

KIPPAX TRADERS ASSOCIATION

Meeting minutes Wed. 13th June 2013

Present:- Pat (Pats sweets) , Pete Mudge (LCC), Christine (Goodalls)
Vic & Mary (Ann Marie), Gavin & Christine Lowe

Apologies:- Nicki(Newsagents), Karen(Black & Cream), Helen Carr,

Helen and Pat had spoken to Mary prior to the meeting to explain that they would not be attending as they feel there is no longer progress on improving the wellbeing of the High Street ...

A discussion followed and it was felt that, although it was not expected that every trader would come to the meetings, the more who attended and worked towards village improvements could only be good .(a prime example in point being the improvement to the High Street with Helen's cottages)

Gavin & Christine (who are hoping to take the vacant shop next to Goodalls) were welcomed to their first meeting.

Pete brought to the meeting the site allocations plan for Kippax which seeks feedback on development areas between 2013 and 2028. Under the Site Allocations Plan a few tweaks are suggested for the extent of Kippax shopping area. While this sees a slight decrease in the size of the available shopping area it does not affect any areas where shops or offices already exist. The group did not raise objections to the scheme and Peter said if they had any views on that or the housing allocation they should look online at www.leeds.gov.uk/siteallocations. or go to the drop in event between 12.30 and 5.30pm at Garforth Miners Welfare on 29 June.

Pete also showed details of various business workshops available in June and July.

With regard to the High Street:-

The Old School Site is still intended to be developed as Old Peoples Homes.

Barclays Unit :- DTZ (property agents) have recommended to Barclays that they use window images.

Royal Oak Site:- it was reported that the Council had stipulated that the site should be cleared of building rubble at the end of the job though it appears that at the moment the job is stopped.

Alldays Unit:- The council have agreed to sell the land freehold to the owner of the buildings and this process is in progress. The land owner is reluctant to complete until the responsibility for the damaged wall (which is owned by the church) is sorted out. It was reported that the council are developing options for this.

Helens Cottages now have a mining theme mural on the gable wall.

The Hermitage:-Pete reported that the Council are progressing the highly unusual course of seeking a Compulsory Purchase order as one option. Cllr. Wakefield is fully behind this and the Parish Council have also said they support this action .

Simons Costumes still gives the impression of a derelict unit with its boarded up front, though Pete had been told that a new shop front would be installed some time ago.

With regard to the suggested town centre web site, Pete has approached Brigshaw School with the suggestion that setting up a site could be a good project for their IT studies and it was also thought that a personal approach to the staff might help. Pat agreed to have a word with a member of staff she knew.

The idea of a village event was again brought up (eg. A gala day) and it was agreed to put this in an article in the next Parish Magazine in the hope of recruiting someone willing to take on the roll of organising an event.

The meeting closed at 7.30 and the next meeting was fixed for 6.00pm, Wed. 17th July at Black & Cream