

**Minutes of MVCF Meeting, Thursday July 9th 2015,**  
Park House, Randalls Road, Leatherhead

**Present:** Ron Billard (RB) [Chair], Rod Shaw [MVDC], Peter Mayor [Leatherhead], Mike Ward (MW) [Leatherhead], Eric Palmer (EP) [Leatherhead], David Preedy (DP) [Surrey Cycling Board], Rob Fairbanks (RF) [Surrey Hills AONB], Colin Brewer (CB) [Treasurer], Roger Troughton (RT) [Secretary]

### 1. Apologies

Peter Silburn [Horsham/Dorking], Mark Panton, Gail Brownrigg, Cllr Corinna Osborne, Chris Law (CL) [Surrey Police]

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

EP had received a long, but not particularly informative response regarding the road surface issues near Tyrell's Wood, which poses safety problems for cyclists. DP indicated that the failure to repair the road may have been because the wrong section of road was resurfaced. **DP offered to raise the matter with Cty Cllr Hazel Watson.**

### 3. Police Issues; Road Casualties

Cycling incidents logged 08/05/15 – 09/07/15 are listed below – there are no obvious patterns:

P15125334 OLD REIGATE RD BETCHWORTH 16/05/15 15:39:26
CAR STATIONARY WITH INDICATOR ON WAITING TO TURN RIGHT FROM OLD REIGATE RD INTO THE STREET, CYCLIST CAME UP FROM BEHIND AND HIT THE REAR MY BOOT ON THE N/S/R - CAUSING MINOR DAMAGE. CYCLIST OFFERED CAR DRIVER £50 ON THE SPOT TO PAY FOR DAMAGE
P15138435 VINCENT LN DORKING 30/05/15 16:27:34
CAR VS CYCLIST, MINOR HEAD INJURY, CYCLIST CONCIIOUS + BREATHING, NO HEAVY BLEEDING, LUMPS ON HEAD FROM INCIDENT. CYCLIST CASUALTY HAS BEEN TAKEN TO EPSOM HOSPITAL AS A PRE CAUTIONARY MEASURE FOR HIS INJURIES. ARB COMPLETED
P15140145 WOODFIELD LN ASHTEAD 01/06/15 16:47:41
RTC ON THE LEVEL CROSSING CAR V PEDAL CYCLE, CYCLIST 16 YOA BOY ON PEDAL CYCLE - MINOR FACE AND ARM INJURIES. ARB COMPLETED
P15142940 COLES LN OCKLEY 04/06/15 13:30:05
CYCLIST HAS COME OFF OF THEIR BIKE IN THE ROAD NO OTHER VEH BELIEVED TO BE INVOLVED. SLIGHT INJURY RTC MAX DAMAGE BROKEN RIBS - COMPLAIN OF TENDERNESS RTC OCCURED WHEN INJURED PARTY COLLIDED WITH OTHER CYCLISTS WHO CAME AWAY WITH A GRAZED ELBOW. ARB COMPLETED
P15147925 09/06/15 16:09:36 BRIDGE ST / NORTH ST LEATHERHEAD
PEDAL CYCLIST HAS COME OFF BIKE AT SPEED HAS HIT BRICK AT SPEED 15-20 MPH DOWNHILL , FLOWN 10FT IN AIR. ARB MINOR INJURY
P15148717 KINGSTON RD LEATHERHEAD 10/06/15 13:37:14
CYCLIST HAS COME OFF BICYCLE NO ONE ELSE INVOLVED POSSIBLY DISLOCATED SHOULDER I/P HAS SUSPECTED BROKEN COLLAR BONE. ARB COMPLETED
P15159414 REIGATE RD / STATION RD BETCHWORTH 21/06/15 12:07:08
CAR VS CYCLIST NO OTHER INFO. THIS WAS FOUND BY A PASSING AMB CREW - SLIGHT INJURY - CUT TO LEG AND FACE - ARB
P15166541 MILL WAY HEADLEY 28/06/15 10:28:04
CHARITY CYCLE RIDE FROM LONDON TO BRIGHTON VERY MINOR INJURY CYCLIST GONE THROUGH A HEDGE WITH CUTS TO HER ARM ARB
P15168163 HORSHAM RD BEARE_GREEN 30/06/15 01:42:31
INFORMANT KNOCKED OFF BICYCLE BY A DRIVER, MINOR INJURIES AND DAMAGE TO CYCLE. ARB
P15168976 RUSS HILL CHARLWOOD 30/06/15 20:08:10
AMB REQUESTING ATTENDANCE CYCLIST HAS GONE INTO THE TREE HE WAS HAVING A SEIZURE BELIEVED MINOR INJURIES AT THIS STAGE
P15173030 YOUNG ST FETCHAM 04/07/15 15:30:05
CAR V PEDAL CYCLE ONE MALE INJURED LOST CONSCIOUSNESS NOT LIFE THREATENING. INJURY IS SMALL FRACTURE TO THE LOWER SPINE.DEEP LACERATION TO HAND AND MULTIPLE LACERATIONS TO BACK ARB TO BE RETAINED BY RPU
P15174786 TILLEY LN/CLAY LN HEADLEY 06/07/15 12:15:21
CYCLIST HAS FALLEN OFF PEDAL CYCLE IN ROAD HAS A SHOULDER INJURY C&B. ROAD IS COMPLETELY BLOCKED ARB NO OTHER VEHICLE INVOLVED
P15176653 1147 KINGSTON RD LEATHERHEAD 08/07/15 09:29:31
CYCLIST HIT BY CAR ON ROUNDABOUT MINOR INJURY TO LEFT ANKLE ARB

**RT** to contact **CL** to see whether the suggestion that young people be educated about overtaking horses, whether on a bicycle or in a car can be taken to DriveSMART.

### 4. Cycling Issues – Rob Fairbanks, Director, Surrey Hills AONB

Rob gave an overview of the AONB which covers around 25% of the county. The AONB runs the Surrey Hills Mountain Bike Working Group to help influence the impact of this activity. The area around Leith Hill – Peaslake is a magnet for MTB'ers. Working with other parties they helped create the dedicated MTB route on Leith Hill which has led to the number of complaints about mountain biking going down dramatically. The NT are supportive and working with Sustrans they are looking to create a network of down-hill MTB trails linking in other routes, some of which may be more family-friendly. They have also established the Surrey Hills Trust Fund to help manage existing trails and

fund new ones. Rob also proposed the removal of white lines down the centre of lanes to help reinforce the idea of a shared space.

At this point the floor was handed over to David Preedy who will be representing Parish Councils on the Surrey Cycling Board which will be responsible for monitoring the implementation of the Surrey Cycling Strategy. David offered to keep us "in the loop" with respect to this board.

For the Box Hill and Headley area he noted the main issue is on-road cycling and the sheer number of organised events. Whilst roads are only closed for Ride London, there are 18 other weekends when events are scheduled, and in between there are many cyclists checking out or practising on the route. Apparently the Zig Zag Road features as the second most regularly cycled climb on Strava. The profile of the residents of the area is such that they often feel intimidated by the numbers, even though only a small minority of cyclists behave badly.

## **5. Surrey Cycling Strategy – Mole Valley Local Cycling Plan**

### Mole Valley Cycle Event

RT spoke to Becky Willson (SCC Cycling Officer) about the follow up to the Mole Valley cycling event: They are currently collating the responses and adding them to a map which will be available for further comment from the public at another event to be held during the summer. The final outcome will then be taken to the Local Committee. More recently Becky has reported that they may piggy-back onto an event MVDC are planning on Saturday 19th September. Whilst the focus of this event is on responsible dog-ownership, they are keen to tie in the walking for health scheme and therefore cycling *might* fit well with this too.

### MVCF Cycle Scheme Priorities

SCC has no definitive list of priorities as such although the Cycling Strategy gives good pointers. A lot depends on where the funding comes from. Currently schemes that deliver Sustainability and Economic Growth are seen as important. The preference is for high quality off-road / off-carriageway or wide shared-use paths, as these are seen as the only way to attract new cycle users.

## **6. Route Development Updates**

*Nothing to report unless mentioned here.*

### Leatherhead-Ashted Cycle Path

A number of issues have been rectified here, so a further review may be in order. It would be interesting to see the data from the cycle counters to see the take-up.

### Safe Routes to Schools (Howard of Effingham)

RB noted that JD has submitted a comprehensive report to the planning application for the new school.

### Dorking Centre – Meadowback links

RB, RT and RS attended a positive meeting with other MVDC officers and consultants at the end of May.

**RS** offered to talk to John Menlove to find out if there are any updates.

## **7. Off Road Issues**

*Covered during the discussion with RF and DP.*

## **8. Road Racing/Sportives**

*Covered during the discussion with RF and DP.*

## **9. Other Matters**

### Coast to Capital:

### Transform Leatherhead

**RB** to respond on behalf of the forum (NB. Consultation ends 10th July).

### Dorking Transport Package (Deepdene Station)

From the forum 's perspective the key improvements involve widening/extending the cycle path between Deepdene Station and Dorking Station. This consultation closes on Fri 31 July.

## **10. MVCF Communications (Website etc.)**

RT has set up a Twitter account (@MVCyclingForum) for the forum, but has not tweeted from it yet. **RT** to provide **RB** with the account details.

## **11. AOB**

EP queried if there was a new edition of the Highway Code, as there was some query over the passing distance for vehicle overtaking cycles. NB. The Highway Code is available online at: <https://www.gov.uk/highway-code/contents>  
RT raised a couple of issues received by email from Rob Hedgecock, and has responded on the NCN22 issues.

## **12. Next Meetings**

The next formal meeting is on **Thurs 17th September at 7.00pm** in Committee Room 1, MVDC Offices, Pippbrook, Dorking. This meeting will also include the AGM.

The next informal meeting will be held on **Thurs 13th August at 7.30pm** in The Stepping Stones, Westhumble.