

KIPPAX TRADERS ASSOCIATION

**The next meeting will be held at Black & Cream Coffee Shop at 6pm
on Wednesday 7th May. You are welcome to attend**

Minutes of meeting held 2nd April 2014.

Present:- Pat (Pats Sweets), Jan & Ben (Smith & Gummerson), Jayne (Dodgesons), Peter Lawrence (Brigshaw Trust), Pete Mudge (LCC) Karen (Black & Cream), Vic (Ann Marie)

Apologies:- Hassan (Post Office).

Peter (Brigshaw Trust):- After speaking to Paul Flintoft about the 'Tour de France' flags proposal it has been decided that each School in the area will design a flag with the Tour theme in mind. An 'Artist in Residence' will be appointed to work with the schools so there will be 8 different designs (one from each School) and 64 flags will be printed (one for each of the flag poles in the High Street.) Local printers have been approached to price for the printing of the flags and it is anticipated that some funding will have to be found to meet the cost.... Peter stated that the Trust are aware of a number of sources to claim from. He also suggested asking if the Traders would be willing to make some form of contribution.

The Friends of Brigshaw Trust are proposing to hold a Gala Day, in Allerton Bywater, in July (Sat. 12th July was suggested). Possibly with a 1st World War theme. There will be Traders Stalls and Peter said that any Traders wishing to have a stall on the day would be welcome.

As regards the 'Pop in Café'/'Dry Pub' idea in Kippax, the search for suitable premises has so far drawn a blank but the Trust are still looking and ask that any ideas for premises be submitted. It had been hoped that the Halifax premises might be suitable but too many problems caused this to be not viable. It was suggested that the Alldays unit might be suitable while it was still empty and Pete agreed to give Peter the Owners contact details so that he might approach him. Peter said that Cllr Wakefield was assisting where he could.

(Peter left the meeting after these discussions).

Seniors Unit:- will be 2 office units. One is already occupied and the second is imminent.

Alarm Shop:- It was noted (happily) that the shop front shutters are up and the window displays lit up...looking very nice too.

Barclays:- Pete has approached Barclays to replace the missing 'Miner' mitif

Hermitage:- The Regenerating Officer is to report to the Council Executive Board as to the formal support for further action in the Compulsory Purchase procedure. (Pat agreed to approach Mark Mills for details of the present position)

Old School Site:- Jan said that on the local social network sites (face book)..local opinion favoured the use of the site for the Community ..e.g. a Skate Park or other

youth facilities rather than for elderly residential. Pete said that while it was agreed that Youth should be a priority, in this instance the Council have earmarked this site as being ideal for elderly accommodation.

Alldays unit:- Pete to approach Mark Mills with an update.

Halifax Unit:- Pat said that the Halifax Lease is almost up (building owned by Lloyds) and Kippax In Bloom have been told to remove all the posters in the windows by the end of April...when the unit will then stand empty.

With regard to Kippax In Bloom ... Pat has asked if anyone can donate an 'old fashioned bike' to use in display (please let Pat know if you have).

Commercial:- everybody appears to be happy now.

Discussion was held as to the disruption caused in the High Street by the Roadworks now in progress. Pete said that the works going on now were to the Kerbs and channels, and were the necessary works prior to re-surfacing the road (which it was agreed was well overdue). Information has gone out to the traders stating that the re-surfacing will be done on Sundays, and how this is intended to be carried out. This will unavoidably affect the businesses which trade on Sundays .. at the moment works are behind programme.

Pat reported that she had tried to contact the police to invite them to this meeting without success. Pete suggested that it would be an idea to set up a 'Shop Watch' scheme, and Pat agreed to try and contact the Police again to get them to the next meeting, with this idea in mind.

The next meeting was set for Wed. 7th May, 6.00pm at Black and Cream.