

**Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee  
of the Test Valley Borough Council**  
held in Council Chamber, Duttons Road, Romsey  
on Thursday 16th October 2008 at 9.30 a.m.

Attendance:

Councillor A. Hope (P) Councillor Mrs A Tupper (P)  
Councillor Mrs J. Whiteley (P)

Also in attendance:

Ms C. Johnson, Solicitor for Enterprise Inns  
Mr R. Maughan, Enterprise Inns  
Mr Crorie, Counsel for the Hampshire Constabulary  
Sgt T Adams, Hampshire Constabulary  
PC S. Beecroft, Hampshire Constabulary  
Ms G. Fice, Hampshire Constabulary

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**Minutes**

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2008 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.**

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**Application for Review of a Premises Licence –  
The George Inn, Middle Wallop, Stockbridge SO20 8EG**

The Sub-Committee was requested to consider an application for a review of a Premises Licence for the George Inn, Middle Wallop, Stockbridge. The application was requested in accordance with the provisions of Section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003.

The Licensing Manager informed the Sub-Committee that the application to review the licence had been made by the Hampshire Constabulary. The review related to all four licensing objectives

- Prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- Prevention of public nuisance
- Protection of children from harm

The Licensing Manager reported that since the report had been written the Licensee and Designated Premises Supervisor, Corinne Whitlock, had surrendered the Premises Licence. The Premises Licence was now held by the freeholder, Enterprise Inns.

The Chairman advised the Committee that the statement provided by Katie Louise Foster was illegible and it was agreed by all parties that it was unable to be considered for that reason.

Mr Crorie, Counsel for the Hampshire Constabulary, was invited to address the Sub-Committee. He requested that a list of suggested conditions be tabled for the assistance of the Sub-Committee. The Solicitor for Enterprise Inns objected to this new information, but on legal advice, the Sub-Committee Chairman accepted the information. Mr Crorie referred to the reasons for the review of the premises licence which were contained in the report. He also explained the reasons for the suggested conditions.

The Sub-Committee was then addressed by Ms Johnson, the Solicitor acting for the Licensee. She outlined details of the problems experienced over the last 15 months at the premises, which she attributed solely to the presence of the Designated Premises Supervisor, Corinne Whitlock. It was her contention that the premises would return to being a well run establishment now the Licence has been surrendered.

Ms Johnson suggested to the Sub-Committee that there had been no evidence submitted by the police which proved that the breaches of the licensing objectives had occurred outside the period of occupation by Corinne Whitlock.

The Sub-Committee were then given to opportunity to ask questions of the representatives of each of the parties and the parties of each other.

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 at the Hearing and in writing.

The Chairman stated that the decision was based on the evidence of general disorder on and nearby the premises which occurred during but not exclusively throughout the occupation of Corrine Whitlock.

**Decision**

**Resolved:**

1. That Corinne Whitlock to be removed as Designated Premises Supervisor.
2. That the conditions of the Premises Licence be modified as follows:
  - a) The hours for the premises to be amended to:  
  
Monday to Thursday 7 a.m. to midnight  
Friday to Saturday 7 a.m. to 1 a.m.  
Sunday no change
  - b) The premises to operate the “Challenge 21” Scheme and posters to this effect to be displayed in prominent positions at the premises. Staff to be trained to challenge any young person attempting to purchase alcohol. If the person seeking alcohol is unable to produce acceptable means of identification, no sale or supply of alcohol to be made to or for that person – there should be a written record kept of all refusals of entry and/or ejections from the premises.

(Meeting terminated at 12.32 p.m.)