

KIPPAX TRADERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held Wed. 4th June 2014

Present :- Pat (Pats Sweets), Christine (Goodalls), Neil & Tony (Discount Tyres)
Pete Mudge (LCC), Vic (Ann Marie Fashions).

Apologies:- Jayne (Dodgesons), Paul & Mark (Security shop), Nikki (Newsagent)
Hassan (Post Office) Karan (Black & Cream), Catherine (Brigshaw Trust)

Catherine was unable to attend at the last minute but had reported to Pete that the proposed Tour de France Flags project had hit a problem in that a meeting of head teachers had decided that some of the pupils submitted drawings which were 'not appropriate' and should be re-done. It was questioned as to why, when an advisory artist in residence had been employed, that this situation should occur at this particularly late stage. It has been stressed on how run up time to the Tour is now critical to get banners printed and erected. Pat is to try and find out when the banners will be available.

Paul Flintoft has said he is willing to put up the banners ... with a little help. Pete suggested that the help would come from Brigshaw Trust.

The Halifax Unit :- The Halifax have possession of the building until mid August, and in view of the condition of the existing posters (which have been there for a number of years) Area Support and traders managed to gain permission and a new display was managed by AST and Brigshaw Cluster. Picture below:



Pat has received an update from Mark Mills (Leeds CC) as to the position of sites in the High Street which in brief states:-

The Hermitage: The Council Executive Board has approved the principle of further development in the village centre and a development brief to procure a developer being prepared. A draft will be shared with traders with consultation before finally being taken to the Exec. Board. The potential use of Compulsory Purchase Powers has been noted although the Council are still attempting negotiation with the owner.

Discussions will take place with existing businesses and their requirements are being considered.

Alldays Unit : The freehold sale is progressing. The buyer has subsequently requested an additional small area of land which has delayed completion, but the legal process is progressing.

Old School Site : The site has been earmarked for older peoples accommodation and will be marketed in June with interested developers being given 8 weeks to submit offers to the Council. After analysis of the offers further information should be available late summer/early autumn. Meanwhile the vegetation growth on site will be treated/cut back.

Barclays unit : It was noted that the decals look good. Pat to chase up re cleaning the building down

Alarm Shop : It was noted that the sign is still not erected.

Ex Ice Cream Parlour : is to re-open as a Nail Bar.

Kippax in Bloom :- Pat reported that the Judging for Britain in Bloom would take place on Tuesday 5th August.

Discussion took place as to how to 'market' the Village by way of a Web Site and Media (e.g Facebook). The basic problem being physically setting up a site. Vic mentioned the British Independent Retailers Association who could probably help with this. Pete agreed to try and get more information.

The resurfacing of the High Street has now been re-programmed and will be carried out on 4 Sundays starting Sunday 22nd June. There will be road closures and letters are to be sent to affected residents/businesses and information boards will be in place.

Tony and Neil questioned as to whether or not the CCTV cameras on the High Street were working. After a recent break in Police had said there were no recorded pictures and that they were not working. Pete reported that LCC pay £33.000 to have the cameras monitored, they certainly should be working and he will check to make sure this is the case.

Pete reported that a group of Government experts were to visit Kippax to assist development of the neighbourhood plan for the High Street

A petition with regard to the re-closure of Jumbo's nick is at Jasons (Hairdressers).

Will all supporting parties please sign the petition in Jasons.

The date for the next meeting will be decided shortly.