

KIPPAX TRADERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of meeting held Wed. 8<sup>th</sup> May 2012

**NEXT MEETING - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June**, at 6.00 pm, at Black & Cream  
– all businesses welcome.

Present: - Pat (Pats sweets), Helen Carr, Christine (Goodalls)  
Karen (Black & Cream), Vic (Ann Marie) & Mary Carter (part)

Apologies: - Jayne (Dodgson's), Nikki (Newsagents)

As Pete Mudge was unable to attend it was thought best to update the High Street as best we could:-

Old School Site: - No change from last minutes.

Royal Oak Site: - One of our Parish Councillors noticed while working with Kippax in Bloom at The Kabin youth club site that lots of building rubble had been tipped over the boundary wall and piled up against the youth club fence causing it to lean inwards. This was reported by him to the Parish Council who contacted LCC's Chris Marlow who arranged for Building Control to visit the site. They found other safety issues also and a temporary stop has been put on the site (nevertheless work seems to be continuing). It was decided to bring this to the attention of the PC.

Barclays Unit: - as last minutes

Alldays Unit: - the Site owner does not want to buy the freehold until the issue with the wall at the rear of William Hills is sorted out.

Helens Cottages: - the mural to the gable end will start in the next couple of weeks and should take 2 or 3 days to complete.

Hermitage: - everyone agreed that the situation is dragging on and on and it is not just the Hermitage building but the whole site that is deteriorating and a blight on the High St. Pat reported that the businesses were approached last yr when Kippax was in Britain in Bloom to work with in Bloom to improve the appearance of their premises but nobody cooperated & another route had to be found. Mary reminded us of the plans for a village square that were drawn up about 9 /10 yrs ago by a group of students from Leeds Met and we all agreed it was something that should be progressed if at all possible. It was agreed to send an email from the Traders Association to Cllr. Wakefield to this effect and suggesting that action was needed urgently.

The Tattoo Shop is under new ownership & and has been newly decorated & is now up and running, with very favourable comments from Karen & Pat who had visited the shop. (Albeit not to get tattooed!!!).

The Alarm shop CIS will be open within the next two weeks just waiting for signage... when the shutters will be open throughout the day.

Although the new shop front to Simons Costumes has not been started yet it was hoped that this would happen in the near future as the window has been boarded up for a couple of months now and is a bit of an eyesore on the High St

Paul Flintoft Butcher: We send our best wishes to Paul and hope he's fully recovered soon.

The Town Centre retail web site was felt to be, in principle, a good idea but no one is computer literate enough to set up the scheme. We need a computer whizz kid to take the reins... if anybody knows one.

It was noted that the arrangements for minutes distribution made at the last meeting had not happened... but it was decided to give it another go.

The meeting closed at 7.00pm and the next meeting was fixed for **Wed. 12<sup>th</sup> June**, at 6.00 pm, at Black & Cream.

**The Royal Oak** Since the meeting an amendment to the previous approval of 7 flats and erection of a retail unit with flat above has been submitted to include an additional block of 4 self contained flats. You can look at the application at [www.leeds.gov.uk/publicaccess](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/publicaccess) **using application no 13/01879/FU** and comment if you wish by 13 June 2013

Co-op's decision not to buy several Lloyds branches could be great news for Kippax as discussions are back on for a bank facing onto the High Street. A decision has yet to be made and more work will be required by local people however the discussions are back underway and Cllr Wakefield and Co-op's Leeds Wakefield branch is arranging a meeting with a key figure from Co-op Finance.