKE IN MIDDLE OF ROAD CAR V CYCLIST SLIGHT INJURY
BAY TREE AVE LEATHERHEAD 01/05/18 15:03	PUSHBIKE VS CAR SLIGHT INJURY

JD reported that another incident (car.v.bike) had occurred on the A246 near Griffen Way, probably after this report had been generated.

**RB** to ask Andy Reid about rates of prosecution, if any, resulting from cars hitting cyclists [c/f].

RT understands that, after a man was knocked off his bicycle in Dorking High St the driver was prosecuted and sent on a "cyclist's awareness course" and has asked Andy Reid if he can clarify. RT has also asked Andy Reid if Surrey Police are running or planning to run "close pass" initiatives or the type that other forces are now operating (these are intended to pick up vehicle drivers that drive dangerously close to cyclists and take appropriate action). RB sent a letter to the Dorking Advertiser pointing out that motorists should exercise greater care when overtaking cyclists whilst road conditions remain poor, but it was not published.

EP raised the issue of potholes. These can only be addressed if they are known about, which means reporting them: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks-and-maintenance/report-a-highway-problem>

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

Ride London – a presentation from the organisers was made to the Scrutiny Committee recently (item 62 in [https://www.molevalley.gov.uk/media/pdf/0/t/9.17th\\_April\\_2018.pdf](https://www.molevalley.gov.uk/media/pdf/0/t/9.17th_April_2018.pdf)). The event will be on 29<sup>th</sup> July this year.

### 5. Route Development Updates

Nothing to report unless mentioned below.

#### Leatherhead area

Leatherhead STP (Randalls Road, Waterway Road etc)

Apparently the proposals did not meet the criteria for LEP matched funding. Furthermore the access off Cleeve Road could not be obtained as it would cross privately owned land. The County still has S106 funding, although this may be used for public transport initiatives.

Howard of Effingham

The planning appeal was successful, so the school and housing will be built in due course. JD expressed concern that the plans in the application do not appear to have taken account of the issues raised. We need to establish what has been approved. **RB** offered to contact Dave Sharpington to confirm their assessment of the adequacy of the cycling infrastructure.

To help here JD has provided the links to the latest highways drawings, especially the proposed cycle infrastructure around the new school. As we noted, these still seem to be still based on fairly old drawings, and some changes to these approaches have happened / been agreed for other developments. Our survey would verify that:

1. All of the deficiencies noted in our previous "HoE approaches" cycle infrastructure survey will be addressed either through this development or the CIL collected from other developments;
2. Collectively, the transport contributions are focussed on
  - a. improving conditions for the increased number cyclists (at the school through positive travel planning and arising from the development, etc);
  - b. prioritised basis on the volume of likely journeys to/from services they need (nearest station, shops, doctors, library, etc).

This is the direct link to the documentation for this planning application:

[http://www2.guildford.gov.uk/publicaccess/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal= GUILD\\_DCAPR\\_156829&documentOrdering.orderBy=date&documentOrdering.orderDirection=descending](http://www2.guildford.gov.uk/publicaccess/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal= GUILD_DCAPR_156829&documentOrdering.orderBy=date&documentOrdering.orderDirection=descending)

The drawings that JD brought to the meeting were from the annexes in the [S106 agreement](#) (dated almost a year ago), but the map details are very feint. JD will try to find better links, however in the meantime please refer to:

[http://www2.guildford.gov.uk/publicaccess/files/CA9E51B168680091518A674E53A37347/pdf/14\\_P\\_02109-ADDITIONAL\\_HIGHWAYS\\_INFORMATION\\_07\\_07\\_15-821446.pdf](http://www2.guildford.gov.uk/publicaccess/files/CA9E51B168680091518A674E53A37347/pdf/14_P_02109-ADDITIONAL_HIGHWAYS_INFORMATION_07_07_15-821446.pdf) .

## **Dorking area**

### **Dorking Transport Package (Deepdene Station):**

RB has produced a report on the excessive and potentially misleading signage around the bus stop on the western side and circulated it to Surry Highways and the Local Committee.

RS queried if the stage 3 safety audit had been carried out as this would ideally pick this up.

### **Dorking Southbound:**

*RB to walk/ride out the route with Scott Wilson to identify the outstanding issues.[c/f – waiting on better weather!]*

RB has raised a question to the Mole Valley Local Committee asking what outstanding work was planned for this financial year until the funding was withdrawn.

### **Dorking – Meadowbank Links:**

Some of the paths are currently being reconstructed now that the work on the new football ground is largely complete.

## **Hookwood area**

### **Reigate-Hookwood (A217)**

SC/LS reported that the Safer Roads funding grant had yet to be decided. County Council Officers had initially indicated that the funds could not be used for these purposes, however as the DfT has confirmed that the funds can in fact be used to improve cycling safety, it was suggested that this should be raised with the Surrey County Council Cabinet Member responsible for Highways, Colin Kemp. RB also suggested that this be brought to the attention of the Cabinet Member for Health (Helyn Clack) as well as Becky Willson (SCC Cycling officer) and Dave Sharpington (TravelSMART). RB has subsequently suggested that the Cabinet Member for Children (Clare Curran) and the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport (Mike Goodman) could also be usefully targeted. Comments on the Local Transport Strategy for Reigate and Banstead are currently being accepted which might be another opportunity to promote this scheme – see <http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/reigatebansteadtransportstrategy>

## **6. Review of Cycle Route Priorities**

These were agreed with one minor update.

*RT to publish the updated list on the website and copy to appropriate Council Officers and County Councillors.*

## **7. Other Updates**

Alan Thornhill had reported a number of updates to the website which will be addressed in due course.

## **8. Next Meetings**

The next formal meeting is on **Thurs 12th July 2018 at 7.00pm** in Committee Room 1, Pippbrook, Dorking.

The next informal meeting will be held on **Thurs 7th June at 7.30pm** at The Stepping Stones, Westhumble.

## **9. AOB**

RB had had an enquiry asking about dogs and bicycles. As far as the law is concerned, there is the law – see Highway Code Rule 56: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code/rules-about-animals-47-to-58> also <https://www.cyclinguk.org/cycle/dogs-shared-path> may help. One suggestion was that dogs can become agitated by the movement of the cyclists' legs, so coasting rather than pedalling may help.

EP raised the issue that he felt the Forum did not cover the issues that road cyclists face. It was pointed out that there is a standing item (4) on the agenda. Also a number of the points raised under item 3 impact road cyclists.