

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Wednesday 17 August at 8.00pm in the Bowls Pavilion to discuss the New Licensing Act and its effect on Milton

Present: JE Coston (chair) AJ Campbell RH Chapman R Day RJ Farrington CJ Lock
PK Oldham J Payne HM Smith RT Summerfield RLE Waters
the Clerk

318/05 **1 Apologies for absence** – B Jefferson IF May

2 Declarations of Interest

Personal:

Tesco – all (customers)

Unicorn House – AJC, RHC, JEC, RJF, PKO, HMS (customers)

White Horse – RJF (customer)

Lion and Lamb – RD, RJF, JP (customers)

Waggon & Horses – AJC, RD, RJF, PKO, JP, HMS (customers – HMS and husband also play music in public houses).

Prejudicial:

Lion and Lamb, Waggon & Horses – RTS

Lion & Lamb, White Horse – JEC.

3 Applications for Change of Licences

RLEW explained that under The Licensing Act 2003:

if no representations were made then the licences would be automatically granted; and that Milton Parish Council was a ‘body’ that represents the interested parties in the vicinities of the premises.

As the public houses were all within residential areas it was **AGREED** to formulate a *General Policy for Public Houses* opening times and loud entertainment.

Policy – Public Houses Opening Times

AGREED that Public Houses in Milton should be allowed to stay open:

- no later than midnight Sundays to Thursdays;
- no later than 1am Fridays, Saturdays and Bank Holidays; and
- no later than 2am on New Year’s Eve.

(for avoidance of doubt the days referred to are the days the public houses open, e.g. for the Saturday night opening they should close no later than 1am on Sunday morning).

This Policy was arrived at after various discussions including the proposal that if the following day (after a Bank Holiday) should be a working day then closing time should be no later than midnight.

New Year’s Eve motion was carried by 7 votes in favour, 3 against and 1 abstention, after an amendment that public houses be allowed to stay open as long as they wanted was lost on the casting vote of the Chairman.

Policy – Public Houses Loud Entertainment

AGREED that loud entertainment:

- should be indoors from 8.30pm to 11pm with the windows closed, twice per month on Fridays and Saturdays only.
[In favour 6, with 4 abstentions].

An amendment to allow loud entertainment to 11.30pm was lost - 3 votes in favour, 6 against and 2 abstentions.

AGREED (by all) to distribute a public information leaflet produced by the Chairman.

Specific Applications (Council applied the policy above to each application, objecting where the application fell outside these parameters).

Tesco – **AGREED** 8 votes in favour 2 against to make **no representation**.

Unicorn - **AGREED** to make **no representation**.

White Horse (JEC and RTS left the meeting) – **objection to opening hours Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Proposed that food served outside should cease at 11pm. Objection to anything outside Policy agreed above.**

Lion and Lamb – [music outside not to be “loud”]. **No music outside at all except quiet recorded music on the terrace. Objection to proposals for public entertainment.**

AGREED to support Environmental Health Officer’s recommended conditions (letter received 17 August 2005 from Michael Lavender EHO).

Waggon & Horses (JEC returned) – **objection to proposals for public entertainment.**

The meeting ended at 9.55pm.

Chairman.....Date.....