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NATIONAL FEDERATION OF SUBPOSTMASTERS

**REPORT OF A
MEETING OF THE
NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE**

held on

1 October 2006

at

**THE GRIMSTOCK COUNTRY HOUSE HOTEL,
WARWICKSHIRE**

**Notes of a Meeting of the
Negotiating Committee
held on Sunday, 1 October 2006
at The Grimstock Country House Hotel, Warwickshire**

Those present: Mr John Peberdy (Chairman)
Mr Phil Howorth
Mrs Sally Reeves
Mr George Thomson

In attendance Mr Colin Baker General Secretary
Ms Marilyn Stoddart Assistant General Secretary

Apologies: Mr Mervyn Jones

THE CHAIRMAN welcomed everyone to the meeting, and commented that any items not covered by the agenda would be taken under 'Any other business'.

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2. Fraudulent Inland Revenue cheques

- Peter Corbett had been approached along with Tony Marsh who had been on holiday. Further approaches to be made.
- Letter from Graham Meacher. Dave Miller had been approached a month prior to his departure and he was convinced that Post Office Limited should be asking the Inland Revenue what they were asking Subpostmasters to do. The issue was referred to Tony Marsh, and he appeared to have done nothing about it.
- Moratorium had been requested on payment, and Post Office Limited threatened with injunction if they failed to deal with the issue.
- If nothing wrong, Subpostmasters should not be asked to make good - status quo.
- Steps to improve security already taking place.
- Time lapse not reasonable - agreed. Post Office Limited turn around in 2 weeks but delay was prior to them getting there.
- To be treated as a major crime and investigated overall, not as individual cases.
- Inland Revenue had a major fraud and needed to do something to protect themselves.
- Inland Revenue argue they pay Subpostmasters to get it right. Hard to see what is wrong even when you know there is a problem. Work in progress.
- Needs to be made clear that the work was ongoing anyway, and was not prompted by Graham Meacher's letter.

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5. Any other business

(a) Interim Subpostmasters - to be discussed with John Legg.

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Sharon Merryweather
October 2006