

# STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

## LICENSING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: Thursday 21 May 2009

Time: 2.30 p.m.

Place: COUNCIL CHAMBER, DANESHILL HOUSE, DANESTRETE,  
STEVENAGE

**Present:** Councillors C Latif (Vice Chair), J Lloyd CC,  
L Martin-Haugh, L Strange, P Stuart and B  
Underwood.

Agenda Item:

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**In Attendance:**

**Start/End Time:** Start Time: 2.30 pm  
End Time: 4.47pm

### **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor M Cherney-Craw, P Gallagher, D Kissane, L Knight, M Notley and J Pickersgill.

There were no declarations of interest.

### **2 MINUTES - 6 JANUARY 2009**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 6 January 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject to the name of Councillor M Notley being removed from the list of attendees.

### **3 PROCEDURE FOR LICENSING HEARING**

The procedure to be followed at the hearing was noted.

### **4 APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE: BARCLAY SCHOOL**

The Vice -Chair welcomed all parties to the hearing and introduced the Members of the Committee and Officers in attendance.

The Clerk introduced the Applicant, supporters and the three objectors of the application.

The Head of Environmental Health and Licensing introduced the report to the Committee. She indicated that the issue for the Committee to consider was whether the school should be issued a premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003.

The Officer also informed the Committee that following representations made by

residents, the School amended the application in an attempt to resolve the concerns raised. She also advised that further conditions had been proposed by the application and that not all of the interested parties had agreed to these, and therefore their representations stood.

The Vice-chair invited the three objectors to address the Committee. The objectors indicated that a grant of premise licence would further enhance the following problems that were being experienced :

- Indiscriminate and illegal parking in neighbouring streets;
- Concern with the sale of alcohol and the public nuisance; and
- An increase in the number of social activities for the school

The Committee sought clarification from objectors on whether the issues raised above could actually be identified with the present school activities, and whether any of the anti social behaviour observed had ever been logged with the school.

The Vice-chair invited the Officer and the objectors to sum up their representations.

The Applicant, the Officers and the objectors withdrew from the meeting whilst the Committee considered the matters raised. After a full and lengthy discussion, the Vice-chair welcomed everyone back to the meeting.

It was **RESOLVED:**

That the Licence be **GRANTED** subject to the following conditions:

1. Applicant to maintain a Complaint Register and to make it available for inspection to the Council Licensing officers.
2. Applicant to guide and encourage the premise users to park the vehicles inside the premises and direct them to vacate the premises quietly by midnight.

All parties have the right to appeal the decision to the Magistrate's Court within 21 days.

## **5 URGENT PART I BUSINESS**

None received.