

Minutes of the **Licensing Sub-Committee**
of the **Test Valley Borough Council**
held in Council Chamber, Duttons Road, Romsey
on Tuesday 1st May 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

Attendance:

Councillor Mrs D. Baverstock (P) Councillor A.J. Gentle (P)
Councillor B.A. Page (P)

Also in attendance:

Sgt T Adams, Hampshire Constabulary

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Appointment of Chairman

Resolved:

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

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Minutes

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 20th March 2007 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

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Application for Variation of a Premises Licence to specify a new Designated Premises Supervisor – Dukes Head, Greatbridge Road, Romsey SO51 0HB

The Sub-Committee considered an application for variation of a premises licence to specify a new Designated Premises Supervisor for the premises known as the Dukes Head, Greatbridge Road, Romsey.

The Licensing Manager explained that this application had attracted a representation from Hampshire Constabulary, the only persons able to object to such an application thus requiring the matter to be determined by a hearing.

He also confirmed that the applicant and the proposed designated premises supervisor of the premises had been notified of the hearing, although neither was present.

Sergeant Adams presented the case for the Hampshire Constabulary outlining the reasons for the objection to the application to specify Mr E Blanchard as the Designated Premises Supervisor. Mr Blanchard was employed at the premises as a chef and the Police expressed concern that in this capacity he would be unable to adequately undertake the duties expected of a designated premises supervisor as defined under the Licensing Act. Sergeant Adams informed the sub-Committee that he and colleagues had attempted to contact Mr Blanchard and Ms Russell, the Premises licence holder, to discuss the application but without success.

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

Decision

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 at the Hearing and in writing.

The Sub-Committee were of the view that Mr Blanchard's employment as a chef at the premises was not conducive to the proper exercise of control of licensed premises. His repeated failure to contact police when requested to do so, together with his claims that he was too busy to speak to them, was indicative of the Sub-Committee's main concern.

Resolved:

That the application for the variation of a Premises Licence to specify a new Designated Premises Supervisor for the premises known as the Duke's Head, Greatbridge Road, Romsey be refused.

(Meeting terminated at 10.10 am)