**MOST SOUTHERLY POST OFFICE – AT RISK OF CLOSURE**

Landewednack Parish Council has been advised by Len Trott, the Post Master, that the Post Office in the Lizard is likely to close by December 2017. The Council is very concerned about this and has discussed with Mr Trott what the options are for saving the Post Office. The Council has decided to ask the residents about this situation and what they would like to see happen. **Please take the time to read the explanation below and fill out the questionnaire that follows.**

As many of you are aware, our fortunate position of having a sub-post office in The Lizard village is under threat. Our post master Len Trott and his wife Lynda, who have served us stalwartly for so many years, are now nearing their much postponed retirement and the service we have enjoyed for so long is in jeopardy.

As we have a few other shops in The Lizard village, it is Post Office policy not to maintain a standalone service, but instead to encourage embedding it within one of the existing shops.  As a rural community with an ageing population, the service we enjoy from the Post Office, including its banking role for local businesses is key to our community, lying as we do, some 10 miles from Helston.

As many of our shops are seasonal, they would not be able to justify commercially opening for the prescribed hours and months that the Post Office demand.

Thus we are faced with the seemingly stark choice of losing our (most southerly) Post Office, seeking to identify an existing shop to embed the facility, or working together to set up a community shop and embed the post office there, if we can raise sufficient funds and interest.

Please take the time to let us have your views either by completing the questionnaire overleaf and

* handing it in to our Post Office
* posting it through The Parish Council Clerk’s door @ 1 Telvyn Cottages
* going to the Lizard Lives [www.lizard-lives.uk](http://www.lizard-lives.uk) or Parish Council websites [www.landewednackparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.landewednackparishcouncil.org.uk) completing the form electronically & returning to The Parish Council Clerk’s email address clerklandewednackparishcouncil@outlook.com .
* **All returns by 28th February please.**

Diane Shepherd
Clerk
Landewednack Parish Council

**THE LIZARD VILLAGE POST OFFICE CLOSURE SURVEY**

I would like the Landewednack Parish Council to do the following on my behalf:

1.    Do nothing – with the result that by the end of 2017 at the latest, our Post Office closes and the village is visited by a Post Office operated van 2 mornings per week, with a much reduced service eg no business banking facilities.

2.    Seek to identify an existing business in the village to embed a Post Office within.

3.    Undertake to establish a Community Shop with embedded Post Office with a mix of paid & volunteer manning.

***Please circle the option above that you prefer***

***If you prefer option 3 please also answer the following:***

I would prefer a Community Shop with embedded post office & would:

1. Be willing to volunteer to help operate the shop.
2. Be willing to help operate the shop as a paid employee.
3. Be willing to join a group working together to establish a Community Shop.
4. None of the above.

Name:

Address

Date:

*Please note the information given in this survey will be collated by the Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council. All views expressed will be handled with the utmost sensitivity & treated as wholly confidential in accordance with The Data Protection Act 1998.*

*Results will be reported at the Parish Council meeting on Thursday 9th March 2017. Collated figures will be published via the Parish Council’s website and village notice boards, Lizard Lives magazine & website and available at our Post Office.*