

SOUTH NORFOLK LICENSING AND GAMBLING ACTS COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the South Norfolk Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee of South Norfolk Council, held on Thursday, 9 November 2023 at 10.30am – 10.45am and Monday, 18 December 2023 at 10.40 am.

Committee Members Present: Councillors: J Easter (Chairman), G Blundell and I Spratt

All three members were present on 9 November and 18 December 2023.

Officers in Attendance:

The following were in attendance on 9 November 2023:

S Harris (Licensing Team Leader), R Setford (Licensing and Enforcement Officers), A Nicholas (Environmental Health Officer (Community Protection)), J Hammond (Democratic Services Officer), and R Utton (Legal Advisor - Birketts)

The following were in attendance on 18 December 2023:

S Harris (Licensing Team Leader), R Setford (Licensing and Enforcement Officer), A Nicholas (Environmental Health Officer (Community Protection)), J Hammond (Democratic Services Officer), R Utton (Legal Advisor - Birketts) and E Jones (Associate at Birketts)

Also in Attendance: The following were in attendance on 9 November 2023:
Cllr K Carsok – Objector

The following were in attendance on 18 December 2023:

S Rankin-Day – Applicant
S Williams – Supporting the Applicant
A Arber – Objector, on behalf of Tharston and Hapton Parish Council
Cllr K Carsok – Objector, District Councillor
C Dove – Objector, Neighbour

Cllrs M Hooton and C McConnell – Members of the Licensing & Gambling Acts Committee, observing the meeting.

18. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

19. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

20. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 October 2023 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the meeting held on 9 November 2023.

21. APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE

(With the agreement of all parties present, the meeting held on Thursday 9 November 2023 was adjourned at 10 :45am and reconvened on Monday 18 December 2023 at 10.40am)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the procedure for determining the application.

The Licensing and Enforcement Officer outlined her report and drew attention to the key areas for member consideration.

The applicant presented their case and, with the assistance of Mr Wilson, responded to questions from the Panel.

Cllr Carsok presented representations on behalf of seven local residents and herself, in her position as District Councillor. No questions were asked of Cllr Carsok by any party.

The Clerk of Tharston and Hapton Parish Council, Mr Arber, presented representations on behalf of the Parish Council.

Mrs Dove presented her representations and responded to questions from the Committee.

Environmental Health (Community Protection) Officer presented his representation and responded to questions from the Committee and the applicant.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the representation from the Licensing Authority, in its role as the responsible authority. She detailed the revised conditions proposed in conjunction with the applicant.

The applicant, objectors and Licensing Officers left the meeting at 11.58am whilst members determined the application. They were then readmitted to the meeting at 1.43pm and the Solicitor announced the decision.

It was,

RESOLVED

That,

The Sub-Committee had due regard to all 4 Licensing Objectives. The Sub-

committee had regard to the evidence in the Licensing and Enforcement Officer's report, as well as the written and oral evidence of all parties put forward at the Hearing.

The Sub-Committee, by majority, were not satisfied that granting the application for a new premises licence in the terms sought would not undermine the promotion of the licensing objectives, specifically the prevention of public nuisance. The application was therefore rejected in full.

The applicant was advised that should they be aggrieved by the decision or the imposition of any term or condition or restriction, they had a right of appeal to the Magistrates' Court within 21 days of the date on which they were notified of the decision in writing.

(The meeting concluded at 1.50 pm)

Chairman