

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

A record of proceedings of the Licensing Sub-Committee held at Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury on 4 August 2005 at 10.00 am.

Membership of Committee (All members present) – Councillors Mrs Stratford (Chairman), Gibbard and Wyse

Officers:	M Dudfield (Solicitor)	} Advising the
	S Lodge (Democratic Services Officer)	} Sub-Committee
	T Poke (Central Services Manager)	} Representing the
	J Smith (Electoral and Licensing Services Manager)	} Licensing Authority
		}

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2. LICENSING HEARINGS PROCEDURE

The hearings were undertaken in accordance with the agreed licensing hearing procedure.

3. APPEAL HEARING – ASHTON CLUB (BICESTER) LIMITED, 24A SHEEP STREET, BICESTER

Present at hearing: N Bodley - Chairman of the Ashton Club
A Houghton - Club Secretary of the Ashton Club

The Central Services Manager stated that an application had been received on 13 June 2005 from the Ashton Club, 24a Sheep Street, Bicester for a variation of the Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003.

The report set out:-

- (i) details submitted by the applicant which set out support for the promotion of the four licensing objectives, ie (a) prevention of crime and disorder; (b) public safety; (c) the prevention of public nuisance; and (d) the protection of children from harm;
- (ii) representations received from Dr H Shortland as an interested party;
- (iii) no representations were received from responsible authorities.

The application set out variations to the premises licence which were summarised as follows:-

- (i) an increase in authorised hours for the sale of alcohol until 00.00 every day of the week (an additional hour);
- (ii) addition of regulated entertainment for club members and guests to qualifying club activities. Live music, recorded music and provision of facilities for dancing from 20.00 until 00.00 on Saturdays only;

- (iii) non standard timings for sale of alcohol on Christmas Eve, Boxing Day, New Years Eve, New Years Day and Bank Holiday weekends until 00.00.

Mr A Houghton, as Club Secretary, spoke in support of the application. He stated that the club had been established in 1925 and he was unaware of any complaints against the club during the past 21 years when he had been Club Secretary. He believed that amplified music could not be heard by Dr Shortland from his premises in Bath Terrace and there were in fact a number of neighbours, who lived nearer to the Ashton Club who had not objected to the variation of the licence.

Dr Shortland was not present and the Sub-Committee considered his written representation.

The Sub-Committee then retired to consider the application under Regulation 14(2), the Hearings Regulation. Upon return of the Sub-Committee it was **RESOLVED:-**

that the variation to the existing premises licence be agreed.

REASON – the Sub-Committee having considered the extent of the variations were not satisfied that there was any reason not to grant the extension.

4. **END OF PROCEEDINGS**

The proceedings ended at 11.20 am.