

**Minutes of MVCF Meeting, Thursday July 13th 2017  
Council Chamber, MVDC, Pippbrook, Dorking**

**Present:** Ron Billard (RB) [Chair], Rod Shaw (RS) [MVDC], Peter Ansell (PA) [British Cycling], Eric Palmer [Leatherhead], Roger Troughton (RT) [Secretary]

**Apologies:** Lucy O'Connell (LO) [MVDC], Colin Brewer [Treasurer], Julia Dickinson (JD) [Bookham/Effingham]

**1. Previous Minutes**

Agreed.

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

**RB** to contact Zena Curry (SCC Highways) about:

1: Give-way markings in places across the cycle path alongside the A24 which are contrary to guidance used elsewhere by SCC, eg. Sustrans "Handbook for cycle friendly design" (2014).

2: The recent works impacting the shared footway on the NE corner of the Denbies roundabout by Pixham Lane.

3: To ask that the Forum be more regularly consulted where any proposed plans have an impact on cyclists.

**RB** offered to contact DriveSMART to ask if their latest campaign could be more specific – eg. to specify the 1.5m overtaking distance often recommended – action Carried Forward.

**3. Police Issues; Road Casualties**

Cycling Incidents: 8/3/17 – 10/4/17

<b>Accidents involving cyclists in Mole Valley from 11 MAY 2017 – 12 JULY 2017</b>	
ASHCOMBE RD/LONDON RD PIXHAM 12/05/17 10:51	PEDAL CYCLE ONLY. SLIGHT INJ.
LERET WAY LEATHERHEAD 13/05/17 11:02	BICYCLE V. CAR MINOR INJ
COLDHARBOUR LN COLDHARBOUR 14/05/17 19:26	CAR V. BICYCLE. DETAILS EXCHANGED
KINGSTON RD LEATHERHEAD 18/05/17 18:55	CAR V CYCLIST NO INJ CONFIRMED
TAPNERS RD LEIGH 21/05/17 11:26	REPORT OF FOUR CYCLISTS FALLING OFF. ONE MINOR INJ
STATION APP LEATHERHEAD 23/05/17 18:02	BICYCLE V. CAR MINOR INJ
LONG SHW LEATHERHEAD 08/06/17 16:14	PUSHBIKE VS CAR MINOR INJURIES
LONDON RD PIXHAM 17/06/17 12:37	CYCLIST V PEDESTRIAN SLIGHT INJ
LEATHERHEAD RD LOWER_ASHTHEAD 21/06/17 08:02	CAR V CYCLE. CYCLIST TAKEN TO HOSPITAL
NEWDIGATE RD LEIGH 21/06/17 20:10	CYCLIST VS CAR CYCLIST TAKEN TO HOSPITAL
THE RIDGEWAY FETCHAM 30/06/17 14:37	CYCLIST VS VAN SLIGHT INJURY
BOXHILL RD BOX HILL 02/07/17 13:53	CYCLIST CAME OFF AFTER HITTING POT HOLE MINOR INJ
OAKLAWN RD LEATHERHEAD 02/07/17 07:16	FELL OFF BICYCLE SLIGHT INJ
YEW TREE RD/ASHCOMBE RD DORKING 11/07/17 09:13	CAR V CYCLIST MINOR INJURY

It was noted that the central Leatherhead area seems to feature a lot this time, often around commuting time.

**RT** to follow-up up with the police whether an incident such as "CYCLIST CAME OFF AFTER HITTING POT HOLE MINOR INJ", would this result in the pothole being reported automatically to Surrey County Council for repair.

Update: the incident report confirms that the Council have indeed been made aware of the pothole.

**PM** offered to informally contact the Chief Constable for his views on the perceived reluctance by the police to take action. Carried Forward

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

PA noted that the London Surrey professional event has been awarded World Tour Status with the big name teams participating.

RS reported that Mole Valley have set up a website ([www.hellomolevalley.co.uk](http://www.hellomolevalley.co.uk)) to help local businesses take advantage of the Prudential RideLondon event..

PA reported that British Cycling's accredited marshall scheme is operational. They did pass the details to the association of local parish councils and when permits are issued one of the criteria is that the parish councils the race runs through are notified.

**5. Surrey Cycling Strategy & Mole Valley Cycling Action Plan**

LO suggested that as work on these is effectively now complete that this item be removed from the agenda. LO has also indicated that a discussion might be held on setting suitable targets and monitoring these.

## 6. Route Development Updates

*Nothing to report unless mentioned below.*

### Leatherhead area

RS reported that a traffic survey will be undertaken at some stage. Traffic along Randalls Road is expected to increase with the housing development planned, not to mention if the Dorking Recycling Centre is closed.

### Bookham/Effingham area

Safe Routes to Schools (Howard of Effingham):

The public enquiry ended on June 2, the final decision is expected in the autumn.

### Dorking area

Dorking Southbound:

*RB to raise issues regarding signage and overhanging vegetation. Carried Forward.*

RT suggested that reporting the vegetation via the SCC website might be more effective - see

<https://www9.surreycc.gov.uk/highwayproblem/LocateProblem.aspx?GISDefectTypeId=2> (although the budget for these activities has apparently been reduced).

It looks like the funding for Phase 5 for 2017/18 has been reduced from £20,000 to £0. It would be useful to identify what was planned for Phase 5.

Dorking Transport Package (Deepdene Station):

The latest update on this project can be viewed here:

[https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0015/132081/Dorking-STP-Poster-May-2017-v2.pdf](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0015/132081/Dorking-STP-Poster-May-2017-v2.pdf)

Dorking Hub

RB confirmed earlier reports that the Hub usage is still around 25% whereas the open cycle racks (18 places) are consistently full.

Dene Street

At the recent meeting, the Local Committee agreed to accept SCC Highways report (which contains a number of technical errors) which rejected a contra-flow cycle lane.

It is believed that John Meudell together with the Mole Valley Access Group will continue to contest the decision.

## 7. Other Updates

Nothing to report.

## 8. AOB

Concern was expressed about the pinch points where pedestrian refuges have been introduced, the result can be very scary for cyclists – the A25 either side of Dorking has a number of these.

EP has a copy of the old SCC Cycle Infrastructure Design Guide which he offered to bring along.

## 9. Next Meeting

The next formal meeting, which will also include our AGM, is on **Thurs 21st September at 7.00pm** in Park House, Randalls Road, Leatherhead.

The next informal meeting will be held on **Thurs 17th August at 7.30pm** in The Stepping Stones, Westhumble.