

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the LICENSING AND PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE held in Coningsby & Bourne, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon PE29 3TN on Tuesday, 24 March 2026.

PRESENT: Councillor N Wells – Chair.

Councillors B S Banks, J Clarke and S J Criswell.

APOLOGIES: No apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors .

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr G Hay, representing Cambridgeshire County Council's Highways Division.

23. ELECTION OF CHAIR

RESOLVED

that Councillor N Wells be elected Chair for the meeting.

Councillor N Wells in the Chair.

24. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 16th February 2026 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

25. MEMBERS INTERESTS

No declarations were received.

26. LICENSING AND PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE PROCEDURE

The Licensing and Protection Sub-Committee's Procedure was received and noted.

27. APPEAL FOLLOWING REFUSAL TO GRANT STREET TRADING CONSENT

With the assistance of a report by the Licensing Team (a copy of which is appended in the Annex to the Minute Book) the Sub-Committee considered an appeal following refusal to grant Street Trading Consent from Mr Miller, trading as Higgys's Ltd, whose case had been referred to the Licensing and Protection Sub-Committee for consideration.

Copies of the applicant's application, site photographs, Officers assessment, refusal letter and application for appeal were provided to the Sub-Committee and Members were advised of the options available to them in respect of this application.

Mr Miller was then permitted to address the Sub-Committee and in doing so took the opportunity to explain the site and the operation of his business on the site. He advised that although the layby was in poor condition, it was already in poor condition before he began trading there.

Mr Hay representing Cambridgeshire County Council Highways division addressed the Sub-Committee and advised Members that consent for the applicant to be located in the layby had previously been granted on the condition that the structure could be removed upon 24 hours notice. It was noted that Cambridgeshire County Council were the landowners of the layby concerned and that they would be closing the layby to the public until such a time that works could be carried out to repair and maintain the surface to a satisfactory standard. Following the growth in the popularity of the business and the associated increase in traffic alongside the increased poor condition of the location, which would be closed for the foreseeable future, consent for the applicant to use the land had been withdrawn.

Following questions from Members to the applicant, Cambridgeshire County Council's representatives and the Licensing Officer, the applicant and Officers left the meeting to enable Members to make their determination.

The Sub-Committee gave careful consideration to the application, the information within the committee report and its supporting documents together with the submissions made by the applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council. The Sub-Committee also took into account the District Council's guidelines relating to street trading, the legislative and policy provisions, statutory guidance and advice from their legal representative.

Whereupon, the Sub-Committee

RESOLVED

that the Council's decision to refuse street trading consent be upheld.

Chair