Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee of the Test Valley Borough Council

held in Council Chamber, Duttons Road, Romsey on Friday 28th April 2006 at 9.30 a.m.

Attendance:

Councillor A.J. Gentle (P) Councillor A. Hope (P)

Councillor Mrs A.L. Tupper (P)

Also in attendance: Mrs J. Lane, Romsey Co

Mrs J. Lane, Romsey Comrades Club Mr Purkiss, Romsey Comrades Club

1 Appointment of Chairman

Resolved:

That Councillor Hope be appointed Chairman for the duration of the meeting.

2 Minutes

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 5th April 2006 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3 Application for the Variation of a Club Premises Certificate – Romsey Comrades Club, South Front, Romsey SO51 8GJ

The Sub-Committee was requested to consider an application for a Variation of a Premises Licence for the Romsey Comrades Club, South Front, Romsey.

The Licensing Manager presented the facts of the case to the Sub-Committee and outlined details of the existing Premises Licence. As the application for a Variation had attracted representations from interested parties, it was necessary for the application to be determined at a Hearing. The nature of the Variation is as follows:

- a) To provide regulated entertainment by way of live music, recorded music and provision of facilities for dancing from 1000 to 2300 hours Monday to Saturday and 1100 to 2300 hours Sunday.
- b) To supply alcohol for consumption on the premises during the times mentioned in a) above.

c) The premises to remain open for a further 30 minutes on Sunday to Friday and 60 minutes on Saturday after the times mentioned in a) above to allow drinking up.

Although there had been 12 representations from interested parties, objecting to the Variation to the Premises Licence, the Sub-Committee noted that none of the interested parties had attended the Hearing in person.

The Chairman invited Mrs Lane and Mr Purkiss, representing the Romsey Comrades Club, to outline the reasons for their request to the Sub-Committee. The request to extend the opening hours between 3.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. daily would enable the Club to remain open for televised sports events and the occasional function, such as wedding receptions, birthday parties and wakes.

The Licensing Manager reminded the Sub-Committee that the existing Licence already contained conditions concerning the regulation of any music or entertainment noise.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to enable the Sub-Committee to consider the matter.

Upon return, the Chairman informed the meeting that the Sub-Committee, in reaching its determination upon the matter, had had regard to the National Licensing Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003, Test Valley Borough Council's own Licensing Policy, together with the representations made and by the evidence heard at the Hearing.

Decision:

Resolved:

That the application for the Variation to a Premises Licence for the Romsey Comrades Club, South Front, Romsey be granted.

(Meeting terminated at 9.57 a.m.)