

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the LICENSING COMMITTEE held at Huntingdon Racecourse on Wednesday, 16 September 2009.

PRESENT: Councillor J M Sadler – Chairman.

Councillors K M Baker, J T Bell,
P L E Bucknell, J J Dutton, R W J Eaton,
A Hansard, T D Sanderson, R G Tuplin and
J S Watt.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors R S Farrer and D J Priestman.

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor P Reeve

7. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 13th May 2009 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

8. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were received.

9. LICENSING ACT 2003 - REGULATORY REFORM

Consideration was given to a report by the Head of Democratic and Central Services (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) seeking approval for delegations to relevant officers to enable them to administer the changes to the Licensing Act 2003 that had been brought about by three statutory instruments that had taken effect on 29th July 2009.

Members were informed that the changes included a simplified process for minor variations to premises licences and club premises certificates, the purpose being to enable such licences and certificates to be varied by a less costly and time consuming process.

The changes which had been designed to make the current requirements less onerous for both business and community groups, also provided for the removal of the mandatory condition, subject to certain provisions, for a requirement for a designated premises supervisor for community premises licensed for the sale of alcohol, to be replaced by a new mandatory condition that would require that every supply of alcohol be made or authorised by a management committee. Members were advised that an application would however still be determined by a Licensing Sub Committee, should a notice from the Police seeking refusal of an application be received following there having been notification of an application. It was therefore

RESOLVED

that the Head of Democratic and Central Services or in his absence the Central Services Manager be authorised under:

- (i) Licensing Act 2003 section 41 to determine a minor variation application to vary a premises licence;
- (ii) Licensing Act 2003 section 86 to determine a minor variation application to vary a club premises certificate;
- (iii) Licensing Act 2003 section 19 to determine an application for the mandatory alcohol condition requiring a designated premises supervisor in respect of a premises licence to be disapplied.

Chairman