

Minutes

Licensing Committee

2nd July 2008



Present:

Councillors	Present	Councillors	Present
M J Banthorpe (Chairman)	Yes	T McArdle	Yes
J C Collar	Apologies	A M Meyer	Yes
J G J Elliott	Apologies	Mrs R O'Shea	Apologies
J H G Finbow	Apologies	Mrs J A Pell	Apologies
Mrs S A Howell	Yes	D E A Rice	Yes
P J Hughes	Yes	A F Shelton	Yes
E R Lynch	Apologies	F Swallow	Yes
M Lynch	Yes		

11 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

INFORMATION: There were no interests declared.

12 **MINUTES**

DECISION: That the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 21st May 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

13 **QUESTION TIME**

INFORMATION: There were no questions asked or statements made.

14 **STREET TRADING CONSENT – HIGH STREET, BRAINTREE**

INFORMATION: Consideration was given to an application for a street trading consent submitted by Mr Roger Green. Mr Green wished to sell ice-creams and cold drinks from a van parked on the highway in the vicinity of David Connolly Jewellers, High Street, Braintree. Mr Green wished to trade on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays between the hours of 9.00am and 5.00pm.

Following consultation, Essex County Council Highways had objected to the application on the grounds that the vehicle would obstruct the free movement of pedestrians. The County Council stated that the proposed site was in an area where there were already a number of items of street furniture such as bollards, posts and a bench. The County Council considered also that the vehicle might block the sight line of pedestrians crossing the road. In addition, the District Council's Planning Policy Section had stated that the proposed site was a key part of the town and that the positioning of the van at this location on days other than Market Day would be unsightly.

Mr Green attended the meeting, presented his application and answered questions

put to him by Members. Mr Green indicated that he would only trade between 1st March and 31st October and when the temperature was 20 degrees centigrade or more. Mr Green stated also that he would provide a litter bin for his customers and that he would collect any litter dropped.

Members noted from photographs submitted with the application that the ice-cream van was proposed to be sited adjacent to the bollards on the corner of Bank Street and High Street with the serving hatch facing the High Street. Members considered that it would be preferable if the vehicle was to be located slightly further along the High Street with the hatch facing the Jewellers shop to provide better access around the van and to avoid the risk of people stepping into the road.

DECISION: That the application submitted by Mr Green for a street trading consent to sell ice-cream and cold drinks from an ice-cream van located at the junction of Bank Street and High Street, Braintree adjacent to David Connolly Jewellers be granted for Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays between the hours of 9.00am to 5.00pm, subject to the Council's Street Trading and Collections Policy and the standard conditions relating to street trading, and to additional conditions requiring that the serving hatch of the vehicle faces away from the road towards the buildings and to the vehicle being positioned further along the High Street away from the bollards.

During the consideration of this item, it was reported that Essex County Council would be undertaking works to High Street, Braintree in the near future which would mean that the road would be closed for approximately 12 weeks. Mr Green was advised to contact Essex County Council Highways to ascertain the dates of the closure and the access arrangements.

Additional Meeting

The Chairman advised Members that it would be necessary to arrange an additional meeting of the Licensing Committee in order to consider another street trading application.

DECISION: That an additional meeting of the Licensing Committee be held on Wednesday, 30th July 2008 starting at 7.15pm.

The meeting commenced at 7.25pm and closed at 8.10pm.

M J BANTHORPE
(Chairman)