

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE 'B'
22 NOVEMBER 2010

SUBMITTED TO THE LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE MEETING
10 FEBRUARY 2011

(To be read in conjunction with the Agenda for the Meeting)

- * Cllr Maurice Byham
- * Cllr Mrs Patricia Ellis
- * Cllr Mrs Elizabeth Cable

* Present
Cllr Richard Gates

10. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN (Agenda Item 1)

Cllr Mrs Elizabeth Cable was elected Chairman for this meeting of Sub-Committee B.

11. MINUTES (Agenda Item 2)

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2010 were confirmed and signed.

12. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (Agenda Item 3)

Cllr Maurice Byham declared a personal interest as a member of Bramley Parish Council.

Cllr Richard Gates, who had submitted an objection to the application as a resident living in the vicinity of the Golf Club, declared a personal and prejudicial interest as a Ward Councillor and member of Bramley Parish Council and left the meeting after making his representation.

PART I – RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

There were no matters falling within this category.

PARTS II AND III – MATTERS OF REPORT

Background Papers

The background papers relating to the following report in Parts II and III are as specified in the Agenda for the meeting of Licensing Sub-Committee 'A'.

PART II – Matters reported in detail for the information of the Committee

13. LICENSING ACT 2003 - APPLICATION FOR A VARIATION TO CLUB PREMISES CERTIFICATE – BRAMLEY GOLF CLUB, LINKS ROAD, BRAMLEY, GUILDFORD, SURREY GU5 0AL (Agenda Item 4; Appendix A)

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- 13.1 The Chairman advised the meeting that the applicant, Surrey Police and Waverley Environmental Health Officers had discussed various conditions and the applicant had accepted these, but that it would be the decision of the Sub-Committee whether or not to apply those conditions to the licence.
- 13.2 The Licensing Manager introduced the application and outlined the matter that the Sub-Committee was being asked to decide. The Licensing Manager advised the Sub-Committee that since the agenda had been despatched the Club had amended their application to reduce the hours applied for and this had resulted in the withdrawal of five of the fourteen objections.
- 13.3 The spokesperson for the applicant explained that the Club had applied for a variation of their club premises certificate to include regulated entertainment and the only change to the hours of operation was an extra 30 minutes on a Saturday night. The Club had amended its application following the concerns expressed by local residents. The Club did not intend to significantly increase the number of events taking place at the Clubhouse, which they said had amounted to approximately 15 over the last 26 months, but wished to simplify their administration by not having to apply for a Temporary Event Notice for every event.
- 13.4 Following a question from the Chairman, the spokesperson for the applicant confirmed that the application requested music to be played indoors only and the Sunday start time for the sale of alcohol and regulated entertainment was 12noon and not 10am.
- 13.5 The objectors to the variation then voiced their concerns and said that although they had enjoyed a good relationship with the Club, they were very concerned that the variation to allow regulated entertainment every day of the year had the potential to substantially increase noise nuisance. They were also concerned that, although the current Club Committee monitored events at the Clubhouse, a future committee may not be so restrictive. The objectors said they would like to see the number of events allowed in a year limited by condition. The spokesperson for the applicant said they would be willing to limit the number of events to 24 per year and confirmed that at least 2 club committee member were present when the facilities were hired out for private functions.
- 13.6 The spokesperson for the applicant confirmed that they would be willing to accept conditions to install a noise limiter and to ensure that doors and windows remained closed when music was being played indoors. To further allay the concerns of local residents they would also be willing to place a restriction on the use of the outside terrace for consumption of drinks after 10pm, and provide signage to encourage smokers to use the area of the terrace furthest from local residents' properties.
- 13.7 The objectors raised other issues, including traffic nuisance and fireworks, but these were not within the jurisdiction of the Sub-Committee, but the Chairman suggested that both parties might find it beneficial to arrange to meet and discuss ways to overcome concerns.

13.8 Following closing statements, the Sub-Committee then withdrew at 11.15 a.m.

Following the Sub-Committee's deliberation the meeting resumed at 12.06 p.m.

During the deliberations the Council's Principal Solicitor was asked to advise the Sub-Committee on suitable wording for conditions.

The Sub-Committee did not consider that the application conflicted with the Licensing Objectives relating to Prevention of Crime & Disorder, Public Safety, Prevention of Nuisance and Protection of Children from Harm.

The Sub-Committee therefore resolved to grant the variation as amended, but had taken into account the concerns raised over the potential for noise nuisance and the following conditions would be added to the club premises licence, which include those recommended by Surrey Police and the Waverley BC Environmental Health Officer:

1. Staff shall be trained in the basic law relating to the sale / supply of alcohol and written records will be kept for inspection. This will include the law relating to both the sale and the consumption of alcohol to persons under the age of 18 and the refusal of sale of alcohol to persons who are drunk. There will be an ongoing training regime.
2. The premises will operate a Challenge 21 policy and will only accept passport, photo and driving license or ID cards bearing the PASS hologram as forms of identification.
3. The sale of alcohol will be restricted to members, guests and day visitors, except when the premises are hired for private functions.
4. A noise limiter will be installed and working no later than the end of April 2011 and set to the satisfaction of Environmental Health officers in order to regulate the volume of amplified music played indoors.
5. Windows and doors to be closed during the performance of indoors amplified music.
6. The terrace will not be open for the consumption of alcohol after 10pm and signage to that effect be prominently displayed.
7. Signs to be prominently displayed requesting guests leaving the premises to be considerate of local residents and leave quietly.
8. The number of regulated music events in one year to be limited to 24 and at least 2 committee members be present at every non-member function.

The Sub-Committee also encouraged the Golf Club committee and local residents to meet on a regular basis to discuss any concerns they may have and look at ways to overcome them.

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The concerns raised by residents had been taken into account and the Sub-Committee reminded the objectors that should there be any cause for concern in the future, legislation allowed for members of the community to contact Waverley as the licensing authority with any complaints over the operation of the premises, leading to a possible review of the licence.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 12.11 pm.

Chairman