

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HELD IN
THE OLD COURTHOUSE, WINDHILL,
BISHOP'S STORTFORD (ENTRANCE
OPPOSITE CHURCHYARD AT REAR OF
BISHOP'S STORTFORD POLICE STATION)
ON MONDAY 20 AUGUST 2012, AT 10.00
AM

PRESENT: Councillor Nigel Poulton (Chairman).
Councillors Mrs R Cheswright and J Taylor.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

George Robertson	- Legal Services Manager
Paul Newman	- Interim Licensing Manager
Lorraine Blackburn	- Democratic Services Officer

13 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor J J Taylor and seconded by Councillor R Cheswright that Councillor N Poulton be appointed Chairman of the Licensing Sub-Committee for the meeting.

RESOLVED – that Councillor N Poulton be appointed Chairman of the Licensing Sub-Committee for the meeting.

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RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 August 2012 be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

15 APPLICATION BY JD WETHERSPOON PLC FOR A
PREMISES LICENCE AT UNITS D1/D2, RIVERSIDE PIAZZA
JACKSON SQUARE BISHOP'S STORTFORD CM23 3AJ

The Chairman outlined the procedure to be followed. All those present for the application were introduced. The Interim Licensing Manager advised the Sub-Committee that following the publication of the agenda, the applicant and responsible authorities had agreed to a number of additional conditions. The applicant summarised the content of the additional conditions. The Police and Environmental Health had stated that they were happy with the application with the additional conditions.

The Interim Licensing Manager referred to the fact that a resident had provided 98 signatures on a document from residents. It was not however, submitted as a formal "petition". The local resident summarised the concerns expressed which centred on, noise, length of operating hours and anti-social behaviour.

The Solicitor for the applicant addressed each of the local residents' concerns. She stressed that the operation of the facility would be family orientated with an emphasis on food and referred to the success of other similar arrangements locally. She assured the Sub-Committee that the applicant would be happy to work with residents on an ongoing basis to resolve any issues of concern.

The Solicitor for the application responded to a number of Members' queries and were agreeable to the inclusion of further additional conditions which would go some way to addressing residents concerns. These related to the timeframe when bottle banks should be emptied, the use of SIA and / or staff in monitoring inappropriate behaviour / directing them to taxi ranks, the installation of CCTV inside and outside the premises and the closure of windows at 11pm to minimise noise disturbance to residents.

At the conclusion of the representations the Sub-Committee withdrew with the Legal Services Manager and the Democratic Services Officer to consider the comments submitted.

Following this, they returned and the Chairman

announced the decision of the Sub–Committee. The Sub–Committee decided to approve the application (and the additional conditions), subject to the following further conditions, as detailed below:

RESOLVED – that the application be approved subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Bottle Banks will not be emptied before 9am and after 10pm daily;
- (2) Wetherspoons will work with residents on establishing “no- smoking” and outside seating areas;
- (3) SIA and / or staff will be asked to monitor patrons leaving the premises and direct them to taxi ranks, ensuring that an inappropriate behaviour is controlled;
- (4) CCTV shall be placed inside and outside the premises and in line with reasonable Police requirements; and
- (5) Doors and windows shall be closed at 11pm to minimise any noise disturbance to residents.

The Sub–Committee also reminded the applicant of their commitment to work with residents before and after opening, to resolve any noise or other issues of concern.

The Sub–Committee reminded residents that at issues of concern may be reported to the Community Safety and licensing officers for reconsideration by a Licensing Sub–Committee.

The meeting closed at 11.40 am.

Chairman
Date