

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 26 March 2008 at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa, at 4.30 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs Mellor (Chairman); Councillors Crowther, Dhillon, Edwards, Mrs Falp, Mrs Gallagher, Mrs Grainger, Harris, Hatfield, Mobbs and Shilton.

1042. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Shilton declared a personal interest in all items which concerned Warwickshire County Council because he was a Warwickshire County Councillor.

1043. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 6 August 2007 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

1044. RECORD OF PANEL HEARINGS

The Committee considered the minutes of the meetings of the Licensing Panels held between 11 July 2007 and 27 February 2008, and made various comments on them.

RESOLVED that the records of the Licensing Panels held between 11 July 2007 and 27 February 2008 be noted, and the suggested amendments be made before the minutes are signed off at the next appropriate Licensing Panel.

1045. QUESTION AND ANSWERS

The Committee had a discussion with the Council's Licensing Services Manager and Solicitor with regard to the licensing process and the enforcement process for licences issued under the Licensing Act 2003.

Some of the items discussed were as follows:

- Plans of the premises to be added to agenda
- Seating arrangement set out so that all parties face the Committee
- A letter be sent to WCC to ask for more enforcement of tables on the pavement in Leamington Spa
- Site visits prior to the hearing. However, this was against DCMS advice as they considered that the panel members would form an opinion before the hearing.

RESOLVED that the question and answer session be noted.

(The meeting ended at 6.30pm)