

PUBLIC NOTICE

Extraordinary Meeting called for 5th August 2013 Jubilee Hall. 7.30 pm

VILLAGE SHOP AND POST OFFICE

Chairman has called an extraordinary meeting to discuss the Parish Council acquiring premises in Salhouse to enable a shop and post office to remain in the village. It has been confirmed that the original proposal by Post Office Counters to transfer the post office into the Bell is not now an option, and no alternative proposals have been put forward. With this in mind the Parish council is seeking to take steps to preserve the facility within the village.

Council need your views prior to or at the meeting, regarding the purchase of the old sorting office at the corner of Lower Street and Chapel Loke in which the Parish Council will seek to enable a shop and post office to start trading on closure of the existing shop and post office. The purchase will be made using funds already held by the Parish Council obtained from the sale of the Reading Room a number of years ago. The Parish Council has identified the new shop can be run in one of the following ways:

1. By the **Parish** employing staff and funding a business
2. Via a group of volunteers from the Community (Please leave your name with Clerk)
3. By seeking a business partner, to run the shop and post office on an agreed tenancy basis.

We require your comments to the Clerk by 1st August should you not wish to attend the meeting so that they can be taken into account.

The meeting will have three agenda items

1. Chairman's introduction
2. Public Forum regarding the proposal for the Parish Council to acquire premises to enable the shop and post office to continue
3. Council to agree whether to continue with a purchase on the terms offered, and the actions to be taken for the project to succeed

The latter agenda item 3. will be discussed without the public present as issues of a commercially sensitive nature will be discussed, including the terms of the purchase and discussions held with parties interested in enabling the shop and post office to continue.

Clerk

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