

**Minutes of MVCF Meeting, Thursday November 9th 2017  
Council Chamber, MVDC Offices, Pippbrook, Dorking**

**Present:** Ron Billard (RB) [Chair], Rod Shaw (RS) [MVDC], Julia Dickinson (JD) [Bookham/Effingham], Colin Brewer [Treasurer], Sergio Conte (SC) [Hookwood/Charlwood], Lisa Scott (LS) [Hookwood/Charlwood], Eric Palmer [Leatherhead], Roger Troughton (RT) [Secretary]

**Apologies:** Penny Tyson-Davies [Newdigate, British Horse Society], Gail Brownrigg [Horse Drawn Carriage Drivers]

### 1. Previous Minutes

Other than a couple of date errors in item 3, agreed.

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

**RB still to contact Zena Curry (SCC Highways) about consultation issues etc.**

On DriveSMART, RB is finding it difficult to work out how to contact them.

JD had decided not to proceed with the forum sending a letter re the Effingham neighbourhood development plan.

### 3. Police Issues; Road Casualties

#### Cycling Incidents

MV RTC stats involving cyclists: 21/09/17 – 09/11/2017	
ST JOHNS RD LEATHERHEAD 21/09/17 20:13	CYCLIST HAS BEEN KNOCKED OFF THEIR BIKE. SLIGHT INJ.
LODGEBOTTOM RD HEADLEY 24/09/17 11:07	VEH VS PEDAL CYCLE– INJURY CONVEYED TO HOSPITAL BY AMBULANCE
GARLANDS RD LEATHERHEAD 02/10/17 12:08	VEH VS PEDAL CYCLE NO CONTACT MINOR INJURY -
OTTWAYS LN LOWER ASHTEAD 03/10/17 18:20	CAR DOOR OPENED – CYCLIST KNOCKED OFF –TO HOSPITAL FOR CHECK - BRUISING
CRADDOCKS AVE ASHTEAD 12/10/17 12:26	CAR VERSUS CYCLIST MINOR INJURY
HARRIOTTS LN LOWER ASHTEAD 17/10/17 18:35	FALLEN OFF HIS BIKE AND INJURED FACE / NO VEHICLES INVOLVED
OAKLAWN RD LEATHERHEAD 29/10/17 19:48	CAR VS CYCLIST MINOR INJURY

**RB recalled that he was still planning to enquire of the police what the prosecution rate is when a cyclist is injured by a vehicle driver.** It was noted that the government has announced plans for tougher sentencing guidelines –

see <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/life-sentences-for-killer-drivers>

Scott Williams has provided the following link at which cycle incident stats can be viewed:

<https://bikedata.cyclestreets.net/collisions/#12/51.2313/-0.2806/opencyclemap>

Data is from DfT/police STATS19 up to December 2016. NB. This link is centred on Dorking, but the map can be moved. RT passed around screenshots centred on both Dorking and Leatherhead as this can be useful in identifying accident hotspots.

A similar service is offered by <http://www.crashmap.co.uk> although you have to register to view detailed data (there may be a cost involved here). SC pointed out that these maps only show accidents logged by the police.

In an attempt to reduce accidental “dooring” of cyclists, Cycling UK and RoSPA amongst others have been promoting the “Dutch reach” – eg. see

<https://www.rospace.com/road-safety/advice/pedal-cyclists/sharing-the-road-together-drivers-cyclists/dutch-reach/>

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

LS reported that the proposed Traffic Management Plan for the Leith Hill drilling site was discussed a couple of weeks ago by the Surrey County Council Planning Committee and was rejected as still not fit for purpose. LS also reported, somewhat alarmingly, that at a similar active site at Horsehill, lorry drivers are under orders not to slow down, to prevent protestors “jumping” the vehicles.

### 5. Route Development Updates

*Nothing to report unless mentioned below.*

#### Hookwood area

##### Charlwood-Hookwood

No update at present.

##### Reigate-Hookwood (A217)

SC & LS reported that there is DfT money currently being made available to improve road safety on the A217 between Reigate and Hookwood – this is part in Reigate & Banstead and also in Mole Valley. Surrey Highways

claim that there are not enough cycling incidents to justify improvements for cyclists, although it appears they may be using out of date data. However, it also seems that the current plans do not utilise all the possible funding available! There already exists a fairly wide footway although this is overgrown in places.

There is a petition to provide a safe, fit for purpose, segregated shared cyclepath / footpath along the Reigate to Horley A217 as part of the current Safer Roads Improvement plan – see <https://petitions.surreycc.gov.uk/ReigateRoadcycle/> (sic)

### **Leatherhead area**

EP raised concerns about money being spent on enhancing Church St whilst none was available for improving cycle paths. RS explained that S106 money was collected under specific headings, which directed how this money was spent. RS noted that there are plans to make improvements to the highways infrastructure around Leatherhead which might benefit cyclists.

### **Bookham/Effingham area**

Safe Routes to Schools (Howard of Effingham):

The decision on this has been referred to the Secretary of State and is now expected by the end of January.

### **Dorking area**

Dorking Southbound:

**RB** agreed to walk/ride out the route with **SW** to identify the outstanding issues.[c/f]

**RB** to ask what the £20,000 originally set aside for Phase 5 would have been spent on at the next Local Committee meeting (Nov 30th).

Dorking Transport Package (Deepdene Station):

New cycle shelters are currently being installed.

**RB & RT** to carry out a site visit and photograph the signage on the western side which is unclear/misleading.

Dene Street

We understand that any contest against the decision has been dropped.

## **6. Review of Cycle Route Priorities**

RT apologised for forgetting to bring along copies of the existing priorities. It has been suggested that this could be expanded to include additional improvements that have been recognised, eg. the cycle path from Dorking to Denbies which is rather narrow in places, along with the shared section at the Burford Bridge roundabout which also is narrow, in part because of the overgrown vegetation, and has a poor surface.

**ALL** to email [molevalleycyclingforum@gmail.com](mailto:molevalleycyclingforum@gmail.com) with suggestions, ideally by 14 December for review at the next formal meeting of the Forum in January.

## **7. Other Updates**

Nothing to report.

## **8. Next Meetings**

The next formal meeting is on **Thurs 11th January 2018 at 7.00pm** in the Council Chamber, Pippbrook, Dorking. The next informal meeting will be held on **Thurs 14th December at 7.30pm** at The Plough, Leigh.

## **9. AOB**

Penny Tyson-Davis had reported via email that she will hopefully have news with regard to a new bridleway quite soon, and also still hopes some funding will eventually be available for the Trig Street upgrade.

EP raised a couple of issues regarding road surfaces in the Headley and Tyrells Wood areas.

EP said that he had a copy of SCC's Cycling Design Standards and would bring it along to a future meeting.