

## Minutes of Mole Valley Cycling Forum Meeting, Thursday July 12th 2018 MVDC Offices, Pippbrook, Dorking

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

**Apologies:** Colin Brewer [Treasurer]

### 1. Previous Minutes

RT apologised that a couple of the links in the published minutes for the previous meeting did not work.

### 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].

RT has added the updated Cycle Priority list to the website and copied it to appropriate Council Officers and Cabinet Members in Surrey County Council.

### 3. Cycle Surrey

RS introduced this item by distributing copies of the maps for the routes over in West Surrey (more details at <http://www.surreyhills.org/discover-route/cycle-surrey-hills/>). The plan is to have similar marked routes in the Mole Valley area with the possibility of linking them up. SW noted that GO50 have a large portfolio of rides which might help form a basis for other routes. SW also noted that having ridden one of the routes over Puttenham way, that overgrown vegetation had caused a number of issues.

RS has since spoken with Rob Fairbanks and the person working on the routes is Kieran Foster of Cycling UK, also that they are aware of the vegetation issues and will provide an update when this has been addressed.

### 4. Feedback on Cycling Aspects of “Mole Valley Forward Programme”

This was an opportunity for the Forum to comment on the cycling related aspects of the Mole Valley Forward Plan which was distributed with the agenda. Note that this is only an interim review and a more detailed consultation on an updated plan will take place at a later date. A lot of the items on the plan mirror those in our Cycle Priorities, although very few have any funding actually identified. A number of comments and queries were raised and noted by RS who has since fed these back.

### 5. Route Development Updates

*Nothing to report unless mentioned below.*

#### Leatherhead area

##### Leatherhead STP (Randalls Road, Waterway Road etc)

According to RS, Councillor Edge has had some recent conversations with a member of the public who is interested in improving the cycle route from Fetcham to Therfield School – the main issue being Waterway Road. This was discussed and it was agreed that there was no obvious easy solution, although it would be appropriate to review the options when the outcome of Transform Leatherhead (due later this year) becomes clearer.

##### Howard of Effingham

Much of the discussion on this was covered under item 4. Following the last meeting, RB had spoken to County Councillor Clare Curran who agreed that a meeting would be appropriate, however she has not yet got back to him. JD had spoken to Dave Sharpington who had confirmed that this matter fell within Becky Willson’s remit. A public question raised at the last Local Committee meeting indicated that a feasibility study funded from the Integrated Transport Scheme budget is planned to look into possible pedestrian improvements at the Lower Road/Rectory Lane/Little Bookham Street junction, hopefully this will include cyclists as there is a shared route here.

#### Dorking area

##### Dorking Southbound:

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

##### Dorking – Meadowbank Links:

Some of the paths are currently being reconstructed now that the work on the new football ground is complete. RS has since reported back that work is about to start on widening the path north of the football ground leading to Ashcombe Road to about 0.5 metre. Following that work will be on widening the path on the north side of the football ground. Whilst there are plans to do something about the scrub land to the west (by Archway Place), there is nothing definite yet.

## 6. Police Issues; Road Casualties

Cycling Incidents:

<b>MV RTC stats involving cyclists since 10/05/2018 – 11/07/2018</b>	
MILL LN HOOKWOOD 10/05/18 19:24	CYCLIST VS CAR SLIGHT INJURY
RUSPER RD NEWDIGATE 13/05/18 13:06	CAR VS CYCLIST SLIGHT INJURY
CHURCH LN/HEADLEY COMMON RD HEADLEY 20/05/18 10:33	CYCLIST VS CAR SLIGHT INJURY
OAKFIELD RD LOWER_ASHTREAD 21/05/18 15:23	CAR VS CYCLIST MINOR INJURY
B2033 HEADLEY 26/05/18 14:11	CAR VS CYCLIST MINOR INJURIES
PUNCHBOWL LN DEEPDENE 26/05/18 15:03	CYCLIST V CAR CUTS BRUISING AND MINOR LACERATIONS
LONG SHW LEATHERHEAD 01/06/18 13:13	1 VEH 1 CYCLIST INJURY – TO HOSP
A24 WESTHUMBLE 02/06/18 13:22	CYCLIST KNOCKED OFF BIKE MINOR INJURY
PEBBLEHILL RD BETCHWORTH 03/06/18 08:36	CYCLIST IN ROAD DONT THINK THERE IS A VEH INVOLVED SLIGHT INJURY
EPSOM RD/BRAMLEY WAY ASHTREAD 10/06/18 13:35	CAR VS CYCLIST MINOR INJURIES
POVEY CROSS RD HOOKWOOD 14/06/18 17:25	CAR V PUSHBIKE INJS WERE MINOR
GUILDFORD RD FETCHAM 22/06/18 14:26	CAR AND PEDAL CYCLE MINOR INJURY NO MAJOR TRAUMA
RUCKMANS LN/WEARE ST OCKLEY 23/06/18 13:47	CAR V CYCLIST TAKEN TO HOSP
A24 DORKING 25/06/18 07:10	CYCLIST VS CAR CYCLIST IS INJURED AMB ATTENDED
HAMPSTEAD LN DORKING 03/07/18 16:56	CAR V BIKE CYCLIST TO HOSP
CHURCH LN HEADLEY 06/07/18 17:44	CYCLIST VS CAR MINOR INJURY
LONDON RD PIXHAM 06/07/18 1830	KNOCKED OFF OF BIKE BY A CAR SCRATCHES AND BRUISING
A24 PIXHAM 09/07/18 15:06	CAR V CYCLIST MINOR INJURY

A significant number of incidents are listed for this period, possibly due to an increase in cycling with the summer weather. It was noted that virtually all involve a car and a cycle. JD noted that another incident (car.v.bike) on the A246 near Griffen Way, which occurred just after the last meetings' report, does not appear in this report. Andy Reid had responded as follows about a question raised regarding the Cyclist Awareness Course & Close Pass Initiative (the latter has recently become Government policy). It appears that a couple of operations have been carried out, however there are concerns it would impact patrolling capability if done on a regular basis. However when these operations are carried out they are advertised via social media etc. as they do bring the subject to the attention and awareness of the public. There is also partnership work happening to make this part of the Drive Smart Scheme basically to educate and improve safety for all road users.

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

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

Nothing to report.

## 8. Other Updates

The updates to the website pointed out by Alan Thornhill have now been completed.

## 9. Next Meetings

Owing to the non-availability of key people in September, the next formal meeting will be held on **Thurs 11th October 2018 at 7.00pm** in Committee Room 1, Pippbrook, Dorking. This will also incorporate the AGM. The next informal meeting will be held on **Thurs 9th August at 7.30pm** at The Stepping Stones, Westhumble.

## 10. AOB

We have been approached by the Mary Frances Trust who are looking for support to relaunch their 'Men on Wheels' project, the aim being to deliver an activity for men to help with their Mental Health and Wellbeing. It was agreed that details be copied to the distribution list for the Forum. JD suggested that BikeAbility personnel (as freelancers) might be interested in leading rides.

EP raised concerns about the state of the surface on Headley Road. RB offered to raise a question at the next Mole Valley Local Committee meeting. EP also raised concerns about the state of Randalls Road beyond the Crematorium.

SW noted that weekly highways bulletins are available at

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/seasonal-information-for-road-users/highways-bulletin>