

**Committee and Date**Strategic Licensing  
Committee19<sup>th</sup> March 2014**Item****6b**

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**MINUTES OF THE LICENSING ACT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2013 IN THE LUDLOW ROOM, SHIREHALL,  
SHREWSBURY.**

2.00 p.m. – 2.46 p.m.

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Councillors: Joyce Barrow  
Vernon Bushell  
Peter Cherrington

**27. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN****RESOLVED:**

That Councillor Vernon Bushell be elected Chairman of the Licensing Act Sub-Committee for the duration of the meeting.

**28. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Members were reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate.

**29. APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE**

Consideration was given to an application for a Premises Licence in respect of Ramandeep Singh, Johal, 6-8 Shrewsbury Street, Prees, Whitchurch, SY13 2DH.

Mr G. White (Solicitor – Shropshire Council), Mr Ramandeep Singh Johal (The Applicant), Mr R. Jordon (Representing the applicant), Mr I Henderson (Representing local residents), Ms J Symons (local resident) and Ms N. Young (local resident) were present.

Mr Jordon (Applicant's representative) presented the case to the Sub-Committee outlining the training that staff would receive and the steps that would be taken to ensure the Licensing Objective was upheld. The applicant explained that no objections had been received from any other authorities and the applicant had liaised with the Police during the process of the application.

In response to questions from Members of the Sub-Committee and the solicitor, the applicant's representative confirmed that:

- There would be a total of 6 digital CCTV cameras monitoring the premises and the premises frontage and the recordings would be backed up and kept for 31 days;
- A refusals/challenge book and till prompt would be in operation;
- He had visited Prees during the day and noted that there was plenty of parking;
- He did not hold any other licences but other members of his family did;
- He would be happy to accept an additional condition to ensure that, all staff were fully trained in advance of making sales of alcohol with regular updates and records of such training to be kept; and
- He did not anticipate regularly opening until 10 p.m. however he felt that at certain times of the year, there may be a demand for later opening.

The Public Protection Officer (Specialist) addressed the Sub-Committee, confirming that the application had been accepted as a valid application and that during the statutory consultation period relevant representations had been made received.

Mr I Henderson (Interested Party) addressed the Sub-Committee, stating that his main concern related to parking issues and also the impact of an additional outlet in a small community. Ms J Symons (Interested Party) addressed the Sub-Committee explaining that there had been a few public order issues within the village recently and an additional premises supplying alcohol during the evening could exacerbate the problem.

Ms N Young (Interested Party) addressed the Sub-Committee, stating that as a local resident living opposite the premises, she failed to see how the proposed operating schedule demonstrated that they would be a good neighbour.

In response to questions from the Sub-Committee and the applicant, the Interested Parties confirmed that:

- The police had been called to attend disturbances within the village;

- The Post Office had been in the village for approximately 100 years;
- The signatures on the petition had been collected within the Post Office;

The Chairman invited all parties to sum up and make any final comments prior to the Sub-Committee making a decision on the application.

Members of the Sub-Committee retired to consider the application, in private, at 2.42 p.m. and reconvened at 2.55 p.m. to announce their decision.

**RESOLVED:**

That the application for a premises licence for Ramandeep Singh Johal, 6-8 Shrewsbury Street, Prees, Whitchurch, SY13 2DH, be granted for the following days, hours and licensable activity:

Supply of alcohol off the premises

Monday to Sunday – 06:00 to 22:00

Opening Hours

Monday to Sunday – 06:00 to 22:00

And in accordance with the following Operating Schedule.

**Prevention of Crime and Disorder**

1. CCTV operating on premises at all times and recordings will be retained for a minimum of 31 days and made available to responsible authorities on request.
2. Alcohol will only be sold in sealed containers.

**Public Safety**

Fire extinguishers, serviced regularly, on site in accordance with up to date fire risk assessment.

**Prevention of Public Nuisance**

1. Area at front of shop will be swept at end of each evening.
2. Leave quietly notices above the door requesting customers to leave quietly and respect the neighbours.

**Protection of Children from Harm**

1. Challenge 25 Policy applied.
2. Challenge book maintained and made available to responsible authorities on request.
3. The till will have a proof of age prompt for alcohol.
4. Photographic id only, for age related products.

In addition, all staff to be fully trained in advance of making sales of alcohol with regular updates and records of such training to be kept.

Reasons: The Sub-Committee had read and considered all the relevant papers and the written representations received from interested parties and considered the oral submissions of the applicant. Members saw no reason why the application should not be granted. The matters set out in the operating schedule (detailed above) were to be made conditions on the licence (the wording to be set by the Team Manager Operational Community Safety). The setting of these conditions was an appropriate and proportionate measure to take for the furtherance of the licensing objectives.