

**Melksham Area Community Safety Group Meeting**  
**Minutes of meeting on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2010**

**Present:** Colin Goodhind (Chair), Win Rose (Minutes Secretary), Brian Mudge, Mike Mills, Mark Griffiths, Diane Tandy, P.C. Kevin Harmsworth, Maggie Giddings, Town Projects Development Officer, John Davis, Wiltshire Youth Canoe Club,.

**Apologies:** Duncan Hames, Rowena Green

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes were agreed as a correct record

**Matters Arising**

Colin reported that we are keeping an eye on the problem with hedge cuttings on the road from Challymead to Broughton Gifford

**Bluez 'n' Zuz event**

The next event would be on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> April at the Kings Arms. A grant of £500 has been given by the Area Board. Kevin asked for members to email him with ideas for future venues.

**King George V Playing Field**

Kevin gave an update. The behavior on the Playing Field is a priority. A Youth Worker had patrolled the site at the weekend. Two CCTV cameras were due to be installed in a couple of month's time

John reported problems with the walling underneath the veranda on each side of the building. Last year when the children's exams were finished they were found to be 'skinny dipping'. Kevin said if anyone saw this happening would they please call the Police Station.

Maggi asked if they had got funding for the cameras and John replied that several grants had been applied for. Four cameras were estimated to cost £3,000.. The Area Board should be asked for a grant. More lighting was needed and we should consult Abbey about lighting. **CG**

**Update from Melksham Police**

Kevin reported that Redfly units, similar to miniature laptops, have been given to every Police Constable. The Town Council AGM went well. Wiltshire's crime figures were one of the best in the country. The Council will remove equipment from the play area in Heather Avenue. Speed Watch is arranging flashing lights on Semington Road. **CG to check with Abbey.** The burglar who broke into the Jewellers had been arrested. Kevin gave a warning about rogue traders and is working with Selwood Housing to try and make people's houses more secure. He has posted out an email about counter terrorism.

The Committee congratulated our Police on the crime figures.

**Neighbourhood Watch**

It was suggested that we hold a meeting on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> September in the Assembly Hall to discuss this.

**Payback Scheme**

Kevin reported that in Melksham the Pay Back Scheme had put in 634.25 hours work, which was about £3,500 worth of work.

**Date of next Regular Meeting**

The date of our next meeting would be Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2010.