

LOVERSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of ExtraOrdinary Meeting

Wednesday 4 July 2018, 7.30pm, WI Hut, Loversall

In Attendance: Councillors Nicola Harris, Spencer Morris, Keith Wilson; DMBC Councillors Nigel Cannings, Martin Greenhalgh

Clerk to the Council: Lindsay Wilson

Apologies received: Nigel Tomlinson, Colin Wright

- 1. Declaration on interest in items on the agenda:** None were declared.
- 2. Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 22 June 2018** (circulated on 3 July 2018):
These minutes were accepted as a true record of that meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Morris

Seconded: Cllr Harris

- 3. Matters arising:** It was agreed that these should be dealt with at the next Council Meeting due to Councillors' previous commitments.

4. Consideration of an application for a licence to sell alcohol (on and off), The Barn, Loversall:

The Chairman introduced the item, explaining that the meeting had been called at short notice because, although the Licencing Department had informed the Clerk that the legally required Public Notice had been on display in an obvious location since June 9th, none of the Councillors passing the location had noticed it prior to June 30th and neither had a resident enquired about it. The deadline being only five days away meant that there was little time left to inspect the full application. Given the strength of opposition from residents to the initial planning application, an extraordinary meeting had been requested. Unfortunately this gave very little opportunity to inform residents, some of whom may wish to make representation. The Chairman noted that the absent councillors had expressed views by text, one in support.

The Clerk explained that as soon as the notice had been reported to her she had spoken with the Licencing Officer at DMBC who had been very helpful though initially seemed under the impression that 'The Barn' was remote from residential buildings. Currently the proprietor of 'The Barn' has to apply for a temporary licence (TENS) associated with pre-booked events. The current application was for a permanent premises licence, for sales on and off the premises, opening hours applied for being : 9am to 10pm Sunday to Thursday and 9am to 11pm Friday and Saturday. There was general consensus amongst councillors that the application to all intents and purposes would facilitate the running of a pub. The Chairman remarked that the applicant had previously re-assured the Council that this would never happen and this had been noted in Council Minutes. The Clerk advised Councillors that any opposition to the application was required to address the licensing objectives to prevent crime and disorder, promote public safety, prevent public nuisance and protect children from harm. Councillors unanimously agreed that the removal of the requirement to limit the licence to pre-booked events would increase the risk of public nuisance and public disorder and that this would be exacerbated by permitting off sales. Cllr Harris enquired as to whether it was possible to grant a permanent licence but only

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allow it for pre-booked events. Discussion took place about what constituted a pre-booked event, as many pre-booked events, run sequentially, could turn into a situation where The Barn was open all day everyday as per the application. Concern was also expressed about the licence as it applied to the 'Meadow', where events were also held. Serious concern was expressed about alcohol being available throughout the day at a venue which was immediately adjacent to a Day Nursery.

It was agreed that the application should be opposed on the grounds that it did not promote the Licencing objectives of preventing public nuisance, preventing crime and disorder and protecting children from harm.

Proposed: Cllr Morris

Seconded: Cllr Harris

The Clerk was asked to seek advice from the Licencing Authority as to whether it would be possible to give a permanent licence that continued to be limited to pre-booked events and to seek clarification on the licencing permission granted in respect of the Meadow. It was also agreed that a letter should be drafted and distributed the following day, to residents along Bubub Hill, advising them of the application and how to make representation.

5. The next ordinary meeting of Loversall Parish Council will be on Wednesday 24 October 2018, 7.30pm at the Wi Hut, Loversall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.20 hrs.

Signed (Chair)

Date