

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Friday, 9th September 2005 at 12.15 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Miss D. H. Campbell, A. J. Dent (substituting for Mrs. R. L. Dent) and G. H. R. Hulett

Also in attendance were Mr. Deb (Applicant), Mr. Sherif (Applicant's Legal Representative); Mr. Batin (Friend of Applicant), Mr. R. Oakes (Chairman of Dodford and Grafton Parish Council), Ms. J. Lewis, Ms. Perry, Mr. D. Robins, Mr. and Mrs. Woodhouse (local residents) and Mr. Naveed (Owner of Crossroads Garage, Dodford).

38/05 **APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs. R. L. Dent.

39/05 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED: that Councillor Miss D. H. Campbell be elected as Chairman for the Meeting.

40/05 **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 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.

41/05 **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 – CHENNAI RESTAURANT, KIDDERMINSTER ROAD, DODFORD**

The Sub-Committee considered an application for the variation of a Premises Licence in respect of Chennai Restaurant, Kidderminster Road, Dodford. The application was subject to a hearing in light of a number of letters of objection received from local residents expressing their concerns in relation to the proposed provision of regulated entertainment as follows:

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- Introduction of live music and dancing (any dancing would only take place on Tuesday evening) between 7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. on every Monday and Tuesday evening.

Mr. Sherif, the applicant's legal representative, put forward the case on behalf of the applicant.

Representations were also received from Mr. R. Oakes, Ms. Perry, Mr. D. Robins, Mr. G. Woodhouse (local residents) and Mr. Naveed (Owner of Crossroads Garage, Dodford).

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 Chennai Restaurant, Kidderminster Road, Dodford be granted subject to the following conditions:

- (i) that signs be erected outside of the premise advising diners to leave the car park in a quiet manner; and
- (ii) that the Licensee write to local taxi firms to request they ask their drivers not to sound their horns on arrival at the premises to pick up customers.

The Sub-Committee advised Mr. Deb, the applicant, to ensure the bottle emptying took place early evening rather than late at night.

The decision taken by the Sub-Committee was based on the fact that they listened very carefully to the representations made by the applicant, who gave his assurances that any live music played at the premises would be low-key background music to add to the ambience of the premises, as well as listening carefully to the concerns expressed by the local residents. The Sub-Committee considered the application to be modest and that granting the application, subject to the above conditions, was consistent with the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the four licensing objectives.

The Meeting closed at 1.55 p.m.

Chairman