

**LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE held at 6.30pm at COUNCIL OFFICES
LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN on 27 JUNE 2001**

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:- Miss J Harrison, M Hardy, Mrs J Postings,
M T Purkiss, R M Secker and Mrs A Turner

L9 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor M A Hibbs.

L10 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2001 were received, confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

L11 BUSINESS ARISING

Minute L6 – Saffron Walden Cricket Club

In response to a question it was confirmed that no appeal had been lodged by Nigel Moore of the Wederell Memorial Fund.

L12 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

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

L13 DETERMINATION OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Sub-Committee considered an application for a private hire driver's licence where the criteria to enable the Officers to determine the application under delegated authority were not satisfied. The Chairman explained to the applicant the procedure to be followed in considering the application. The applicant made representations in support of his case. Members and Officers questioned the applicant and the applicant had the opportunity to question the Officers and sum up his case. The applicant confirmed that he considered he had had a fair hearing and then he and the Licensing Officers left the meeting whilst the Sub-Committee considered its decision. They were later readmitted and informed of the decision.

RESOLVED that the application for a private hire driver's licence submitted by the individual named in the report be granted and the applicant be given a strong warning concerning the standard of his driving in the future.

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DETERMINATION OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – POTENTIAL REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION

The Sub-Committee considered the circumstances of a case where a licensed private hire driver had been convicted of a second criminal offence and Members were asked to determine whether the revocation or suspension of that licence would be appropriate. The Chairman explained to the licence holder the procedure to be followed in considering the matter. The licence holder, who was present with her representative, made representations in support of her case. Members and Officers questioned the licence holder and she and her representative had the opportunity to question the Officers and sum up her case. The licence holder confirmed that she considered she had had a fair hearing and then she and the Licensing Officers left the meeting whilst the Sub-Committee considered its decision. They were later readmitted to be informed of the decision.

RESOLVED that no action be taken to revoke or suspend the private hire driver's licence but the licence holder be given a strong warning concerning her future conduct.

The meeting ended at 7.20pm.