

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Monday, 22nd August 2005, at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillors A. J. Dent, Mrs. R. L. Dent and G. H. R. Hulett

Also in attendance were Mr. A. Evans (Barrister acting on behalf of Punch Taverns Plc); Ms. H. Clark (Business Relationship Manager for Punch Taverns Plc); Mr. R. Louch (Manager of the Dodford Inn); Mr. Bowden, Ms. Barton, Mr. and Mrs. Squires and Dr. A. Abudu (local residents)

18/05 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED: that Councillor A. J. Dent be elected as Chairman for the Meeting.

19/05 **PROCEDURE**

The Chairman opened the hearing and introduced Members of the Sub-Committee and Officers present to the applicant and other parties present.

The Chairman invited the other parties present to identify themselves, so that the applicant and/or the objectors were able to satisfy themselves that no person who may be in a position to influence the Sub-Committee, remained in the room when the Sub-Committee deliberated their decision at the conclusion of the hearing.

The Chairman reminded all parties of the procedure to be adhered to during the hearing and that those parties present could be represented by a legal representative at their own expense or by a Ward Councillor.

20/05 **REPORT OF THE HEAD OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES RELATING TO NON-CONFIDENTIAL AND NON-EXEMPT ITEMS**

The Report of the Head of Administrative Services relating to non-confidential and non-exempt items was submitted.

Arising therefrom:

(1) **APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE - THE DODFORD INN, WHINFIELD ROAD, BROMSGROVE**

The Sub-Committee considered an application for the variation of a Premises Licence in respect of the Dodford Inn, Whinfield Road, Bromsgrove. The application was subject to a hearing in light of the number of letters of objection received from local residents expressing their concerns in relation to the proposed extension of hours during which the premises would be able to retail alcohol and provide regulated entertainment.

Mr. Evans, the representative for Punch Taverns Plc put forward the case on behalf of the applicant. In view of the number of representations received by the Licensing Authority in respect of the proposed variation, Mr. Evans informed the Sub-Committee that the applicant had agreed to revise the times for the retail sale of alcohol and the provision of regulated entertainment as set out in the variation application as follows:

- Monday to Thursday 10.00 a.m. - 11.30 p.m.;
- Friday to Saturday 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 midnight;
- 12.00 midnight for every Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday for each Bank Holiday;
- 12.00 midnight for every Thursday before Easter Bank Holiday weekend;

- 12.00 midnight for Christmas Eve and Boxing Day;
- Sunday would remain as set out in the application form.

Mr. Evans further informed the Sub-Committee that the applicant would display appropriate signage advising taxi drivers not to sound their horns in the car park and a further sign asking patrons to respect local residents as they leave.

Representations were received from Mr. Bowden, Ms. Barton, Mr. and Mrs. Squires and Dr. A. Abudu, five local residents.

Following consideration of the representations put forward by all parties, it was

RESOLVED: that the revised application for the granting of the variation of a Premises Licence in respect of the Dodford Inn, Whinfield Road, Bromsgrove be granted in part as follows:

- (i) that the timings for the retail sale of alcohol and provision of regulated entertainment are:
 - 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m. on Monday to Thursday;
 - 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 midnight on Friday and Saturday;
 - 11.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m. on Sunday;
 - 12.00 noon to 3.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. on Christmas Day;
 - 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 midnight on all statutory bank holiday Sundays;
 - 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 midnight on all statutory bank holiday Mondays;
 - 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 midnight on the Thursday before Easter Bank Holiday weekend;
 - 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 midnight on Christmas Eve and Boxing Day;
 - 10.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. into the morning following New Years Eve;
- (ii) that a clear and legible sign be displayed, advising taxi drivers not to sound their horns in the car park;
- (iii) that a sign be displayed in the pub stating "Respect local residents as your leave", as well as advertising contact details of local taxi firms;
- (iv) that the applicant ensure that patrons do not use the beer garden after 11.20 p.m. on any day.

The Sub-Committee had come to its decision by listening carefully to the representations made by Mr. Evans together with Mr. Louch and by local residents and had noted the concerns which had been expressed about noise arising as people leave the premises. The Sub-Committee appreciated that the applicant had already shown a willingness to make concessions to accommodate those concerns, but the Sub-Committee believed that there was a need for further restrictions during the early part of the week in order to meet the licensing objective of the prevention of public nuisance, and allowing residents to get to sleep at a reasonable hour, particularly those with young children and those who have to get up for work.

The Meeting closed at 11.55 a.m.

Chairman