SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL

LICENSING ACT SUB-COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2015 10.00 - 10.20 am in the Ludlow Room, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 6ND

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Present

Councillors Peter Adams, Andrew Davies and Keith Roberts

34 Election of Chairman

RESOLVED:

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

35 **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.

36 Application for a Variation of a Premises Licence - The Kings Head, 205 Shrewsbury Road, Market Drayton

Consideration was given to an application for a variation of a Premises Licence in respect of Kings Head, 205 Shrewsbury Road, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3EH.

Ms Louise Prince (Solicitor – Shropshire Council), Mrs Kate Roberts (Public Protection Officer Specialist – Shropshire Council), Mr Sheild (Solicitor representing Marston's Plc – Premises Licence Holder), Mr M. King (Designated Premises Supervisor) and Mrs King were present.

Mr Sheild the applicant presented the case to the Sub-Committee, explaining that the premises was a traditional pub, located outside the town centre that did not attract binge drinkers. The Licence Holder was requesting a modest extension to their weekend hours and also a general tidy up of the licence. It was anticipated that the additional hour would be used for approximately one Friday per month for special events such as weddings or parties.

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 a relevant representation had been received, however the individual who had made the representation was not present at the hearing.

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 10.16 a.m. and reconvened at 10.18 a.m. to announce their decision.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a variation of a premises licence for The Kings Head, 205 Shrewsbury Street, Market Drayton be granted with a terminal hour on a Friday /Saturday being 01.00 for licensable activities. The opening hours to be as follows:

Opening hours Mon-Thu 11.00 – 00.30 Fri-Sat 11.00 – 01.30 Sun 11.00 - 00:00

The deletion of the following conditions:-

General

The pub is owned by Joules Brewery Limited.

Joules Brewery only operates traditional pubs of high quality directed towards a mature 25-50+ age group. As a small company of 19 pubs we ensure each pub is pro-actively managed and has proper management input from head office. Management have an in depth knowledge of each and every pub within the group.

The standard if the Joules Brewery estate us high. The premises are only operated by individual experienced in the licensed trade, with a maturity of attitude and years. They are well trained and have high standards of retailing, health, safety, hygiene and security and have a responsible regard for the community and the law.

Outlined below are some of the critical standards complied with by the current licensee/proposed designated premises supervisor. On a general point the Premises Supervisors or some responsible person nominated by him/her will be on the premises and in charge for the whole time they are open to the public.

Overall, the appeal of this pub is its quality in terms of its decor, retailing standards and safety. It appeals to the wider community, particularly the 25 plus age group as a result it does not have a record of disorder and this approach is intended to continue.

Prevention of Crime & Disorder

2. OPEN BOTTLES

No persons carrying open bottles shall be admitted to the premises at any times that the premises are open to the public.

3. ALCOHOLIC DRINKS

Alcoholic and other drinks may not be removed from the premises in open containers.

Annex 3 - Conditions attached after a hearing by the Licensing Authority

CONDITIONS AGREED BY CONSENT AT A MEETING ON 18 AUGUST 2005

3. Customers are not allowed to leave the premises with open containers i.e. glasses that might cause nuisance to residents."

And in accordance with the submitted Operating Schedule the following conditions be added to the licence:

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

Alcoholic drinks may not be removed from the premises in open containers except to areas within the control of the licence holder.

No customers carrying open bottles will be allowed into the premises at any times that the premises are open to the public other than those with drinks purchased at the premises for consumption in areas within the control of the licence holder.

Reasons: The Sub-Committee had considered all the representations that had been made by all parties before the hearing and the further representations made by the applicant at the hearing. The Sub-Committee were satisfied that there was no evidence to suggest that the variation to the premises licence would compromise the promotion of the licensing objectives and therefore the variation was granted as applied for.