

Licensing Sub-Committee

Held at:	Virtual Zoom Meeting
Date	Thursday, 3 September 2020
Present	Councillors John Collier, Ian Meyers and David Wimble
Apologies for Absence	
Officers Present:	Kate Clark (Case Officer - Committee Services), Sue Lewis (Committee Services Officer), Nicola Murton (Lead Legal Specialist), Jack Pearce (Legal Trainee) and Briony Williamson (Licensing Specialist)
Others Present:	Mr Gary Necker, applicant and Mr Robert Lawford, Club Chairman

38. **Election of Chairman for the meeting**

Proposed by Councillor John Collier
Seconded by Councillor David Wimble and

Resolved: That Councillor Ian Meyers is Chairman for the meeting.

(Voting: For 2; Against 0; Abstentions 1)

39. **Declarations of interest**

Councillor John Collier declared a voluntary announcement in that his grandson plays football for Hawkinge. He remained in the meeting during discussion and voting on this item.

40. **An application for a Variation of a Premises Licence in respect of: Hawkinge Community Football & Sports Club, The Pavilion, Pavilion Road, Hawkinge, Kent, CT18 7UA**

The report outlines the application made by Hawkinge Community Football & Sports Club to vary their current Premises Licence.

The Licensing Specialist informed the sub-committee that representation 20 should not be considered as the information is incorrect and the resident is not a trustee of the cricket club.

The sub-committee heard from the applicant, Mr Gary Necker and the Club Chairman, Mr Robert Lawford who informed members over the last couple of years the club had applied for a number of temporary event licenses but this variation would allow them to be more flexible and offer the sale of alcohol on other occasions, particularly the larger events. The club is managed well and this would service the needs of its members and their families.

They addressed the issue of parking raised by some representations and informed that the car park holds 50 cars and there is additional overspill space in the adjacent field. There is adequate signage throughout Hawkinge informing guests to enter via the A260.

The club has a welfare officer in place and CRB checks of all the coaches and staff are in place in respect of protecting children from harm. They have repaired the CCTV system and the Licensing Specialist had viewed the system the day before to check it was fully functional.

The Licensing Specialist informed members that representations in respect of crime and drug use had not been proven to be connected to the members of the Football Club and it was also noted that the club has a public footpath through it which they have no control over who comes in via this way. This is a matter for the police if the need arises.

The Sub-Committee were mindful of all four licensing objectives being met, namely:

- The prevention of crime and disorder.
- Public safety.
- The prevention of public nuisance.
- The protection of children from harm.

They paid particular attention to the prevention of public nuisance and this is reflected in the recommendations below.

Proposed by Councillor John Collier
Seconded by Councillor David Wimble and

Resolved:

- 1. That report DC/20/15 be received and noted.**
- 2. That the application to vary the current premise licence be granted as follows:**

Opening Hours of the Premises –

Monday 08:00 23:00
Tuesday 08:00 23:00

Wednesday 08:00 23:00
Thursday 08:00 23:00
Friday 08:00 00:00 (midnight)
Saturday 08:00 00:00 (midnight)
Sunday 08:00 23:00

That the supply of alcohol be as follows:

Monday 12:00 22.30
Tuesday 12:00 22.30
Wednesday 12:00 22.30
Thursday 12:00 22.30
Friday 12:00 23.30
Saturday 12:00 23.30
Sunday 12:00 22.30

Note: Councillors wished to highlight that the applicant is recommended to provide adequate traffic marshalling for the larger events held at the club.

(Voting: For 3; Against 0; Abstentions 0)