

Crawley Borough Council

Minutes of Licensing Committee

14 June 2012 at 7.30pm

Present:

Councillor B J Burgess (Chair)

Councillor K B Williamson (Vice-Chair)

Councillors M L Ayling, N Boxall, V S Cumper, P K Lamb, L S Marshall-Ascough, C J Mullins, C Oxlade, D M Peck and D J Shreeves.

Officers Present:

Steve Kirby	Enforcement & Technical Services Manager
Bill Nailen	Licensing Officer
Astrid Williams	Solicitor
Roger Brownings	Democratic Services Officer

Apologies for Absence:

Councillors B K Blake, C R Eade, B J Quinn and K Trussell

1. Members' Disclosures of Interests

No disclosures of interests were made by Members.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 7 March 2012 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3. Licensing Sub Committee Minutes

The minutes of the following meetings of the Licensing Sub-Committee were approved as a correct record and signed by the Members indicated below:-

Date	Sub-Committee Minutes	Minutes signed by
8 February 2012	Application to Review the Premises Licence – ‘Apple Tree’, Ewhurst Road, West Green.	Councillor P K Lamb (Member of the Panel)
22 March 2012	Application to Review the Premises Licence – ‘Best One’, 4 The Broadway, Northgate.	Councillor C Oxlade (Member of the Panel)
23 April 2012	Application for the Grant of a New Premises Licence – ‘Shell UK Oil Products Limited’, Overdene/Ifield Drive, Ifield.	Councillor B J Burgess (Chair of the Panel)
30 April 2012	Application for the Grant of a New Premises Licence – 227-229 Three Bridges Road, Three Bridges.	Councillor V S Cumper (Chair of the Panel)

4. Hackney Carriage Stands

The Committee considered report PES/079 of the Head of Planning and Environmental Services. The report sought approval, subject to statutory consultation, for the appointment of 3 new hackney carriage stands in the Borough of Crawley.

The Committee acknowledged that requests had been received from the Hackney Carriage trade to provide additional Taxi Stands within the Borough of Crawley as it was felt that currently there was insufficient space to accommodate the current fleet. Due to the over demand for existing taxi stands there was a detrimental effect on both the drivers of hackney carriage vehicles and other road users during peak times when hackney carriage drivers were queuing to gain position on the stands. New stands would assist in resolving this issue.

The report in setting out the full background to this matter, including the legislative requirements considered, indicated that of the sites discussed with the trade and submitted for consideration to West Sussex County Council as the highway authority, 3 were identified as being suitable, with no objections raised. These were:

- Sussex House (temporary until development of site), plan attached as Appendix A to the report.
- Lloyds Bank, plan attached as Appendix B to the report.
- Queensway, plan attached as Appendix C to the report.

The Police had raised no objections to these proposed stands.

The Committee in indicating its approval of the 3 sites identified, sought and obtained clarification on a number of issues, whilst being advised that the Council were restricted in seeking further options for additional / alternative ranks, as there were very limited spaces available within the town to achieve this. Considerations were ongoing in terms of a future alternative to the temporary Sussex House stand, and in terms of the position of the proposed stand on the Lloyds Bank site, full consideration had been given, as required, with regard to the position of the nearby bus stops. Members also noted that there were no bus stops near to either of the other 2 proposed stands. In response to Members comments regarding the potential for a rank to be located in the Broadway, Officers would take this suggestion forward to the Highways Authority, although it was emphasised that the creation of a rank on that site, if agreed, could potentially be a lengthy process, with an amendment required to traffic regulation orders.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the proposed locations of the 3 new hackney carriage stands as detailed at paragraph 4.4 and in Appendices A, B and C of report PES/079 be approved.
- (b) That the Head of Planning and Environmental Services, or officer acting on her behalf, be authorised to submit a public notice to a local newspaper stating the authority's intention to appoint the stands.
- (c) That in the event of no objections being received within the statutory consultation period, the appointment of the stands as detailed be approved to come into effect on the day after the last day of the consultation period.
- (d) That in the event of any objections being received and not withdrawn, a new report be presented to the Committee for consideration.

5. Closure of Meeting

The meeting ended at 8.05 p.m.

B J BURGESS
Chair