



**MINUTES of
LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
6 MARCH 2023**

PRESENT

Chairman	Councillor
Vice-Chairman	Councillor
Councillors	M G Bassenger, M F L Durham, CC and M W Helm

617. TO APPOINT A CHAIRMAN FOR HEARING

RESOLVED that Councillor M F L Durham be appointed Chairman for the meeting.

IN THE CHAIR: COUNCILLOR M F L DURHAM

618. CHAIRMAN'S NOTICES

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and took the Committee through some general housekeeping arrangements.

619. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

620. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillor M F L Durham declared in the interest of openness and transparency that he was a personal licence holder.

621. LICENSING ACT 2003: APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE - MRS SALISBURY AT THE MITRE, 2 THE STREET, WICKHAM BISHOPS, CM8 3NN

The Sub-Committee received the report of the Director of Service Delivery regarding the Application for a Premises Licence.

The Chairman outlined the procedure that would be followed in the meeting and asked all those present to introduce themselves. He then called on the Lead Licensing Officer to present the report. The Officer provided an overview of the report highlighting the points of consideration for the Committee. He concluded by reminding the Committee of the applicant's right of appeal to the Magistrate's Court.

The Chairman then invited the applicant to make an opening statement. The applicant provided the Committee with some further information about plans for the tearooms. He wished to hold occasional live events outside in the summer months following the business model they ran in Maldon. This would equate to approximately six evenings per year. Other premises run by the applicant had been operating an alcohol licence for

many years with no problems reported. Following the applicant statement the Chairman invited an interested party, Mr Gawne, to make his statement.

In response to questions from Members the applicant said he agreed with the possible modifications to only open in the evenings on Friday and Saturday evenings and reassured the committee that all live events finished at 10pm sharp, with carriages at 11pm. It was noted residents of the village welcomed this business and wanted it to succeed.

On confirmation that there were no further questions, the Chairman thanked everyone present for their contributions and advised that the meeting would now close. The Committee would then consider the evidence made before reaching its decision. All parties would be notified of the decision within five working days of the hearing.

622. POST COMMITTEE DECISION

The Sub-Committee carefully considered all the information in the report from the Lead Licensing Officer along with legal information in relation to restrictions on opening hours and the additional information provided at the meeting.

RESOLVED that the application for a Premises Licence at Mrs Salisbury at the Mitre, 2 The Street, Wickham Bishops, CM8 3NN be **GRANTED** with the conditions agreed with the Police as set out in Appendix D of the report.

The meeting closed at 10.50 am.

CHAIRMAN