

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HELD IN THE
PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS MEETING WILL BE
HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM ON FRIDAY 5
JUNE 2020, AT 2.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor R Bolton (Chairman)
Councillors B Crystall and A Hall

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillors G Williamson

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Peter Mannings	- Democratic Services Officer
Brad Wheeler	- Senior Licensing and Enforcement Officer
Victoria Wilders	- Legal Services Manager

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr D Collins	- Applicant
Mr W Compton	- Applicant
Mr Scott	- Local Resident
Liz Lloyd Williams	- Little Hadham Parish Council

7 APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE FOR
HADHAM BREWERY AT UNIT 6B, HADHAM INDUSTRIAL
ESTATE, CHURCH END, LITTLE HADHAM, HERTS SG11 2DY

The Chairman thanked everyone for reconvening this afternoon on Zoom and stated that Agenda items 1 to 5 had already been covered. She said that Agenda item 6 was the summary of procedure on pages 17 to 24 of the papers and the Chairman checked that everyone had seen the procedure and was happy to proceed with the hearing.

The Chairman said that the Senior Licensing and Enforcement Officer had already presented his report and questions had been asked of him at the previous adjourned hearing. She advised that this reconvened meeting would commence with the applicant presenting his application.

The Chairman referred to a revised submission from Little Hadham Parish Council that had been sent to all parties. The applicant and managing director of Hadham Brewery said that planning permission had been granted in 2014 to become a micro-brewery at Hadham Industrial Estate. He confirmed that he had complied with and would continue to comply with the 4 planning conditions.

The applicant explained that he needed to create new routes to market and this had necessitated a premises license to open an online shop for merchandise and alcohol plus an onsite shop and the use of a tap room for guests, supporters and clients. He referred to a number of Temporary Event Notices that had been

applied for in 2019 to facilitate Brewery Tours for anything up to 50 people.

The applicant said that there had been zero complaints and no issues had been raised by anyone in relation to these events. He said that colleagues who ran the microbrewery had received advice from Environmental Health Officers and there had been similar positive dialogues with Officers from Hertfordshire Constabulary.

The Sub-Committee was advised that all 3 people involved in running the brewery were holders of personal licences and had considerable experience of running licensed premises. They also had experience of complying with the 4 licensing objectives. The applicant said that he had tried to consult on the application and he had received messages of support from Hadham Hall.

Councillor Crystall sought clarification as to how the Tap Room would be run. He also asked questions about the outside area, music and the provisions in place for smokers. The applicant explained to the Sub-Committee how the Tap Room would operate. He said that beer, soft drinks, teas and coffees would be available to customers. He also confirmed that the outside space would be small and was purely for people to enjoy the drinks from the Brewery.

The applicant emphasised that he did not plan to broadcast live or recorded music and anything quieter than an acoustic guitar would not be heard in any event. The Senior Licensing and Enforcement Officer

addressed the Committee in respect of the provisions of the live music act. He said however that any event outside would require a Temporary Event Notice (TEN).

Councillor Bolton commented on the size of the Tap Room and its capacity. The applicant's colleague said that the Tap Room could accommodate 20 to 30 customers. He responded to a further query from Councillor Bolton by stating that the whole Brewery was used for the Brewery tours.

At the invitation of the local ward Member, Councillor Williamson, the applicant explained what local area consultation had taken place prior to this hearing. The applicant responded to a query from Mr Scott, a resident, by advising that the Tap Room would be open Thursdays to Saturdays on a regular basis each week. Beer and soft drinks would be served and there would be no music. The applicant said that this was a very good source of income and was a common occurrence at microbreweries.

Councillor Williamson said that he did not wish to stifle a local business. He referred to a number of local concerns from residents and said that he did not believe that the activities applied needed to continue until 11 pm. He said that this could give rise to instances of public nuisance and matters that could compromise public safety.

Councillor Williamson, as the local ward Member, said that Church End was fundamentally a residential area with properties situated very close to the road. He stressed that the road was narrow and was unlit and

there were speed humps that were not visible after dark and there were no footpaths. He said part of this road was not classified as adopted highway and he urged the Sub-Committee to take these points into consideration.

Councillor Hall referred to the speed humps on the approach to the microbrewery. Councillor Bolton commented that the access road was not an adopted highway. Councillor Williamson confirmed that the road between the Church and Hadham Industrial Estate was not an adopted highway.

Liz Lloyd Williams said that the initial concern of the Parish Council regarding noise and disturbance from a nightclub style venue had gone away following the amended application. She referred to the much calmer nature of the proposed microbrewery and said Little Hadham Parish would be quite keen to support a local business.

Liz Lloyd Williams expressed concerns on behalf of local residents in respect of noise and traffic in the vicinity of Hadham Hall and Church End. She said that the opening hours were unsuitable for the local area and she referred to noise pollution for families with young children. She concluded by expressing concerns in respect of the operation of the evening Tap Room.

Mr Scott, a local resident, said that Liz Lloyd Williams had already made a lot of his points. He said that late night opening was contrary to everything that had occurred before on this site. He said that the site was unsuitable for late night opening and he was

supportive of day time opening. He expressed concerns regarding late night nuisance and he said that the area did get very dark and he was concerned regarding the safety of school children.

The applicant explained that CCTV in place at the premises had been used to apprehend thieves. He said that there was no working time directive imposed by the planning permission and he was not aware of any complaints linked to 8 Temporary Event Notices (TENS) held at Hadham Brewery.

All parties made a closing submission before the Sub-Committee retired to make its decision. At the conclusion of the closing submissions, the Sub-Committee, the Legal Services Manager and the Democratic Services Officer withdrew from the main Zoom session to allow Members to consider the evidence.

Following this, Members and the Democratic Services Officer returned and the Chairman announced that the Sub Committee had listened to the comments of the Senior Licensing and Enforcement Officer, the applicant, the local ward Member, the Parish Council and local residents.

The Sub-Committee had taken into account concerns raised by these interested parties, particularly with regard to the only access to the site along a narrow, rural lane, which was unlit, had no footpath and was partly unadopted.

The Sub-Committee had been aware that the road was

lined by residential properties and there are unmarked speed bumps. Members felt that consideration needed to be made for local residents, in order to address public safety and avoid public nuisance, both of which were licensing objectives.

We have therefore decided to approve the new premises application, subject to the following amendments and conditions:

Supply of Alcohol for
Consumption **OFF**

The premises

(Online Shop)

Monday to Sunday 8 am to 5 pm

Supply of Alcohol for
consumption **OFF**

the premises

(Retail Shop)

Monday to Saturday 9 am to 9 pm

Sunday 12 pm to 5 pm

Supply of Alcohol for
consumption **ON** the
premises

(Tap Room)

Monday to Thursday 12 Noon to 6 pm

Friday and Saturday 12 Noon to 10 pm

Sunday 12 pm to 5 pm

Conditions:

- Only beer brewed on the premises maybe sold from

the premises along with teas and coffees and soft drinks.

- The above must be consumed on the premises only and not off.

Subject to all of the conditions set out by the Senior Licensing and Enforcement Officer in paragraph 3.34 of the report. The Sub-Committee were satisfied that with these amendments and conditions imposed, the licensing objectives would be met and promoted.

RESOLVED – that the application for the new of the premises licence be approved, subject to the following amendments and conditions:

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The meeting closed at 4.09 pm

Chairman
Date