

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, CORKS LANE, HADLEIGH ON MONDAY, 28 APRIL 2014 (1.00 P.M.)

PRESENT: John Deacon Nick Ridley
 Richard Kemp

The following were present at the meeting to make representations:-

Mr L Carvell – Corporate Manager Licensing to present Paper P2

Ms J Hart – Senior Environmental Protection Officer

Mr P Newland – Objector

Mr S Squires – Applicant

The following were in attendance at the meeting:-

Ms C Whatling – Solicitor (Legal Advisor to the Sub-Committee)

Mr S Ellwood – Corporate Manager – Governance

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR HEARING

RESOLVED

That Nick Ridley be elected Chairman for the Hearing.

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

3 LICENSING ACT 2003 – SECTION 34 HEARING REPORT

Nick Ridley chaired the hearing meeting. He referred to the procedure to be followed, a copy of which had been circulated with the Agenda, and introduced the Members and Officers present.

The Head of Environment submitted a report ([Paper P2](#)) to enable the Committee to consider an application under the 2003 Licensing Act to vary a new premises licence for Blaze Grill, 10 Station Road, Sudbury.

Members then questioned the Head of Environment.

The Applicants made an opening address to the meeting in support of the application.

The Applicant was then questioned by Members.

Ms Hart made her representation (from the Responsible Authority – Environmental Health) attached as Appendix C to Paper P2. She was then questioned by Members, the applicant and the objector.

The objector, Mr Newland then made his representation attached as Appendix C to Paper P2.

The objectors were then questioned by the Applicant and Members.

All parties were then requested to provide closing comments to the meeting. Following this all parties withdrew to enable the Sub-Committee to deliberate the Application.

The relevant parties were then invited back into the meeting and the Council's decision (which was unanimous) was notified.

RESOLVED

That the application for a variation of the licence for Premises Licence BPLO400 for Blaze Grill, 10 Station Road, Sudbury be refused.

REASON

Based on the evidence before it of existing issues, the Sub-Committee accepts that the public objections which have been expressed in relation to the potential for public nuisance are both substantial and substantiated, and that this application, if granted, would cause those issues to considerably worsen. It is therefore appropriate and proportionate to reject the application in its entirety.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 1.50 a.m.

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Chairman