

**LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE held at 6.30 pm at COUNCIL OFFICES, LONDON ROAD
SAFFRON WALDEN on 11 JULY 2000**

Present:- Councillor R C Dean - Chairman

Councillors E C Abrahams, Mrs C A Cant, Mrs S Flack,
D J Morson, A R Row and R B Tyler

Officers in attendance:- P Anderson, Miss J Harrison, Mrs J Postings,
Mrs C Roberts, R Secker and Mrs A Turner

L10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor G W Powers.

L11 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2000 were received, confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

L12 BUSINESS ARISING

(i) Minute L6 - Application for a Music and Dancing Licence at The Queen Victoria Public House, Great Dunmow

The Head of Environmental Services informed the meeting that procedures had been modified to ensure that all Members in Great Dunmow and Saffron Walden, as appropriate, would be notified of public entertainment licence applications in each town, in future. In answer to a question from Councillor R B Tyler the Head of Environmental Services agreed to review the application form to encourage applicants to make their intentions quite clear as regards the number and frequency of any proposed events.

L13 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED that under Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of Exempt Information as defined in paragraphs 4 and 7 of Part I of Schedule 12 (A) of the Act.

L14 DETERMINATION OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Sub-Committee considered a report from Officers regarding a private hire driver's licence with a request to determine whether the licence holder was considered to be a fit and proper person to hold a driver's licence.

The Chairman explained to the applicant the procedure to be followed in considering the application and the reasons for the hearing. The applicant answered questions by Members of the Sub-Committee. The Head of Environmental Services had no questions of the applicant who made a brief final statement and confirmed that he assumed he had had a fair hearing.

The licence holder and licensing officers withdrew from the Committee Room whilst Members considered their decision.

At 6.52 pm the licence holder and officers were recalled to the Committee Room.

RESOLVED that the licence be not suspended or revoked.

The public were then readmitted to the meeting.

L15 APPLICATION FOR A FULL WEEKDAY MUSIC AND DANCING LICENCE AT THE CROSS KEYS HOTEL SAFFRON WALDEN

The Committee considered an application from Punch Retail Limited for a full weekday music and dancing licence for the ground floor area of the Cross Keys Hotel, Saffron Walden. The applicant's representative confirmed that it was only intended to hold one karaoke event each Wednesday fortnight. Objections had been received to the application and one of these still stood. The applicant's representative gave details of the application, the type of entertainment proposed, the area of the hotel involved and the maximum number of persons to be allowed to attend. The applicant's representative called his wife and the Company's solicitor as witnesses.

The Members of the Sub-Committee asked questions of the applicant and the witnesses, particularly regarding procedures for controlling numbers at events at the Cross Keys Hotel.

The objector asked questions about the duration of the proposed events. The objector then presented his case, stressing that his home was a very short distance from the Cross Keys Hotel. He then answered questions from Members of the Sub-Committee and the applicant.

The Head of Environmental Services described the results of the EHO's inspection of the premises. He explained that only one objection remained after the frequency of the event had been established and expressed his view that it was also unlikely that any noise nuisance would result from this use of the bar area. The objector and the applicant were each given an opportunity to make a final statement. Finally, the applicant confirmed that he felt he had had a fair hearing.

L16 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED that under Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of Exempt Information as defined in paragraphs 4 and 7 of Part I of Schedule 12 (A) of the Act.

The applicant's representative and witnesses, the objector and the licensing officer withdrew from the Committee Room whilst Members considered this decision.

L17 APPLICATION FOR A FULL WEEKDAY MUSIC AND DANCING LICENCE AT THE CROSS KEYS HOTEL - DECISION

RESOLVED that

- 1 a full weekday music and dancing licence be granted at the Cross Keys Hotel, Saffron Walden for up to 26 occasions per annum subject to conditions that not less than 12 days should elapse between occasions, events should take place between 7.00 pm and 11.00 pm in the bar area of the premises fronting King Street, and there be no more than 60 persons permitted in the raised area.
- 2 it be noted that in arriving at this decision the Sub-Committee has had regard to the objections received and made verbally to the Sub-Committee, and to the facts that karaoke is not especially noisy, the number attending for the event is restricted and the Environmental Protection Act provides further safeguards.
- 3 Councillor R C Dean, and in his absence Councillor Mrs S Flack, be nominated to give evidence on behalf of the Sub-Committee in the event of an appeal to the Magistrates Court against this decision.

The meeting ended at 7.55 pm.