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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

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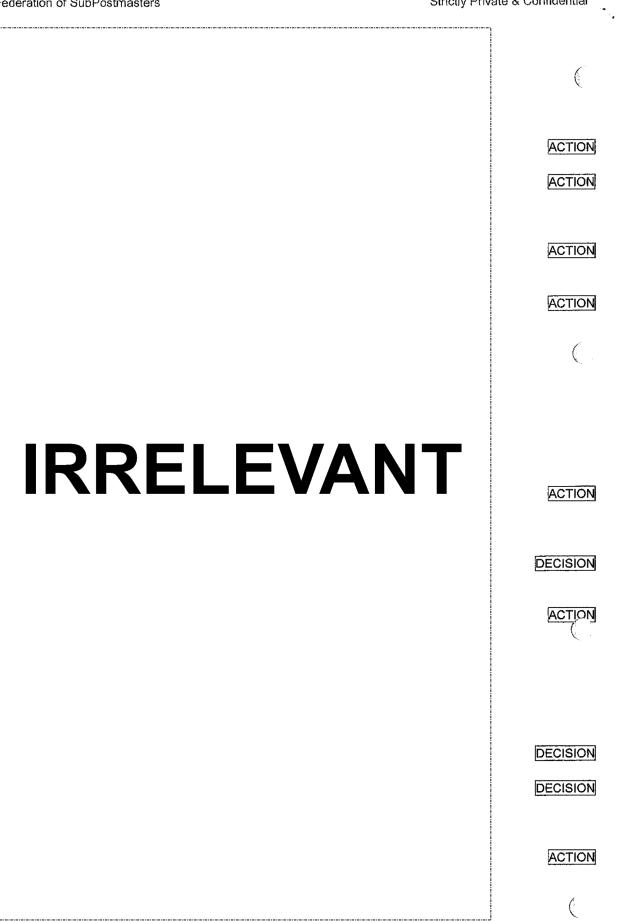
Notes of a Meeting of the Negotiating Committee held on Sunday, 1 October 2006 at The Grimstock Country House Hotel, Warwickshire

Those present:	Mr John Peberdy Mr Phil Howorth Mrs Sally Reeves Mr George Thomson	(Chairman)
In attendance	Mr Colin Baker Ms Marilyn Stoddart	General Secretary 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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