

## **Minutes of Licensing Sub-Committee**

Meeting Date: Monday, 19 June 2017, starting at 2pm  
Present: Councillor S Brunskill (Chairman)

Councillors:

R Swarbrick  
S Hind

In attendance: Solicitor (RVBC), Administration and Licensing (Alcohol and Entertainment) Officer (RVBC), Committee Clerk (RVBC), Mark Eggar (Director of Applicant), Samantha Faud (Solicitor for Applicant), Karrie Ashworth (Proposed DPS), Councillor Clifford Ball (Whalley Parish Council), Councillor June Brown (Whalley Parish Council), Louise Clough (Swan Hotel, Whalley).

### **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence from the meeting.

### **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest.

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The Sub-Committee considered a report submitted by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services on the determination of an application required under Section 18 of the Licensing Act 2003. A copy of the licence application, including proposed conditions, a plan of the premises and the consent of the proposed DPS were included in the report. Details of the licensable activities applied for were also set out.

The Applicant's representatives had also submitted a bundle of documents, comprising a summary of the licensable activities, further plans, staff training documents, emails between interested parties, and legal authority. These had also been placed before the Sub-Committee and forwarded to the objectors.

The Applicant's Solicitor made verbal representations to the Sub-Committee and explained that both the Director of the Applicant and the proposed DPS had significant experience of working in and running licensed premises. A 7 year lease had been taken on the building and it was intended to invest £25,000 in the building and the project. The intention was to sell draught beers and gin and they would not be having any cheap drinks promotions.

The Applicant's Solicitor informed the meeting that the Applicant had withdrawn their application for regulated entertainment and that the hours for sale of alcohol had been reduced to terminate at 2am. Additional conditions had also been agreed with the Police. A new plan had been submitted (and agreed with the Police) which showed the external area for smoking. The Applicant's Solicitor

reiterated that no representations had been received from residents or the Environmental Health department. The concerns of the Police had been addressed by way of the additional conditions.

The Sub-Committee had also received two written representations, from the Parish Council and from the Swan Hotel at Whalley, which had been attached to the report. Verbal representations were also made to the Sub-Committee from Parish Councillor Ball and Parish Councillor Brown and from Louise Clough of the Swan Hotel. They submitted that the premises will cause additional noise for residents and for guests staying The Swan Hotel, and that Whalley did not need an additional licensed premises. They also raised issues of safety with customers leaving the premises.

The Licensing Sub-Committee gave careful consideration to the representations made by all parties, both verbal and written. The Sub-Committee also considered the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003, the licensing objectives, the relevant regulations and the Council's licensing policy.

RESOLVED: That the Sub-Committee resolve to grant the application for a premises licence as applied for (and clarified at the hearing) including the amended plan of the premises. The Sub-Committee decision is available at:

[https://www.ribblevalley.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/11129/h2o\\_bar\\_3\\_accrington\\_road\\_whalley.pdf](https://www.ribblevalley.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/11129/h2o_bar_3_accrington_road_whalley.pdf)

The meeting closed at 3.15pm.

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