

**Minutes of MVCF Meeting/AGM, Thursday September 1st 2016,  
Park House, Randalls Road, Leatherhead**

**Present:** Ron Billard (RB) [Chair], Julia Dickinson (JD) [Bookham/Effingham], Aldith Bruty (AB) [Bookham], Alan May (AM) [Westcott Residents], Eric Palmer (EP) [Leatherhead], Colin Brewer (CB) [Treasurer], Roger Troughton (RT) [Secretary]

### 1. Apologies and Previous Minutes

Lucy O'Connell (LO) [MVDC], Rod Shaw (RS) [MVDC], Scott Williams (SW) [South Holmwood], Peter Mayor [Leatherhead], Jenny Bowall [Brockham], Penny Tyson-Davies [British Horse Society, Newdigate]

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

The MVCF Route Development Priorities have been finalised and published.

**RT** to check with Bob Ball to see if he has been able to contact Anita Guy at Surrey Highways regarding her offer of a site meeting about the surface issues on Milton Court Lane.

### 3. Police Issues; Road Casualties

Cycling Incidents: 12/07/16 – 24/08/16

CYCLING ACCIDENTS MOLE VALLEY TO 24/8/2016	
P16158707: TRAFFIC RELATED RANDALLS RD LEATHERHEAD 14/07/16	INTOXICATED MALE WHO CAME OFF HIS PUSH BIKE AND HAS A HEAD INJURY
P16160725: ACCIDENTS WOODLANDS RD LEATHERHEAD 17/07/16	RIDER HAD MEDICAL EPISODE POLICE AND AMBULANCE CALLED.
P16173176: ACCIDENTS RANMORE COMMON RD RANMORE DORKING 01/08/16	CAR WITH LOAD METAL HAS COME OFF AND HIT CYCLIST ON THE HEAD

RB has contacted the local police with the suggestion of getting an item published in the Dorking Advertiser.

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

JD raised a concern about adverse publicity regarding the Ride London event regarding a Bookham family that experienced a medical emergency and who had complained about difficulties that they faced. It was agreed that on behalf of MVCF, **RB** would write to James Taylor (Ride London) to press for their views and any lessons learnt. There was also some concern over the local knowledge of the stewards. Later in the meeting, AM offered to contact James Taylor regarding the information given to stewards at the event.

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

MVDC's Lucy O'Connell provided some updates subsequent to the meeting which are summarised here:

The Active Travel Officer left at the end of July as his contract had come to an end as there wasn't the funding to continue the role. However, working with Reigate and Banstead Borough Council and Sustrans it has been possible to secure an Active Travel Officer who will work with us one day a week. Meanwhile Surrey County Council have received confirmation of the Bikeability Plus funding they have been allocated from September 2016 to 2020. We are working with SCC and Sustrans to look at how this funding can be used to support and enhance the active travel work currently taking place within Mole Valley and Reigate and Banstead.

SCC as the Local Transport Authority, have submitted an application to support the Sustainable Transport LEP bid for Leatherhead (see also item 6). If successful, this revenue funding will also enable us to engage with local schools, businesses and communities, continuing the work started with Sustrans and the Active Travel Programme.

MVDC have submitted the "Wheels, Hooves and Feet" application as part of the Tourism Cooperation Bid which, if successful, will support economic growth in the rural areas of Mole Valley in the Surrey Hills.

In August the 'Big Event' was held on Meadowbank to celebrate the opening of the new playground and promote active lifestyles for children and families as part of our wellbeing agenda. To support this, Dorking Cycling Club and British Cycling were invited to run a series of children's coaching sessions to encourage young people to lead healthy and active lives whilst building participants confidence and promoting responsible and safe cycling. Whilst an engagement session for Dorking is still highlighted as outstanding in the Local Plan, it was not appropriate to try and tie this in with the Meadowbank event which had a different target audience.

### 6. Route Development Updates

*Nothing to report unless mentioned below.*

#### Leatherhead Area

RS reported by email that as part of Transform Leatherhead they are looking at the opportunities to improve cycling and pedestrian facilities. The routes are dictated by the need to improve the economic function of the town. Those being considered are the obvious ones of Waterways Road (on the west side) through to the Station and the route

along Randalls Road (opposite the housing side) to the industrial/office uses on the north west side of Leatherhead. They would also like to improve links along the river frontage. Inevitably the widths are not always ideal and there are pinch points in places. They need to keep the bid under £5m, and they are aiming to submit a business case in September.

JD mentioned that there is an item on the next Local Committee agenda for a pedestrian crossing facility at the junction of Cleeve Road & Randalls Road which has been designed to be upgradeable to shared use subject to the LEP bid.

### **Bookham/Effingham area**

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

Planning permission for the development has gone to appeal which means nothing is going to happen until the result of this is known.

### **Dorking area**

Dorking Southbound: SW reported by email that nothing further has happened. RB has queried the costings and the impact on this cycling improvement budget, and a partial response was received indicating that the cost of the provision of the barriers last financial year was £4,095.

## **7. Other Updates**

*Nothing to report unless mentioned below.*

Polesden Lacey Routes AB offered to check with NT officers about any plan.

Dorking Transport Package (Deepdene Station): Work is well under way, with the current status at:

<http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads-and-transport-policies-plans-and-consultations/major-transport-projects/mole-valley-major-transport-schemes> (see under "Find out more").

Dorking Hub: The response to RB's enquiry about progress was that work was due to start before the end of August (Sec's note: on passing Dorking Station following the meeting, this does indeed appear to be the case).

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

CB presented the accounts which were then approved – Proposer: JD, seconder: RB. The current balance is £35.41.

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

The current officers were unanimously voted in to continue for another year: Chairman - Ron Billard, Treasurer - Colin Brewer, Secretary - Roger Troughton. Proposer: JD, seconder: EP.

## **10. AOB**

Two queries have reached us via the website. The first regards the petition raised by a Leatherhead driving instructor to ban cycling on the A24. It is possible this petition may be discussed at the next Local Committee meeting.

The other query was regarding the right of way along the shared footway outside the Tesco Express on the Reigate Road in Dorking. RT had raised this in the past with County Councillors and Surrey Highways, as a result of which some signs had been put up. RT queried whether a safety audit would be appropriate here.

Dene Street – RB has written to Surrey Highways requesting a contraflow for cyclists.

## **11. Next Meetings**

The next formal meeting is on **Thurs 10th November at 7.00pm** in the Council Chamber, MVDC, Pippbrook, Dorking. The next informal meeting will be held on **Thurs 13th October at 7.30pm** in The Stepping Stones, Westhumble.