

## Minutes of Mole Valley Cycling Forum Meeting, Thursday May 28th 2026 Held at MVDC Offices, Pippbrook, Dorking

**Present:** Lisa Scott (LS) [Chair; Hookwood/Charlwood], Roger Troughton (RT) [Secretary; Dorking], Cllr Bradley Nelson (BN) [Holmwoods], Ian Houghton (IH) [Bookham], Julia Dickinson (JD) [Bookham] Robert Whitcombe (RW) [Fetcham Residents Association (FRA)]

### Apologies:

John Arnold (JA) [Treasurer; Dorking], Eric Palmer [Leatherhead], Peter Mayor [Leatherhead]

### 1. Previous Minutes

Accepted.

### 2. Matters Arising and Outstanding Actions from previous meetings not covered elsewhere

JA reported via email that his approach to Cllr Steven Cooksey for some funding for the Forum (eg to cover website expenses) had been too late. JA is planning to approach Cllr Cooksey again once we have more of an idea of how the new East Surrey authority is structured and where the most appropriate funding is located so that we can maximise success. BN commented that details of what might be available and how, will be on the list of the matters that the new shadow authority will be addressing.

### 3. Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)

BN relayed the Officer report whose understanding is that the final tweaks are being carried out to the feasibility, with a little more to do on Bookham Core Walking Zone and Dorking Core Walking Zone because of the previous delay to allow the Masterplan adoption to occur.

No more stakeholder workshops are planned. The focus is on moving forward to wider public consultation.

Hence the latest timescales we have are:

- 2026/27 Q2 - Local member re-engagement on final feasibility scheme designs (after May 2026 election period)
- 2026/27 Q3/Q4 – public consultation (subject to SCC Divisional member approval)

No further workshop sessions are scheduled, and it is understood is that SCC's intention is to conclude the feasibility in the summer and then undertake the public consultation.

The news that there would be no further stakeholder involvement was received with significant disquiet by members of the Forum in attendance.

LS recommended to JD that when the public engagement starts, she organise a social media campaign including suggested bullet points for the public to submit as to how the proposed design could be improved. There is need to be mindful that a negative campaign could result in the proposals being shelved or abandoned.

LS reported that Gatwick has received a grant to develop their own LCWIP and that they are engaging with her.

JD reported that following on from the news that the Howard of Effingham school will not now be rebuilt, the builder has submitted changes to the planned housing. However, as this is all in the Guildford area, any S106 money will likely go in that direction. It was noted that as there are legal requirements for walking and cycling facilities, any new development will need to include these.

### 4. BMX Track

RT had queried the status of the contract with Cllr Nick Wright who was going to follow this up. LS has been in touch with Pat Smith with a view to organising an event to promote the track ahead of the summer holidays, possibly as part of Love Parks Week at the end of July. Currently Public Liability insurance is covered by MVDC.

### 5. Route & Infrastructure Updates (where there is anything to report)

#### Bookham/Effingham area:

20mph signs have been installed on the roads around the "squareabout".

#### Leatherhead/Fetcham area:

The Bull Hill planning application reference MO/2025/02695 – the Forum to submit comments likely based upon those already submitted by FRA, and to encourage other members of the Forum who live in Leatherhead to contribute comments if they have not already done so.

#### Dorking Area:

Meadowbank: *RT to copy the Forum's original proposals for a cycle route around the football ground to BN and Cllr Wright.*

#### Westcott-Dorking Shared Route (NCN 22)

BN had approached SES Water with a view to connecting the route through to Curtis Road to avoid the narrow section in the Vincent Lane – West St – Station Road area, however their response was it would not be possible, quoting that the installations were critical national infrastructure as the reason. Others present indicated they knew

of other locations where there were boreholes located in areas with public access (eg. Fetcham springs, near Elmer treatment works, field SE of Shere). Anyone with relevant information to advise BN.

#### **6. Gatwick DCO**

No news other than that mentioned earlier regarding a separate LCWIP for the Gatwick area.

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

SCC maintains a list of forthcoming sporting events, including road cycling, in the coming months - see <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/traffic-and-travel/sporting-events>

#### **8. Local Government Reorganisation and MVCF**

Dorking will have a Parish Council (which is expected to convert to a Town Council).

Following the recent elections Cllr Andrew Matthews has been appointed the Cabinet Executive Member for Transport, Highways and Infrastructure on the newly formed East Surrey Shadow Authority.

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

The next formal meeting of the Forum will be in the **MVDC Offices**, Pippbrook, Dorking in Committee Room 1, at **7.00pm** on **Thurs 23rd July**. It was suggested that we hold an interim informal meeting on **Thurs 25th June** at **The Stepping Stones, Westhumble**, from 7pm.

#### **10. AOB**

Nothing was raised at the meeting.