

The Well House, Shop and PO

I attended the quarterly meeting at the end of July. The Shop is trading at slightly below its budget forecast, but maintaining the expected margin on sales.

Historically, trading in the first half of the year has been slower than in the second. Accordingly, the committee expect the full year's results to be on, or close to, Breakeven.

The committee asked if the PC would consider the acquisition of the phone box and I agreed that we will discuss this. In summary we could acquire the phone box, as it is, for £1. However, we would then become responsible for its maintenance and insurance. I have discussed this project with Alastair Barron, chairman of the Shop Management Committee and asked him to arrange a proposal for the maintenance and use of the phone box by the Shop and PO. I have asked Janice to try to get some indication about the likely additional cost of Building Insurance and Public Liability cover. She has also confirmed that the phone box stands on land that is owned by the Memorial Hall.

There was a suggestion that if a defibrillator became available it could be located in the phone box. I have asked Janice to speak to HALC and other Parish Councils regarding their experience of Defibrillator projects and the likely costs..