

Licensing Sub-Committee
6 SEPTEMBER 2021

Present: Councillors: Peter Burgess, Roy Cornell and Mike Morgan

Also Present: Councillors: Ruth Fletcher and Jim Sanson

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

RESOLVED

That Councillor Mike Morgan 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 Coren Wine Ltd, Lower Lodge Vineyard, The Haven, Billingshurst.

The application as originally submitted had sought a licence to allow the following licensable activities:

- Sale and supply of alcohol by retail for consumption on and off the premises
- Monday to Sunday: 10:00hrs till 23:00hrs
- Premises open to the public Monday to Sunday: 10:00hrs till 23:00hrs

The Licensing Officer presented the report, which set out details of the application and representations made by interested parties. He gave details of the application as amended by the applicant in response to a number of representations. Changes to the application comprised:

- The hours for the sale by retail of alcohol shall be 10:00hrs to 18:00hrs on any day
- There shall be no sales of alcohol for consumption on the premises
- No members of the public shall be permitted to visit the site to purchase alcohol
- Alcohol sales shall be limited to off sales made online or via telephone and for delivery only.

It was also noted that once the Winery building was completed an existing garage would be removed from the licenced area.

Responsible Authorities:

Sussex Police raised no objection to the application.

HDC Environmental Health & Licencing Department raised no objection as the application had not specified music or other entertainment.

HDC Planning Department had commented that the uses requested in the original application went beyond those stipulated within the planning permission relating to the site. The Planning Department had confirmed that this was no longer the case with the amended application.

Interested Parties:

There had been 16 representations submitted that were against the grant of the premises licence. None of the objectors had withdrawn their submissions when advised of the amended proposal.

The sub-committee heard from the applicant.

Three members of the public then spoke in objection to the application.

The Chairman and members of the sub-committee further questioned the applicant and interested parties.

The applicant agreed to amend the wording on their website to make it clear that members of the public could not visit the site to buy wine or other products.

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.

Having taken all the facts and matters into account, the Licensing Sub-Committee decided to Grant the Premises Licence for Coren Wine Ltd.

In response to concerns that wine tasting events, which did not involve the sale of alcohol, could still be permitted, the sub-committee amended the wording to condition 4) to clarify that wine tasting events would not be allowed under the terms of the licence.

The Chairman advised that the right of appeal was contained within Schedule 5 of the Licensing Act 2003.

RESOLVED

That the Licensing Sub-Committee agree to Grant the Premises Licence for Coren Wine Ltd, subject to the conditions attached to the licence.

These are to include:

- 1) The hours of sale by retail shall be 10.00am to 6.00pm on any day.
- 2) There shall be no sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises.
- 3) No members of the public shall be permitted to visit the site to purchase **or consume** alcohol.
- 4) Alcohol sales shall be limited to off sales made on line or via telephone and for delivery only.

The meeting closed at 11.15 am having commenced at 10.00 am

CHAIRMAN