

West Wiltshire District Council
Licensing Sub-Committee Hearing
for the Application for a Premises Licence
of The Courts, The Walk, Holt

Held on: Wednesday 26 July 2006

Held in: Council Chamber, Bradley Road Trowbridge

Present: Bob Brice - sub-chair (BB), Gerry Burnan (GB) and Trevor Carbin (TC)

Graham Heard - Applicant (GH), John Payne – Lawyer (JP) Alexander Venebles – Respondent (AV), Peter Hulbert – Respondent (PH), Brian Cook – Respondent (BC), Roy Quilliam – Respondent (RQ), Alison Ward-Baptiste – Respondent (AWB), Andrew Beck – Respondent (AB)

Officers: Policy & Licensing Officer – Maggie Jones (MJ), Lawyer (AH), Member Support Team Leader (YR), Member Support Officer (PS) and Democratic Support Officer (KF)

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all those present

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Hearing Procedure

The Chairman guided all those present through the Hearing Procedure and confirmation was given that the Procedure was understood.

3. Application for Determination

The Chairman reported that an application for a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of The Courts, The Walk, Holt had been received. The meeting was conducted in accordance with the Hearing Procedure. The Policy and Licensing Officer presented the Committee report, which gave a summary of the application and the consultation undertaken by the applicant. It was noted that representations had been received from the following:

Miss Alison Ward-Baptiste, The Tollgate Inn, Ham Green, Holt
Mr Alexander Venables, The Tollgate Inn, Ham Green, Holt
Mr A J and Mrs J Beck, Phillis Cottage, The Street, Holt
Mr J B Cook, Courtyard, 364 The Street, Holt
Mr Peter Hulbert, The Midlands, Holt
Mr Roy Quilliam, 70 Ham Green, Holt

Who were present at the meeting, and also from:

Mrs K V Campbell, Thurles, Ham Green, Holt
G Moreton and P Moreton, 398 Ham Green, Holt
Mr P S Rai, Holt Superstore, The Street, Holt

Who were not present.

The applicant's solicitor, Mr Payne put the case.

The Interested Parties put the case.

The Councillors and all parties present were given opportunities to ask any questions throughout the proceedings.

All parties were given the opportunity to sum up.

The meeting adjourned to allow the Councillors retire to deliberate the application. The Lawyer accompanied them to answer any questions on licensing law.

The meeting reconvened and the Chairman read out the decision.

RESOLVED

As per the attached Decision.

(9.30am – 11.30am – including brief adjournment)

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Property : The Courts, The Walk, Holt, Wiltshire

Decision

The Sub Committee has considered all of the submissions made to it today and the written representations together with the Licensing Act 2003, statutory Guidance and Regulations and the Licensing Policy of the Council and has

RESOLVED:

That the application by The National Trust (Enterprises) Limited for the grant of a Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of The Courts, The Walk, Holt be granted subject to:

- the mandatory conditions contained in the Licensing Act 2003
- additional conditions, consistent with the Applicant's Operating Schedule, in respect of seeking advice from the Fire Authority as to occupancy figures, an assessment to be carried out of any impact on neighbours from time to time and will implement such measures as are considered necessary or are agreed in writing with the Environmental Health Officer. These may include dispersal procedures, a contact telephone number in case of any problems arising, sound monitoring and the display of notices indicating the opening times.

When holding licensable events, a sufficient number of staff will be engaged to assist in safe access and egress from the property. The number of staff required will be determined on a case by case basis in accordance with risk assessment and guidance depending on the nature and size of the event.

- That there be no more than 10 licensable events held in any one year.
- That there shall be no more than 100 visitors at the Premises at any one time.

REASONS:

1. The Sub Committee considered the concerns of the Interested Parties in relation to Public Safety, the Prevention of Public Nuisance.
2. The conditions attached to the Premises Licence are proportionate and necessary and address the Public Safety and the Prevention of Public Nuisance objectives.