

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, CORKS LANE,  
HADLEIGH ON FRIDAY, 21 JUNE 2013 (10.00 A.M.)

PRESENT: Mr A J Ward - Chairman

Mr N A Ridley

Mr R C Smith

Mr B Riley, Ward Member for Hadleigh (North) was present at the meeting and spoke on the item in [Paper N21](#) with the consent of the Chairman.

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

Mr L Carvell – Corporate Manager - Licensing to present Paper N21

Mr J Buckingham – Corporate Manager - Environmental Protection

Mrs J Bayliss – Objector

Mr T Benn } Applicants  
Mr M Burgess }

PC Paisley } Suffolk Constabulary  
Sgt Pinyoun }

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 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

2 LICENSING ACT 2003 – SECTION 34 HEARING REPORT

Mr Ward, the Chairman of the Licensing and Appeals Committee, 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 N21](#)) to enable the Committee to consider an application under the 2003 Licensing Act to vary a new premises licence for The Eight Bells, Angel Street, Hadleigh.

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

The Applicant was then questioned by Members and Officers and Suffolk Constabulary.

Mr Buckingham made his representation (from the Responsible Authority – Environmental Health) attached as Appendix C(1) to Paper N21. He was then questioned by the applicant and the Police.

The Police made their representations, attached as Appendix C(1) [to Paper N21](#). They were questioned by Members, Officers and the Applicant.

Mrs Bayliss then spoke on behalf of the objectors.

The objectors were then questioned by the Applicant and Officers.

All parties were then requested to provide closing comments to the meeting. Following this all parties withdrew to enable the 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 be refused on the basis that this is appropriate to promote the licensing objectives, with particular regard to the prevention of public nuisance. The Committee has reached the conclusion that at the present time, to grant the variation would lead to public nuisance, and has done so having had regard to the incidents described by both the Police and Environmental Health. These reports drew attention to the levels of background noise over and above the permitted musical entertainment, particularly shouting, swearing, raised voices, and people congregating outside the premises.**

**Further that as an additional comment to the decision, looking to the future, the Committee would like to encourage the Applicant to liaise fully with the Police and Environmental Health in order to establish whether conditions can be agreed that would satisfy the concerns raised at the meeting.**

The business of the meeting was concluded at 11.45 a.m.

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Chairman