

KIPPAX TRADERS ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes Wed. 22nd Aug.

**Present:- Christine & Nicky (Goodalls), Helen Carr, David (Co op),
Karen (Black & Cream), Vic.**

Apologies:- Pat, Mary (and Vic for being ever so late).

Thanks to Karen for moving furniture round to allow the meeting to be held at Black and Cream.

It was commented on that, in view of the fact that the Co-op had been broken into 4 times in the past few weeks the lack of Police presence in the village was particularly noticeable, and concern was expressed as to whether Kippax was being looked on as ‘an easy touch’.

David said that he did not think this was the case, and that the reason for the break ins (aimed at TV’s and cigarettes) was down to the fact that security was generally not as good as it could be throughout the Co-op group, and that Kippax was not the only branch to have been targeted recently.

The break ins had been recorded on camera and arrests had been made following the incidents.

As Pete Mudge was not at this meeting we were not able to have his usual report as to properties in the High Street.

The Royal Oak is fully fenced off but it does not appear that any work is actually been carried out.

It appears that the new development adjacent to the Swann is in the finishing stages and some fitting out is taking place.

Helen said that, with regard to the Cottages, the rendering was being looked at on Friday (24th Aug).

The Ex. Travel agents (next to Jasons)...Karen said she had spoken to the new owner (Paul) who had plans to open as a ‘one stop shop’ hopefully supplying general building and plumbing labour needs as well as Alarms (not selling general DIY in competition with Torville’s).

It was commented that complaints had been rumoured about the narrow alley between Jasons and Truffles being closed off. (Locally known as Jumbo’s Nick..

So named after an elephant got stuck in there!!!!) The alley has been closed of for eleven years now and was closed off because it was being used as a toilet, depository for rubbish and for drugs (used needles being evident). The complaint is apparently from an 89 yr. old resident who used to have a garage (some yrs ago) behind Jasons shop. An appeal can be made against the complaint and it was generally agreed to support this appeal, if necessary.

The general appearance of the High Street was again complimented, but, visits to the Chinese takeaway and Snooker Cue building had brought no response. The Chinese takeaway refusing to fly the flag for either the Jubilee or the Olympics.

At the last meeting Pete Mudge suggested that in might be appropriate to use the Gable end of the cottages as some sort of a mural by way of a Miners tribute and Helen said that she would be in agreement with this idea.

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It was generally agreed that Black & Cream was a pleasant venue to meet so the next meeting was fixed for Wednesday 19th Sept. at 6.00pm.