

# **BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

## **MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, 20th September 2005, at 12.00 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs. S. J. Baxter (substituting for G. H. R. Hulett), Mrs. R. L. Dent and N. Psirides

Also in attendance were Mr. R. and Mrs. J. Narbett (Applicants), Councillors Mrs. J. M. Boswell and Mrs. M. A. Sherrey (Ward Members), and Mr. P. N. Bates and Mr. M. G. and Mrs. E. V. Skelding (local residents)

### 54/05 **APOLOGES**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor G. H. R. Hulett.

### 55/05 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

**RESOLVED:** that Councillor N. Psirides be elected as Chairman for the Meeting.

### 56/05 **PROCEDURE**

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

The Chairman invited the other parties present to identify themselves, so that the applicant and/or the objector(s) 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 considered their decision at the conclusion of the Hearing.

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

### 57/05 **APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE - THE BELL AND CROSS INN, HOLY CROSS, BROMSGROVE ROAD, CLENT, DY9 9QL**

The Sub-Committee considered an application for the variation of a Premises Licence in respect of The Bell and Cross Inn, Holy Cross, Bromsgrove Road, Clent. The application was subject to a Hearing in light of the letters of objection which had been received from local residents expressing their concerns in respect of the likely implications of the proposed extension of hours during which the premises would be able to retail both alcohol and late night refreshment, and provide regulated entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. Narbett put forward their case to the Sub-Committee.

Representations were also received from Councillors Mrs. J. M. Boswell and Mrs. M. A. Sherrey, as the Furlongs Ward Members, and from Mr. Bates and Mr. and Mrs. Skelding (local residents).

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

**RESOLVED:** that the application for the variation of the Premises Licence in respect of the Bell and Cross Inn, Bromsgrove Road, Holy Cross, Clent, Stourbridge, be granted in part, as follows:-

The timings for the retail sale of alcohol are -

- (i) 11.00 a.m. to 11.30 p.m. on Monday to Thursday (those people that are taking table meals will be able to purchase alcohol until 12.00 midnight in line with current arrangements);
- (ii) 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 midnight on Friday and Saturday;
- (iii) 11.00 a.m. to 11.30 p.m. on Sunday;
- (iv) 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 a.m. on Good Friday;
- (v) 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 a.m. on all Bank Holiday Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays;
- (vi) 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 a.m. on St. Patrick's Day, St. George's Day and St. Andrew's Day;
- (vii) 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 a.m. on Christmas Day and Boxing Day;
- (viii) 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 a.m. on 27th and 28th December; and
- (ix) there would be no change to the current permitted hours on New Year's Eve.

An additional 30 minutes will be allowed for the consumption of alcohol after the last sale of alcohol has been made.

The timings for the provision of late night refreshment are -

- (i) 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 midnight on Monday to Sunday;
- (ii) 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 a.m. on Good Friday;
- (iii) 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 a.m. on all Bank Holiday Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays;
- (iv) 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 a.m. on St. Patrick's Day, St. George's Day and St. Andrew's Day;
- (v) 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 a.m. on Christmas Day and Boxing Day;
- (vi) 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 a.m. on 27th and 28th December; and
- (vii) there would be no change to the current permitted hours on New Year's Eve.

The timings for the provision of regulated entertainment inside the premises are -

- (i) 11.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m. on Sunday to Thursday;
- (ii) 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 midnight on Friday and Saturday;
- (iii) 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 a.m. on Good Friday;
- (iv) 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 a.m. on all Bank Holiday Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays;
- (v) 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 a.m. on St. Patrick's Day, St. George's Day and St. Andrew's Day;
- (vi) 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 a.m. on Christmas Day and Boxing Day;
- (vii) 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 a.m. on 27th and 28th December; and
- (viii) there would be no change to the current permitted hours on New Year's Eve.

The timings for the provision of regulated entertainment outside the premises are -

- (i) 11.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m. on Monday to Sunday;
- (ii) 11.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m. on Good Friday;
- (iii) 11.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m. on all Bank Holiday Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays;
- (iv) 11.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m. on St. Patrick's Day, St. George's Day and St. Andrew's Day;
- (v) 11.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m. on Christmas Day and Boxing Day;
- (vi) 11.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m. on 27th and 28th December; and
- (vii) there would be no change to the current permitted hours on New Year's Eve.

The granting of the above-mentioned hours were also subject to the following additional conditions, namely:-

- that signs be placed on the car park seeking the co-operation of customers to leave the premises in a quiet, orderly and respectful manner, as well as requesting them to park their cars in a responsible manner
- that the licence holder notify local residents of any functions that will be held outside the premises; and

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- that the recommendations outlined in the Fire Officer's Report be completed before 24th November 2005.

The Sub-Committee had come to its decision by listening very carefully to the representations made by the applicants and the fact that they gave assurances that there would be no significant change to the operation or nature of the use of the premises. The Sub-Committee understood the concerns which had been expressed by the local residents, but they recognised that the extension in hours would only be used to give increased flexibility as and when required.

The Meeting closed at 1.00 p.m.

Chairman