

Minutes (minute taker Val Walters)

Meeting to discuss closure of Clive Stores and Post Office

Clive Village Hall Thursday October 3rd 7.30pm

JJ welcomed all and made it clear that this was not a Parish Council meeting and therefore any opinions shared by members of Clive PC, were in fact personal opinions and not those of the Council.

It was explained that anyone wishing to discuss or comment on the impact of shop and post office closure on the Local Plan review would need to address the PC on 17th October.

The initial 3 paragraphs of the Post Office Branch temporary Closure notice were read out, to confirm PO position on the 9th October temp closure.

A section of Eddie West's response re scoring system was also read out, to make it clear where we all stood as of 9th October.

Bruce Crawcour was asked to address the meeting and explained the following;

The Village hall committee have agreed that a Post Office service can be operated from the Village hall on 2 mornings per week. Currently PO are supportive of this and are actively looking at how this can happen and staffing requirement.

Bruce stated that PO would like anyone interested in taking on the role of part time post master to make contact either directly or via Bruce.

In the short term PO will approach local existing Post Masters and see if anyone can temporarily operate service until and the role is filled.

VH Committee have said they are happy for PO to operate from premises, but will willingly step aside if or when a better offer comes along.

Steve Atkinson of Clive Hall asked to address the meeting.

Steve stated that he and his wife were in the closing stages of agreeing a deal with Bryan Daniels to take on and re open the shop. At this time they have no interest in the PO facility.

He said that they intended to refurbish the shop, which will take 4-6 weeks from point of agreement (during which time the shop will be closed). However he also said that they were actively looking into ways to provide basic essentials before the shop is officially reopened.

He made it clear that the shop would be a very different outlet than the current one and that it would be stocking and providing many new and improved lines.

Steve received a round of applause from those present.

JJ thanked both Steve and Bruce for their input and plans.

The question was asked what would happen to the existing post box outside the shop and Ann Harrison advised it would be very unlikely that the location would change.

JJ reminded those present that the production of a Neighbourhood Plan was key to the village and asked that anyone wishing to help pass their details on to Peter Walters.

Meeting closed 8.15ish