

**Minutes of Mole Valley Cycling Forum Meeting/AGM, Thursday November 7th 2019  
Council Chamber, MVDC Offices, Pippbrook, Dorking**

**Present:** Ron Billard (RB) [Chair], Colin Brewer (CB) [Treasurer], Scott Williams [Holmwoods], Rod Shaw (RS) [MVDC], Eric Palmer (EP) [L'head], Kevin Stroud (KS) [Dorking], Roger Troughton (RT) [Secretary]

**Apologies:** Peter Ansell (PA) [British Cycling], Peter Mayor (PM) [Leatherhead]

**1. Previous Minutes**

Agreed.

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

RB has responded to Surrey Highways on behalf of the Forum with our concerns about the proposed Bell Lane/School Lane (Fetcham) traffic calming scheme involving road tables.

RB has postponed contacting Clare Curran about arranging a site meeting to discuss Howard of Effingham Routes for the time being (pending general election etc.)

Regarding the possible inclusion of a cycle lane through cross-hatching on the A25 between the Watermill PH and the Wyevale Garden Centre it was suggested that **EP** raise a question at the next Local Committee – **RT** to provide **EP** with details.

RT reported that Surrey Highways have now repainted the worn on-highway cycle signs in North Street (Dorking).

RT wrote to Rob Fairbanks (Surrey Hills AONB) expressing the support of the Forum in developing the off-road route between Denbies & Coldharbour. Subsequently a further letter of support was sent to Diane Cooper at Surrey County Council. (EP repeated his concerns about the opening up of this route.)

**3. Route Development Updates** (Nothing to report unless recorded below.)

**Leatherhead area**

RS reported that consultation on the Mole Valley Local Plan (Future Mole Valley) will be from 3rd Feb - 16th Mar. This would provide an opportunity to comment on the proposed (cycling) connectivity for new developments.

**Dorking area**

**Dorking Southbound:**

Regarding the report that RB had been preparing, RT suggested that **RB** send a copy to **SW** to annotate.

SW reported that it appears that after various interventions the issue with the hedge overgrowing the route by the Old School is about to be addressed. RB to prime Helyn Clack with questions on route signage & surfacing prior to her meeting with Surrey Highways scheduled for next Monday (11th Nov)

**Dorking centre – Meadowbank links:**

At the recent Mole Valley Environment Forum RT had mentioned the possibility of improving cross-Dorking cycling connectivity by developing a route along the northern side of the football ground and then past Archway Place through to North Street. (The Forum had first suggested this when the football ground redevelopment was being consulted on). Cllr Malcolmson had asked for more information. RS expressed some concerns and, as these are footpaths, suggested that **RT** contact SCC Rights of Way (Claire Saunders) for their views. **RT** to revise and reissue our proposals.

**4. Police Issues; Road Casualties**

Cycling Incidents:

<b>MV RTC stats involving cyclists since – 23/08/2019 – 07/11/2019</b>	
LODGEBOTTOM RD HEADLEY 13/09/19 09:05:57	CAR VS PUSH BIKE UNKNOWN INJURIES
CRADDOCKS AVE/WOODFIELD LN ASHTEAD 13/09/19 17:15:21	FRONT TYRE OF VEHICLE HIT BICYCLE CAUSING PERSON TO FALL OFF MINOR INJURY.
OXSHOTT RD LEATHERHEAD_COMMON 23/09/19 08:50:00	CAR VS CYCLIST MINOR INJURIES
POUND CR FETCHAM 10/10/19 06:29:56	CYCLIST CLIPPED STATIONERY VEHICLE AMBULANCE CALLED FOR INJURIES
RIVER LN LEATHERHEAD 19/10/19 12:43:46	CAR VS CYCLIST MINOR INJURY
ASHCOMBE RD DORKING 20/10/19 18:02:07	INTOX AND TRYING TO RIDE A BICYCLE FELL OFF DUTY PARAMEDIC ASSISTED NO INDICATION OF INJURY
P19258560 ACCIDENTS - MILL LN DORKING_TOWN 07/11/19 00:06:38	CYCLIST INVOLVED IN RTC WITH ANOTHER CYCLIST AMBULANCE CALLED TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

RB had an outstanding action to put in a FoI request to establish the rates of prosecution resulting from cars hitting cyclists, however after some consideration it seems difficult to see how these statistics might be correlated.

## **5. Cycling Issues: Road Racing/Sportives/Off-Road**

Nothing to report.

## **6. MVCF Communications**

Website – RT has been able to confirm that a new home has been found for the website which is based on the same software platform as the existing hosting service with Surrey Communities, and work has commenced on copying across. However, this is a good opportunity to review the format and the content.

## **7. Dates and Venues for Future Meetings**

The next formal meeting of the Forum will be on **Thurs 13th February 2020 at 7.00pm** in the Council Chamber, MVDC Offices, Pippbrook, Dorking.

The next informal meeting will be **Thursday 23rd January** from **7.30pm** in **The Stepping Stones, Westhumble**

## **8. Financial Statement and Approval of Accounts**

CB presented the accounts which were then approved – Proposer: RT

The current balance is £35.41 (no change from last year), with an outstanding amount of £9.59 due.

## **9. Voting in of Officers / appointment of committee**

The current officers were voted in to continue for a further year:

Chairman - Ron Billard, Proposer: RT

Treasurer – Colin Brewer, Proposer: KS

Secretary - Roger Troughton. Proposer: RB

## **10. AOB**

Four members of the Forum (RT, RB, CB, PM) attended the recent Mole Valley Environment Forum as cycling, as a form of transport, can play an important role in combating climate change.

At the beginning of the meeting there was a discussion on the merits, or otherwise, of the different methods used by Highways to patch the local roads.

**CB** to review the signatories to the Forum's bank account, as two are no longer regular attendees.