

**Minutes of MVCF Meeting, Thursday November 10th 2016,  
Park House, Randalls Road, Leatherhead**

**Present:** Ron Billard (RB) [Chair], Rod Shaw (RS) [MVDC], Scott Williams (SW) [South Holmwood], Eric Palmer (EP) [Leatherhead], Colin Brewer (CB) [Treasurer], Peter Mayor [Leatherhead], Roger Troughton (RT) [Secretary]

**1. Apologies and Previous Minutes**

Aldith Bruty (AB) [Bookham], Alan May (AM) [Westcott Residents], Paul Tunnell [British Racing, Addiscombe CC], Julia Dickinson (JD) [Bookham/Effingham]

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

Bob Ball has had a useful site meeting with Anita Guy [Highways] and Cty Cllr Hazel Watson about the surface issues on Milton Court Lane and maintenance on the new shared track at the Westcott end.

**3. Police Issues; Road Casualties**

Cycling Incidents: 01/09/16 – 08/11/16

P16199175 ACCIDENTS LOWER RD FETCHAM LTHD 01/09/16	CYCLIST WENT INTO BACK OF A CAR. CYCLIST SUSTAINED MINOR INJURIES. DETAILS WERE EXCHANGED AT THE SCENE.
P16199749 ACCIDENTS ABINGER RD LEITH HILL 02/09/16	CYCLIST HAS FALLEN OFF HIS BIKE HAS A HEAD INJURY.WENT TO HOSPITAL
P16201351 ACCIDENTS LOWER RD FETCHAM 04/09/16	PUSH BIKE VS JEEP MINOR INJURY
P16207882 ACCIDENTS 12/09/16 COBHAM RD FETCHAM	PUSHBIKE HIT A CURB STATES THAT THE CYCLIST OBTAINED MINOR INJURIES
P16213676 ACCIDENTS HIGH ST DORKING TOWN CENTRE 18/09/16	STATIONARY VEH OPENED CAR DOOR CAUSING CYCLIST TO COLLIDE INTO IT RESULTING IN INJURIES INCLUDING CUTS AND GRAZES AND BRUISING TO LEFT SHOULDER AND BOTH KNEES.
P16215625 ACCIDENTS COBHAM RD FETCHAM 21/09/16	KNOCKED A YOUNG BOY OFF HIS PEDAL CYCLE SLIGHTLY INJURED
P16216118 ACCIDENTS PIXHAM LN PIXHAM 21/09/16	CAR VS PUSH BIKE. HEAD INJURY
P16216933 ACCIDENTS YOUNG ST FETCHAM DOWNS 22/09/16	PERSON KNOCKED OF BICYCLE BY CAR PUNCTURE WOUND TO LEG.TAKEN TO EPSOM GENERAL.
P16219259 ACCIDENTS TILLEY LN HEADLEY 25/09/16	2 CYCLISTS HAVE COLLIDED MINOR INJURY
P16235256 ACCIDENTS 15/10/16 NEWTON WOOD RD ASHTEAD	BOY FORCED OFF BICYCLE BY PASSING CAR .NO INJURY .DAMAGE TO BICYCLE.
P16243931 BRIDGE ST LEATHERHEAD 26/10/16	CAR V PEDAL CYCLE MINOR INJURY
P16252754 ACCIDENTS ABINGER LN ABINGER COMMON 05/11/16	MALE WHO HAS BEEN KNOCKED OFF PUSH BIKE BY VEH HEAD INJURIES SLIGHT INJURY RTC.

In future **RT** would ask if it was also possible to include the approx. time of the incident.

**RB** to enquire as to whether the DriveSMART events being held for youngsters covered cyclist awareness.

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

**RB** would write to James Taylor (Ride London) to press for their views and any lessons learnt.

AB forwarded the information that the NT currently have a big problem with mountain bikers creating trails and jumps through the SSSI on Ranmore Common. (See also Polesden Lacey Routes).

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

Nothing to report other than the Mole Valley cycling plan and map is now online and publicly accessible:

<https://www.travelsmartsurrey.info/cycling/district-and-borough-cycling-plans/mole-valley-cycling-plan>

NB. This does allow for comments, eg. additional cycle routes can be suggested.

**6. Route Development Updates**

Nothing to report unless mentioned below.

**Leatherhead Area**

Under the STP (see <http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/leatherheadstp> ) there are proposals for:

- an off road cycle route (by means of a wide, shared pedestrian and cycling pathway from the station along Randalls Road) leading to an on-road cycle route on Cleeve Road to reach the Springfield Drive Business Park;

- improving cycling access through Mole Valley Business Park;
- provision of a toucan crossing at Mill Lane across Waterway Road along with an improved pedestrian and cycle route north along Waterway Road to the junction with Bull Hill

There is little detail on the proposals (which are constrained by the need to keep the bid under £5M). Members of the Forum are urged to attend one of the public exhibitions and comment on the proposals. They are being held at:

Leatherhead Leisure Centre (Sat 12 November, 10am–2pm; Sat 19 November, 10am–2pm);

Leatherhead Theatre (Sat 26 November, 11am–4pm)

Comments can also be submitted online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RQJ92NQ>

EP reported that timings on a set of traffic lights near Leatherhead Station had been unnecessarily altered. It was suggested that he report this online – eg. see <http://travel.surreycc.gov.uk/trafficsignals.aspx>

### **Bookham/Effingham area**

Safe Routes to Schools (Howard of Effingham):

Planning permission for the development has gone to appeal – this is likely to take place in early 2017.

### **Dorking area**

Dorking Southbound:

SW reported that SCC Highways had installed barriers in the underpass for a second time but immediately after they had been vandalised. Furthermore that the Parish Council is very disappointed that on both occasions the barriers were inadequately installed. Since then Highways have insisted that no further time or money will be spent trying to reinstall them. SW was particularly concerned that effectively another year has passed without anything benefitting cyclists. Moreover Highways seem to have ignored the request to prioritise erection of the signage. It was agreed that **SW would draft questions to be raised by RB at the next Local Committee meeting.**

Dorking North

The petition raised by a Leatherhead driving instructor to “ban” cycling on the A24 was discussed at a SCC Highways meeting on 9th November. The outcome may be read on p6-7 of <http://bit.ly/2f3vG6x> (link had to be shortened!) EP reported that trees and other vegetation adjacent to the cycle path between Givons Grove and Leatherhead had been removed, thus improving sightlines.

Dene Street

Following representations from John Meudell at the last Local Committee meeting, it was decided that a feasibility assessment of installing a cycle lane and facilities for mobility scooters on this one-way system would be carried out, and the design team are currently progressing this work.

## **7. Other Updates**

*Nothing to report unless mentioned below.*

Polesden Lacey Routes:

Following AB’s approach to the NT we hope to have Area Ranger Jamie Parsons with us at the January meeting.

Dorking Transport Package (Deepline Station):

Work is theoretically complete however, included within the Stage 3 Road Safety Audit there are recommendations for improved signing to make it clearer where the route starts and finishes, particularly on Station Approach. Also, signs are to be installed to make it clearer to cyclists that they should not cycle in front of Bus Stop A on the west side of the A24, and that they should instead use the ramp behind the bus stop. SW commented that the ramp could be difficult for a mother + toddler + shopping and it was suggested that this be one of our criteria for commenting on future designs.

Dorking Hub:

The old cycle sheds have been removed, but work has been delayed owing to services been uncovered in the vicinity. (Sec’s note – it appears that construction has since restarted.)

MVCF Communications:

*RT to look into methods for sharing access to the MVCF Twitter feed to enable more than one person to “tweet”.*

## **10. AOB**

RT had attended Cycle Infrastructure Design Workshop organised by the West Sussex Cycle Forum, which had been useful. Of note, Sustrans have published a handy guide to help interpret the changes to cycle signs in TSRGD 2016: ([http://www.sustrans.org.uk/sites/default/files/file\\_content\\_type/tsrgd\\_2016\\_cycling\\_and\\_walking\\_changes\\_technical\\_information\\_note\\_41.pdf](http://www.sustrans.org.uk/sites/default/files/file_content_type/tsrgd_2016_cycling_and_walking_changes_technical_information_note_41.pdf))

## **11. Next Meetings**

The next formal meeting is on **Thurs 12th January at 7.00pm** in the Council Chamber, MVDC, Pippbrook, Dorking. The next informal meeting will be held on **Thurs 8th December at 7.30pm** in The Royal Oak, Chart Ln S, Dorking RH5 4DJ.