

A record of the meeting of the Licensing  
Sub-Committee in the Council Chamber,  
Selby District Council, Civic Centre,  
Portholme Road, Selby on  
Friday 14 November 2008 at 10:00 am

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**PRESENT:**

Councillor Debbie White  
Councillor Joyce Dyson  
Councillor Sue Ryder

**OFFICERS:**

Jamie Hollis - Solicitor  
Tim Grogan - Licensing Officer  
Carol Baker - Committee Administrator

**APPLICANT:**

Mr N Addy – on behalf of Hambleton Village Hall, Station Road, Hambleton

**OBJECTOR:**

Mr M Witty - 7 Station Road, Hambleton  
Written objection received from Mrs R Hollingworth – 27 Station Road,  
Hambleton

**Also Present:**

Mr R Williams – Booking Clerk for Hambleton Village Hall

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

**It was resolved:**

**That Councillor D White be elected as Chairman for the duration  
of this Licensing Sub-Committee.**

2. INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairman introduced herself and the other Members of the  
Licensing Sub-Committee.

For the benefit of all present, the Clerk summarised the Hearings  
Procedure, as appended to the agenda, and said that each category of  
participant was entitled to 5 minutes in which to explain their case.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None

4. APPLICATION FOR THE VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE FOR HAMBLETON VILLAGE HALL, STATION ROAD, HAMBLETON

In attendance and entitled to speak on this application were:

Mr N Addy and Mr R Williams as the applicant and supporter, Mr M Witty as objector. The committee agreed to take into consideration correspondence received from Mrs R Hollingworth who was an objector to the application.

The Licensing Officer gave a summary of his report. He advised that the application was for a variation to a Premises Licence as set out in the summary of the report.

The Licensing Officer informed the hearing that there were two alterations to the report and papers – Mr Witty amended plans showing the location of his and Mrs Hollingworth's homes which was circulated to all members and since the submission of the report Mr Addy had agreed that notices would be put up to remind people attending events at the Village Hall to be mindful of residents concerning noise and car parking. The Licensing Officer clarified that advertisements regarding the change of licensing times were displayed in accordance with procedures and no representation were received, except from Environmental Health who had requested a condition regarding reduction of noise after 11pm.

The Licensing Officer outline the reasons of objection received, which were excessive hours, noise issues and parking issue. Mrs Hollingworth had also objected on the grounds of alcohol issue, but the Village Hall had no alcohol licence and this was not part of this application.

The Licensing Officer outlined the decision options for the committee and the options for appeals.

Mr Witty informed the committee of following reasons why he objected to the application

Noise Issues

Parking Issues

Adversely affect his family quality of life

Why need to open on Sunday

Nights in the week the Village Hall not used

Local public house causes noise issues

Children have been woken up

Village hall not in good position – on junction and next to dwellings

In response to a question Mr Witty conformed he had not contacted the police with regards to making any complaints but had tried to contact noise abatement officers but had no response. He had been in correspondence with the Licensing Officer and advice had been given as to what he should do to get issues investigated. However, the Licensing Officer noted that the issues relating to the local public house had no bearing on this application and must be dealt with as a separate matter. Mr Witty confirmed that there were no parking restrictions outside the hall, but it was near to a junction and he did not wish to see the hall close, just the hours of use reduced.

Mr Addy informed the committee of the following issues

The village hall had held a premises licence for 7 years  
Activities carried out are those which it is licences to carry out  
Present licence covers Monday to Saturday  
Evidence of need for Sunday activities  
Sunday's will be mainly children parties  
Local chapel would use for music sessions  
Predicated use possible 2 Sundays per month – not weekly events

Mr Addy confirmed that whilst there were not sufficient resources to 'police' activities in the hall it was proposed that notices would be displayed to remind everyone to respect neighbouring properties regarding noise and parking and that these would be part of the letting conditions.

Mr Williams confirmed that most bookings on a Sunday were expected to be for the hours between 9am and 5pm.

After both the applicant and objector had confirmed that they had received a fair hearing the committee adjourned to debate their decision.

The Chair informed all parties that they had the right to request a review if problems occurred once the varied licence was in operation.

**It was resolved:**

**That the variation be granted, with the following additional conditions:**

- (1) That notices are displayed in prominent positions on the premises requesting patrons give considerations to neighbours when arriving or departing.**
- (2) That external doors and windows of the venue are to be kept closed after the hours of 23:00.**

The meeting closed at 11:24 am.

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