

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Monday, 5th September 2005, at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillors A. J. Dent, G. H. R. Hulett (substituting for Councillor E. C. Tibby) and S. P. Shannon.

Also in attendance were Mr. J. Dixon (Legal Counsel acting on behalf of M. & B. Plc)., Mr. D. Singleton (Managing Partner, Lyttleton Arms, Hagley), Ms. D. Hawkins (Licensee, Lyttleton Arms, Hagley), Councillor C. R. Scurrall (Local Ward Member for Hagley), Mr. and Mrs. T. Docker, Ms. A. Garth and Mr. R. Jenkins (local residents).

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APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor E. C. Tibby.

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ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

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

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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.

29/05

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 LYTTLETON ARMS, BROMSGROVE ROAD, HAGLEY**

The Sub-Committee considered an application for the variation of a Premises Licence in respect of The Lyttleton Arms, Bromsgrove Road, Hagley. The application was subject to a hearing in the light of a 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.

Messrs. Dixon and Singleton and Ms. Hawkins put forward the case on behalf of the applicants.

Representations were received from Councillor C. R. Scurrall, Mr. and Mrs. Docker, Ms. Garth and Mr. Jenkins, five local residents.

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

RESOLVED: that the application for the granting of the variation of a Premises Licence in respect of The Lyttleton Arms, Bromsgrove Road, Hagley, be granted, subject to the following conditions:-

- 1) that the duties of those staff employed on the door be extended to include the supervision of the car park between the hours of 7.00 p.m. and when the premises closed on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings – and that high visibility clothing should be used therefor;
- 2) that signs be erected inside and outside the premises seeking the co-operation of customers to leave the premises in a quiet, orderly and respectful manner;
- 3) that the applicant arrange for letters be sent to local taxi firms requesting them to instruct their drivers not to sound their horn on arrival at the premises to pick up a fare;
- 4) that, whenever possible, details of any special/late events be publicised locally;
- 5) that music on the patio area be turned off by 11.00 p.m.;
- 6) that the use of the patio ceases at 11.00 p.m.;
- 7) that emptying of the bottle banks should not take place between the hours of 10.00 p.m. and 9.00 a.m.

The decision taken by the Sub-Committee was based on the applicants and their representatives giving their assurances that there would not be any significant changes to the way in which the premises currently operated. Furthermore, the applicants would be willing to take appropriate steps to address any noise issues which arose, including liaising with local residents (see conditions above). The applicants would also re-examine the angle of the floodlighting in the car park, which was the subject of a current complaint.

The Meeting closed at 12.35 p.m.

Chairman