

CUCKFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Queen's Hall, High Street, Cuckfield, RH17 5EL



Item 17: Cuckfield Post Office

I received a phone call from Samantha Coe at the Post Office and obtained an update regarding the current status.

A meeting was due to be held in mid January between the Post Office and Co-op to discuss whether they would allow a post office counter to be installed within the local branch(es). If they agree to proceed, in either one or both of their shops in Cuckfield, the Post Office timeline to get this set up would be 6 months; Sam was unaware of how long it may take from the Co-op's perspective.

If the Co-op decide not to allow a Post Office function within their stores, the alternative is for an interim outreach solution to be set up. Sam has unofficially agreed with a local Post Master that they would be prepared to own the outreach function, which would need to be set up in a site within the village – I have previously offered the Queen's Hall for this.

If this solution is pursued, the first requirement is to order a phone line to be installed. This can take approx. 6 weeks, with another 4-5 weeks for the installation of required equipment. So potentially it would take approx. 3 months to be set up.

Would Council approve using the Queen's Hall as a Post Office site for an outreach solution, should that be the most viable option available?