

## KIPPAX TRADERS ASSOCIATION

Meeting minutes Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> June 2012

Present:- Pete Mudge (LCC), David (Co-op), Christine & Nichola (Goodalls), Jayne (Dodgson's), Helen (Carr), Nicki (Paper shop) Pat (Sweet Shop), Vic & Mary (Ann Marie)

**Bank:** The petition in support of a Co-op bank is in full swing with collection points in the street as well as in the Co-op, and it was suggested that sheets for collecting signatures could also be used, as well as the printed form. This is already been done in the co-op, so more sheets are to be printed. It is felt that something in the order of 1000 signatures would bring a definite response. It was also reported that the scheme had the full backing of the local Council, and favourable press report in the Yorkshire Post.

Pat has spoken to Hassan (Post Office) who is giving his support to the idea (including a collection point in the Post Office).

### **High Street:-**

There is a possibility that the Barclays Bank unit may be opened up as a Coffee Shop, with all proceeds going back into the community. Although it was felt that another coffee shop was not the ideal situation, any objection may only result in the idea being scrapped again.

Work appears to be going on in the proposed coffee shop - formerly card shop (Christine & Nichola have had the owner in, and it appears that opening is imminent). Pete reported that permission had been granted to demolish the old Toilet block at Cross Hills. Pat asked if the work could be delayed until 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug as the building is to play a major role in Kippax in Bloom and much of the Art work has already been done.

The fruit and veg shop has been vacated (literally overnight). An Estate Agent from Normanton is showing interest in the unit. Again this was felt a better option than another empty unit.

Pete reported that the Hermitage was proceeding as well as could be expected.

Nicki expressed concern over the state of the road surface, in particular opposite her shop where the potholes are in such bad state that any passing vehicles cause her building to literally shake. Pete stated that in view of this bad state of repair he could probably ask to get something done.

A suggestion was proposed that we should try and promote a village event by way of a Gala day, 'Pig over the Wall' day, or maybe resurrect the pram race or something along those lines. Pete suggested that as recently happened in Rothwell, serious consideration should be given to staging the event but the job of organising it be handed to a separate body. Possibly something could be done as a commemoration to the Villages Mining Heritage?

It was requested if something could be done to eliminate the dog fouling that is regularly happening on the High Street. We will try to find when this is happening and then hopefully it can be reported and something done via enforcement.

**Buses:** Can we do anything to provide bus routes from outlying villages into Kippax? It was particularly noted that there was no bus service from Micklefield, and this probably goes for many other outlying villages as well. It was suggested that an approach to Metro, through the Traders Association would be the place to start.

**Olympics:** David reported that the Co-op were wanting to open till 8.00 on Sunday during the Olympics (Would this then continue after?). It was agreed to leave the flags in the High Street until after the Olympics.

The meeting closed at 7.45 and the next meeting was set for 25<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm.