

Licensing Subcommittee

9 May 2014 at 9.30 am

Present: Councillors Tyler (Chairman), Patel and Squires

Licensing Officer	Peter Savage
Applicant	Jeremy Pardey, Butlins Jonathan Key, Butlins Jonathan Smith. Legal Representative
Local Representative	Glenn Powell, Felpham Parish Council Ross Fisher, Local Resident
Legal Representative	Delwyn Jones, Council's Legal Representative

1. Election of Chairman

Prior to commencement of the meeting it had been agreed that Councillor Tyler would chair the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

3. Application for a Variation to a Premises Licence within the Butlins Complex, Bognor Regis

The Chairman asked if there was any reason to enable the hearing to be dispensed with and was advised by the Licensing Officer that there was not.

Prior to commencement of consideration of this item, the Chairman requested those in attendance to introduce themselves and stated that there was a laid down procedure to be followed, a copy of which was before all those speaking at the meeting. He also stated that a verbatim note of the meeting would not be taken and should anyone wish anything particular to be noted they should indicate accordingly to enable this to be done.

The Licensing Officer advised that the variation to the Premises Licence was for the sale of alcohol and the provision of entertainment at Butlins in Bognor Regis. He also informed the meeting that the members of the Subcommittee had visited the site and the surrounding streets that morning to appraise themselves of the location within the site that was the subject of the variation.

In line with the Council's procedure, written and verbal representations were received and taken due account of from the applicant, Felpham Parish Council and local residents.

Mr Smith explained in detail the background to the Premises Licence and why this variation was being requested. Butlins was very aware that residential properties were in close proximity to the site and Mr Pardey, General Manager, had regular meetings and communication with local residents to keep them informed of what was going on at the resort. In the course of discussion, Butlins offered up a number of conditions that they would be happy to have applied to the variation to allay residents' concerns regarding noise and disturbance. These were:-

- The hours for the sale of alcohol to 0400 to co-ordinate with the existing hours for Papa Johns
- No entertainment to be held on the outside area
- No sale or consumption of food or alcohol outside the Diner after 2300 hours, to include the bus as well
- Where appropriate local residents to be informed of any unusual entertainment after 1900 hours, in line with Papa Johns
- The upstairs seating on the bus to be limited to 22, with no entertainment being conducted on the bus
- Only table service at the bus bar

In the course of the hearing, comment was made that there was a noise limiter in situ at the eastern perimeter fence which gave notification if noise was occurring above the agreed limit to enable staff to take the necessary action to reduce that noise. It was accepted that it would be sensible for such a machine to be installed at the western end of the resort. This would not be a condition of the licence but it was agreed that the necessary work would be carried out by Butlins to install the equipment.

Following questions and answers from all sides, the Subcommittee then retired from the meeting to consider its decision. The Council's legal representative was asked to verify the lawfulness of the decision being made and, on the meeting being reconvened, the Chairman gave advice to that effect.

The Chairman thanked Butlins for their continual liaison with local residents and for wishing to work in harmony with them. He then advised all those in attendance of the decision of the Subcommittee as follows:-

That the variation be granted, with the following conditions:-

- The hours for the sale of alcohol to 0400 to co-ordinate with the existing hours for Papa Johns
- No entertainment to be held on the outside area
- No sale or consumption of food or alcohol outside the Diner after 2300 hours, to include the bus as well
- Where appropriate local residents to be informed of any unusual entertainment after 1900 hours, in line with Papa Johns

- The upstairs seating on the bus to be limited to 22, with no entertainment being conducted on the bus
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Reason for the Decision

The conditions had been applied to the variation to address the concerns of local residents with regard to the potential for noise and disturbance from the site.

(The meeting concluded at 11.30 pm)

Signed ..... Chairman