

KIPPAX TRADERS ASSOCIATION

Meeting Wednesday 24th October

Present:- Pete Mudge (LCC), Pat (Pats Sweets), Karen (Black & Cream)
Paul (Butchers), Helen (Carr), Christine (Goodalls), Emma (Florists)
Vic & Mary (Ann Marie), Nicki (Newsagent),
Jane (Ice Cream Parlour)

Apologies:- Nicky (Goodalls), Jason (Hairdresser), Marie (Old Tree)
Mark & Paul (Alarm shop)

It was agreed to follow the format of last minutes, and update along the High Street.

The Old School site:-is still to be Old People Accomodation and the situation is progressing.

Toilet Block Area:- it was again noted as to the success in dressing up the old toilet block for Kippax in Bloom. Congratulations were passed on the Pat for the achievement of being awarded GOLD in Britain in Bloom. All agreed that the village looked great and in fact Pat reported that Leeds CC were arranging a thank you night to mark KIB achievements.

It was also noted that no vandalism had been reported this year.

Alldays site:- Asset management have been in touch with Pete and the situation is that the Building owner will now also be the Freehold owner which will enable Developments to go ahead. It appears the owner will also purchase the adjacent house with a view to developing the site.

Jaks Icecream Parlour is now up and running. Jane was welcomed to the meeting and the general opinion was that this would prove to be a great asset to the High Street.

Old Barclays Bank:- the Bank have agreed to clean up the front of the building, Paint the door and generally make it tidy looking outside (weeding etc)

The Hermitage:- Pete reported that enforcement action is going ahead. The Council will go on site in January, for 6 weeks to do some works, primarily to make the building safe. Pete's opinion is that, in view of the importance of the site to the Village, a proposed site development should be included in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Helen's Cottages:- Everyone agreed as to the vast improvement to the High Street now that the Cottages have been painted. Helen reported that she had been able to make favourable negotiations with a Contractor and she had not had to ask KIB to lend a hand as previously suggested.. Plans for a Mural on the Gable are being drawn up for approval by Kippax Art Group.

Old second hand shop:- Because of the general state of health of the present Occupant it was agreed that we should hold back making an approach for the time being (or possibly go through a 3rd party)

Alarm shop :- Karen reported that CCTV cameras are going up in a couple of weeks and opening is imminent.

Alleyway between Jason,s & Truffles (Jumbo Nicks):- it was strongly agreed that all would support the objection to opening up the alleyway again. It was reported that Jason already has some 450 signatures against it being reopend. Nicki

agreed to print out some abjection forms to be picked up at the newsagents for anyone who needed one.

Co op Bank:- Pete read out a letter he had received from the Co op, the gist of which was that due to general Co op Company policy...they were not able to open a Bank in Kippax at the present time.

Pete noted that Paul Durkin as now Chair of the Leeds area co-op.

Youth Club Cabins at the end of the High Street are to be tidied up by the Probation Service.

Royal Oak Site:- Pete reported that the owner is now applying for change of usage of the building to convert it into flats, as well as a new build of further units behind the main building , plus a small retail unit (with living accommodation above) on part of the front car park area (adjacent to the access to the youth club huts and cross hills fisheries).

A Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Monday 29th Oct. (at 7.00) to discuss this application.

It was agreed to voice strong objection to this application as it is felt this is too important a commercial property to be lost to housing and lengthy discussions followed on the grounds for objection. It was agreed to have representation at the Council meeting for this purpose.

It was also agreed to object by e.mail and hard copy to the proposed change of use.

It was noted that a new business..'Spectrum Holistic Therapy' had now opened in one of the units in Machins Yard.

The meeting was finally closed at 8.10pm and the next meeting was set for Wed. 21st Nov, 6.00pm at Black & Cream.