

**Minutes of Mole Valley Cycling Forum Meeting, Thursday March 8th 2018
Committee Room 1, MVDC Offices, Pippbrook, Dorking**

Present: Ron Billard (RB) [Chair], Rod Shaw (RS) [MVDC], Colin Brewer [Treasurer], Eric Palmer [Leatherhead], Peter Ansell (PA) [British Cycling], Roger Troughton (RT) [Secretary], Sergio Conti (SC) [Hookwood/Charlwood], Lisa Scott (LS) [Hookwood/Charlwood], Peter Mayor (PM) [Leatherhead], Julia Dickinson (JD) [Bookham/Effingham]

Apologies: John Meudell [Dorking], Penny Tyson-Davies [British Horse Society, Newdigate]

1. Previous Minutes

Owing to a misunderstanding it was incorrectly reported in the minutes for the last meeting that there was progress on the Randalls Road shared path.

2. Matters Arising, Outstanding Actions not covered elsewhere

RB will try Andy Reid (who kindly provides the RTC Statistics) as a way into the DriveSMART team [c/f].

RT has scanned EP's copy of SCC's 1996 Cycling Design Standards which can be downloaded from <https://mvcf.org.uk/assets/documents/surrey-cycle-design-guide-1996> (7MB)

3. Police Issues; Road Casualties

Cycling Incidents:

MV RTC stats involving cyclists between 11/1/18 – 07/03/18	
HORSHAM RD BEARE GREEN 15/01/18 06:01	MOTORCYCLIST V CYCLIST. CYCLIST TO HOSPITAL MINOR INJURY
GUILDFORD RD FETCHAM 22/01/18 08:51	KNOCKED OFF BICYCLE BY CAR ON ROUNDABOUT SLIGHT INJURY.
CHART DOWNS DORKING 25/01/18 10:21	CAR VS CYCLIST .DAMAGE TO CAR AFTER HIT BY CYCLIST.BELIEVE INJURY TO CYCLIST
LERET WAY LEATHERHEAD 27/01/18 10:37	ONE OF TWO CYCLISTS CLIPPED CAR AND CAME OFF NO INJURIES REPORTED.
CHURCH ST LEATHERHEAD 05/02/18 10:22	CAR CLIPPED CYCLIST FROM BEHIND WHILE BOTH MOVING AWAY FROM TRAFFICI LIGHTS.
NORWOODHILL RD CHARLWOOD 08/02/18 18:27	BICYCLE HAS COME OUT FROM UNDER SOLO CYCLIST WHILE TURNING.SLIGHT INJURY.
B2033 HEADLEY 09/02/18 16:32	CAR V PUSHBIKE NO INJURY MENTIONED
RANMORE RD DORKING 09/02/18 16:40	CYCLIST SLIPPED ON MUD WHILE RIDING.MINOR INJURY
KINGSTON RD/APERDELE RD LEATHERHEAD 12/02/18 13:41	CAR PULLED OUT AND KNOCKED OFF CYCLIST WHO WAS ON WRONG SIDE OF ROAD.NO REPORT OF INJURIES
LEECH LN HEADLEY 18/02/18 14:04	CYCLIST HAS BEEN HIT BY A CAR.MINOR INJURY
ST JOHNS AVE LEATHERHEAD 20/02/18 21:00	CAR V CYCLIST NO INJURIES
ST JOHNS AVE LEATHERHEAD 20/02/18 15:46	BIKE COLLIDED HEAD ON WITH A CAR.CYCLIST TO HOSP FOR CHECKS.

There followed a discussion on rates of prosecution, if any, resulting from cars hitting cyclists, along with general safety issues such as poor road surfaces. *RB to ask Andy Reid about this. RB also suggested he might write to the local newspapers pointing out that motorists should exercise greater care when overtaking cyclists whilst road conditions remain poor. Perhaps we might encourage Drive Smart to highlight this issue.* The tweet from Surrey Roads Police say cycle lanes are 'not fit for purpose' was also mentioned.

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

PA reported that British Cycling had organised balance bikes and helmets for a pilot at Charlwood Village School as a way of introducing children to cycling. PA also reported that SCC as owners of the Aviva site, had been approached with a view to setting up a traffic-free cycling track for children at that location.

5. Route Development Updates

Nothing to report unless mentioned below.

Leatherhead area

Howard of Effingham

The result of the planning appeal is expected on 22 March.

Dorking area

Dorking Transport Package (Deepdene Station):

RB & RT have carried out a site visit and photographed the signage on the western side which is intended to direct cyclists to a route away from the bus stop yet despite excessive signage, it is unclear and potentially misleading. A report will be produced.

Dorking Southbound:

RB to walk/ride out the route with Scott Wilson to identify the outstanding issues. [c/f – waiting on better weather!]

RB has raised a question to the Mole Valley Local Committee asking what outstanding work was planned for this financial year until the funding was withdrawn.

Dorking – Meadowbank Links:

A petition to improve some of the paths around Meadowbank is due to be brought before the next Mole Valley Local Committee. RS understands that improvements to a number of paths are already being planned.

Hookwood area

Reigate-Hookwood (A217)

SC/LS reported that: following the comment from Duncan Knox (SCC) that the money for safer roads couldn't be used to fund cycling improvements, they had heard back from Sir Paul Beresford MP and Jesse Norman MP (Under Secretary of State for the Department for Transport) that this is not the case and so they were going back to Duncan Knox on this matter.

6. Review of Cycle Route Priorities

RT has updated the document, however a number of other suggestions were made during the meeting which will require further revision. (*Action: RT*)

7. Other Updates

Nothing to report.

8. Next Meetings

The next formal meeting is on **Thurs 10th May 2018 at 7.00pm** in the Training Hut behind the main Pippbrook building (a map will be sent out with the next agenda).

The next informal meeting will be held on **Thurs 5th April at 7.30pm** at The Stepping Stones, Westhumble.

9. AOB

Following concerns that it was difficult to gain cooperation from (for example) Highways Officers, RS suggested it might be more effective to put pressure on the politicians, as officers are very much constrained by the resources they are allocated.

SC/LS reported that the Reigate & Banstead Cycle Forum has been revived.

EP raised some concerns regarding the cycle racks and other street furniture in Church St, Leatherhead.

CB mentioned that a section of the track near Milton Court farm between Dorking and Westcott was "a sea of mud".

RB offered to contact the farmer, Hugh (Bert) Broom.

RT mentioned the email received from Penny Tyson-Davies about the multi-user path alongside Trigg Street (Newdigate) which appears to be gaining traction.