

Minutes

Licensing Committee

25th June 2012



Present:

Councillors	Present	Councillors	Present
J S Allen	Yes	C Gibson	Apologies
M J Banthorpe (Chairman)	Yes	S A Howell	Yes
J Baugh	Yes	H D Johnson	Yes
T G Cunningham	Yes	E R Lynch	Yes
J G J Elliott	Apologies	J A Pell	Apologies
J H G Finbow	Apologies	L S Walters	Apologies
M J Fincken	Yes	S A Wilson	Yes
M E Galione	Yes	B Wright	Yes

1 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

INFORMATION: The following interests were declared:

All Councillors declared a personal interest in Item No. 5 – Application for a Street Trading Consent – Layby on A1017, Yeldham Road, Castle Hedingham as the objector to the application was a District Councillor and a Member of the Licensing Committee.

Councillor H D Johnson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item No. 5 - Application for a Street Trading Consent – Layby on A1017, Yeldham Road, Castle Hedingham as he had objected to the application, he lived near to the application site, as a District Councillor and as a Member of the Licensing Committee. Councillor Johnson indicated that he wished to make a statement on the application during Question Time. In accordance with the Code of Conduct, Councillor Johnson left the meeting whilst the item was discussed and determined.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct, Councillors remained in the meeting, unless stated otherwise, and took part in the discussion when the item was considered.

2 **MINUTES**

DECISION: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 7th March 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 **QUESTION TIME**

INFORMATION: There was one statement made. Details of the person who spoke at the meeting are contained in the Appendix to these Minutes.

Principally, these Minutes record decisions taken only and, where appropriate, the

reasons for the decisions. An audio recording of the meeting is available from Member Services.

4 **STREET TRADING CONSENT APPLICATION – LAYBY ON A1017, YELDHAM ROAD, CASTLE HEDINGHAM**

INFORMATION: Consideration was given to an application for a street trading consent which had been submitted by Mr Gary Bentley. Mr Bentley wished to sell hot and cold food and drink from a vehicle parked within a lay-by on land adjacent to the former entrance to Colne Valley Railway, on the A1017, Yeldham Road, Castle Hedingham. Mr Bentley wished to trade on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays between the hours of 7.30am and 4.00pm.

Following consultation, Councillor H D Johnson, Ward Councillor for Hedingham and Maplestead, had objected to the application on the grounds of road safety. Councillor Johnson considered that the A1017 was a very dangerous road at this point, with a great number of vehicles speeding and others turning into and away from Colne Valley Railway.

Mr Bentley and his wife Mrs Bentley attended the meeting, presented the application and answered questions put to them by Members.

Mr and Mrs Bentley were excluded from the meeting whilst the Committee made its decision.

In announcing the Committee's decision, the Chairman requested Mr and Mrs Bentley to keep the site clear of litter and he advised them to contact Essex County Council as the owner of the land.

DECISION: That the application submitted by Mr Bentley for a street trading consent to sell hot and cold food and drink from a vehicle parked within a lay-by on land adjacent to the former entrance to Colne Valley Railway, on the A1017, Yeldham Road, Castle Hedingham be granted for Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays between the hours of 7.30am and 4.00pm, subject to the Council's Street Trading and Collections Policy and the standard conditions relating to street trading.

The meeting closed at 8.31pm.

M J BANTHORPE

(Chairman)

APPENDIX
LICENSING COMMITTEE
25TH JUNE 2012
PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Details of Questions Asked / Statements Made During Public Question Time

1. Statement Relating to Item 5 - Application for a Street Trading Consent – Layby on A1017, Yeldham Road, Castle Hedingham

Statement by Councillor H D Johnson, 28A Crouch Green, Castle Hedingham, Halstead (Objector)