

Kippax Traders Association

Meeting Wed. 6th Feb 2013

Present:- Pat, (Pats Sweets). Helen Carr, Vic,(Ann Marie), Christine (Goodalls)
Pete Mudge (LCC)

Apologies:- Mary (Ann Marie), Emma (Florist), Karen (Black & Cream)
(Karen was unable to attend but had still made arrangements
To enable the meeting to be held at Black & Cream)

As this was the first meeting for over 2 months it was agreed to make a general up to date run down of the High Street.

Old School Site....Although it still looks as though the likeliest development will be old peoples housing, nothing has yet been finalised. Pete reported that he was to attend a meeting with Leeds Assets Management on Friday. It was noted that the old School and Date stones were to be re-used.

The Old Toilet Block (Wells Garden) site.....it was reported of a possible re-submission of plans for residential building on the site.

The Royal Oak site....there has been a re-submission of plans reducing the number of residential units from 13 to 7 plus the small retail unit originally proposed. It was noted that some work had been carried out on the site over the Christmas period, mainly site clearance and the construction of a stone boundary wall to the East side of the site (which appears to follow the line of the original boundary).

Youth Club Buildings.....it was reported that the new owners of Cross Hills Fisheries had questioned the boundaries of the Youth club buildings access, and objected to the Planters in front of the Youth Club. The planters have since been removed.

Emsleys shop unit...the outside to the unit frontage has been spruced up and it appears that it will be re-opening.

Barclays Bank....are working on sprucing up the frontage to the unit, the yard behind the gates has been cleared up and it is intended to clean down the brickwork when the weather picks up.

All Days unit...Pete reported that the Post Office had shown interest in taking the unit but he could not definitely state any further development from the P.O.

Helens Cottages....the Gable end mural is definitely going to be a scene depicting Coal mining. Helen requested that she be given some input as to the design. Pat reported that due to the 'rough' nature of the rendered finish too much detail would not be possible. It was hoped that work would start by beginning of March (hopefully

with an improvement in the weather) and the work would be done on a tower rather than erecting scaffold. Hopefully this would tie in with the Judging down the High Street for Yorkshire in Bloom, scheduled between 22nd March and 12th April.

The Old Nursery.....Helen reported that the road closure on Sunday (3rd) was due to a re-routing of water supplies (and installation of meters) to the proposed new flats in order to achieve acceptable water pressures. This was now completed. Helen further reported that work was being held up by what she thought were over zealous planning stipulations (types of window frames etc etc).

Pete offered to try and ascertain what the problems were and try and sort something out.

The Hermitage....the promised enforcement work to 'make the building safe' has still not started, even though it was stated definitely to be January. It now appears that it 'may' start in the spring.

The Tattoo shop.... This unit is now empty, but it is possible that it may be taken over by the Parish Council as HQ from which to administer the proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan (which is due to be finished by 2015.)

Jumbo's Nick.... The Councils Right of Way Team state that only a Government Inspector can decide to keep it shut and under the UK Law they have no option but to open it. Councillors, Area Committee and the majority of the community would like it to stay shut, and investigation is now underway as to whether a way can be found. The matter is likely to be decided by a government inspector later this year, meaning that Jumbos Nick will remain shut until that enquiry is concluded.

Old 2nd hand shop....it was felt that it may now be a better time to approach the occupier with a view to tidying it up.

It was noted that the new Security shop (next to Jasons) has not yet opened, although it appears to be ready.

Kevins (Hairdressers)....is now re-opened. It is good to see Kevin back in action.

It was reported that Seniors Windows have ceased to trade.

Helen brought up the problem of Street Litter and even though there is a Street sweeper every 3 weeks, the persistent dropping of litter (even though bins are in evidence) is a constant problem. It was again stated that a couple of spot fines might be a good deterrent if this could be enforced. Pete said he would look into the possibility of doing this.

The meeting finished with Pete mentioning a promotional web site (local shop.com) set up as a Town and Local Centre study.

The next meeting was set for Wed. 6th March, 6.00pm at Black & Cream