PRESS RELEASE

Friends of Rippingale Post Office

Update on arrangements for PO Ltd Meeting today (05.11.07)

You will know from previous Press Releases that we, together with our local MP, the Rt. Hon Quentin Davies, are due for a face-to-face meeting with Mark Partington, the man who signed the East Midlands PO closure plan.

You will also know that we are the only protest group (so far) to be given such an opportunity to state our case - to keep Rippingale (Lincs) branch PO open.

PO Ltd do NOT want to be door-stepped after our meeting, so we have had to agree to keep the time and venue of our meeting confidential.

However we assume that you might want to talk to us and to Quentin Davies after the meeting.

We will therefore be at the front of the SKDC offices on St Peter's Hill in the centre of Grantham (NG31 6PZ) at 4 pm today to make ourselves available. If our meeting takes longer than expected we may be a little late but we will endeavour to keep you up to date by mobile phone – please bear with us – this meeting is very important to us.

If the weather's inclement we have arranged to meet in the Council Offices reception area.

The Friends Group taking part will be Phil Rippingale, Mike Hallas, John Warman, Cllr. Martin Hill (Leader of Lincs CC), Jim Latham and of course Quentin Davies.

We expect to meet Mark Partington who we believe leads the PO Network Implementation Team as well as the PO National Consultation Team, together with Matt Silcock, Senior PO External Relations Team Manager.

You might also like to know that there will be a public meeting in Rippingale tomorrow (06.11.07) to report back from our meeting today and to update villagers and ask for their support for our plans for the last few days of the PO closure public consultation period (ends 12.11.07).

That meeting will be in the Rippingale Village Hall staring at 8 pm – it's expected to be crowded.

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