

Licensing Sub-Committee (Taxis, Private Hire, and Street Trading Consent Matters)
26/June2024



COTSWOLD
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Licensing Sub-Committee (Taxis, Private Hire, and Street Trading Consent Matters) held on Wednesday, 26 June 2024

Members present:

Patrick Coleman
Julia Judd

Michael Vann
Ian Watson

Officers present:

Marie Barnes, Lawyer
Kevin Dunford

Ana Prelici, Governance Officer

10 Apologies

The Chair opened the meeting and asked members to introduce themselves.

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Ian Watson, David Fowles and Mark Harris prior to the meeting.

11 Substitute Members

Councillor Patrick Coleman substituted for Councillor Mark Harris.

12 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest from members or officers in attendance.

13 Minutes

The minutes from the meeting held on 29 June 2023 were considered.

Councillor Michael Vann proposed approving the minutes. Julia Judd seconded the proposal. As Councillor Patrick Coleman was not in attendance at the meeting on 29 June 2023 and did not wish to vote, the proposal was carried without requiring a vote.

RESOLVED: To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on 29 June 2023.

14 Application for a Street Trading Consent

The Licensing Officer introduced the application.

The purpose of the item was to consider an application for a Street trading consent made by Frederik Jacobs for The Old Mill, Mill Lane, Lower Slaughter.

The Licensing Officer explained that the Applicant had applied for a twelve-month street trading consent to allow them to sell hot and cold beverages, ice cream and packed sandwiches from 10am to 5pm on Fridays, 9am to 5pm on Saturdays and Sundays, and 9am to 5pm, seven days a week during the peak season (July to September).

The Licensing Officer also explained that the applicant would be responsible for applying for planning permission if required, but that the Sub-Committee's remit was only to look at the Licensing application.

The Licensing Officer distributed additional information that the Applicant had submitted, including a route plan of their litter picking operations

The Sub-Committee asked questions of the Licensing Officer, which were responded to as follows;

1. The site would be on a private piece of land, belonging to the Applicant, and therefore there were no highway concerns.
2. There were no public order concerns submitted by any of the statutory consultees
3. If there were any issues arising after the consent was granted these could be reported to ERS, if this related to licensable activity, this would be reviewed if a further consent was to be reopened.

The Applicant and their solicitor were then invited to address the Committee.

The Applicant's solicitor stated that the horse box would be used to advertise the reopening of the café upon finishing of the renovation works on the mill. They hoped the latter would be a community asset. They also stated that the Applicant would establish a litter picking patrol and would be happy to do so as a condition of the permission.

The Applicant stated that they had purchased the mill as their home and were renovating it with the view to reopening the previous café. They also stated they would avoid smell emissions from the outlet by not preparing any hot foods other than croissants and similar bakery items.

The Sub-Committee asked questions of the Applicant and their solicitor which were answered as follows;

4. The Parish Council did not explicitly submit a supporting statement as the solicitor had been instructed after the consultation deadline had passed.
5. The horse box would not be permanent and would be a way of publicising that the mill and its would be reopening after renovation.
6. Seating was discussed, the Applicant had felt it would be more disruptive to include this but that there would be permanent seating once the café would reopen.

Two objectors Mr Andrew Bowler and Mr Stuart Thomas addressed the Sub-Committee and raised concerns over litter. In particular, one of the objectors mentioned that litter could get dispersed throughout the trail, and that the previous business did not operate takeaway

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facilities. The objectors also stated that there would be a potential issue with the direction of the queue, but the applicant stated that they could control this.

In light of the objectors' comments, the solicitor stated that the Applicant would be happy to extend the litter picking route, in consultation with the local community, including the objectors.

They both raised points relating to construction, but this was not within the scope of the license. A point about toilet facilities was also mentioned, although the Licensing Officer stated that there was no requirement to do so for a takeaway type business.

The solicitor, in summing up, stated that the Applicant was fully committed to making the business work and wished to be involved with the community in doing so, including by attending Parish Council Meetings.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate at 14:55.

The Sub-Committee returned at 15:20

The Chair stated that the Sub-Committee had resolved to approve consent as per application, as clarified during the Sub-Committee meeting. Street Trading objectives, representations and the Council's Street Trading Policy had been taken in mind when deciding on the outcome.

RESOLVED: To approve the street trading consent, liable to standard conditions and the further conditions that:

1. At the end of each trading day, the Consent Holder and/or their employees must carry out a period of litter picking along a pre-agreed route. Such route to be reasonably agreed with the Licencing Department prior to commencement of trading and as may be reasonably reviewed and amended from time to time for the duration of the consent.
2. Once the Consent Holder has commenced trading, the Consent Holder and/or their agent or employee shall attend the next scheduled Parish Council Meeting to provide feedback regarding the street trading activities and thereafter attend such Parish Council Meetings as may be reasonably required by Parish Council. Provided that following such meetings, the Consent Holder shall take reasonable steps to reduce reported nuisance to local residents that arise as a result of the street trading consent activities.

The Meeting commenced at 2.03 pm and closed at 3.45 pm

Chair

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