

Licensing Committee
21 JULY 2021

Present: Councillors: John Blackall, Karen Burgess, Kate Rowbottom and Jim Sanson

LI/1 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE MEETING**

RESOLVED

That Councillor Karen Burgess be elected Chairman for the meeting.

LI/2 **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

There were not declarations of interest.

LI/3 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

LI/4 **APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION**

The sub-committee considered an application for the granting of a Premises Licence under Section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the Deer Park, Leonardslee Gardens, Brighton Road, Lower Beeding, West Sussex.

The licence would allow the following licensable activities Monday to Sunday 12:00 hrs until 23:00 hrs:

Plays, films, live music, recorded music, performance of plays, anything similar and the retail sale of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises.

The licence would allow the premises to be open to the public:
Monday to Sunday 09:00 hrs until 23:45 hrs.

The Licensing Officer presented the report, which set out details of the application and representations made by interested parties.

Representations:

Responsible Authorities:

Sussex Police raised no objection to the application, subject to appropriate conditions.

HDC Environmental Health & Licensing Department raised no objection subject to the submission of information on the measures to prevent adverse noise impacts for future events.

Interested Parties:

There had been 32 representations submitted that were against the grant of the premises licence.

Two members of the public spoke in objection to the application.

The Ward Member for Nuthurst Parish Council expressed her concerns regarding the application, requesting that the licence be limited to one year.

A representative of an objector addressed the sub-committee. The sub-committee had noted a number of suggested conditions that the representative had previously submitted.

The sub-committee then heard from the applicant.

The Chairman and members of the sub-committee further questioned the applicant and interested parties. Issues discussed included hours of operation, noise and light nuisance, and traffic and parking. It was noted that each event would require an approved Events Management Plan before it could take place.

The sub-committee were mindful of concerns regarding the impact on neighbouring residents and of the measures that the applicant proposed to mitigate these concerns.

The Chairman invited the sub-committee to move to private session to deliberate. They considered all the evidence and submissions before them, having regard to the four licensing objectives, in particular the prevention of public nuisance.

Having taken all the facts and matters into account, the Licensing Sub-Committee decided to grant the Premises Licence for the Deer Park, subject to the additional conditions as enumerated by the sub-committee and conditions imposed to mitigate the concerns raised.

RESOLVED

That the Premises Licence for the Deer Park, Leonardslee Gardens be granted, subject to the following conditions:

- i) Eight pre-booked ticketed event per calendar year. Each of these events must have an Events Management Plan two months prior to the event, to be approved by HDC's Environmental Health & Licensing Department and Sussex Police.
- ii) Events must not last more than seven days.
- iii) During events, a landline phone number will be manned at all times and made available to the Parish Council and local residents via the local Parish magazine. All calls must be logged and available to HDC's Environmental Health & Licensing Officer.
- iv) Following complaints at previous events, a Noise mitigation scheme, approved by HDC's Environmental Health Team, must be included in the Events Management Plan.
- v) Low level lights to be installed in the car park and to be turned off half an hour after the last visitor has left.
- vi) Arrangements for the collection of rubbish to be included in Events Management Plan and to include measures to reduce noise nuisance.
- vii) We welcome the applicant's willingness to engage with WSCC with regard to improving entry and exit signage and suggest this be pursued as a matter of urgency.
- viii) The right of appeal is contained within Schedule 5 of the Licensing Act 2003.

The meeting closed at 12.10 pm having commenced at 10.05 am

CHAIRMAN