



LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

FERNELEY ROOM, PARKSIDE, MELTON MOWBRAY

10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013

PRESENT:-

Councillors J. Wyatt, P. Cumbers, P. Chandler  
P.M. Posnett, N. Slater (VC)  
M. Barnes (C), E. Holmes

Licensing Officer  
G. Barker (minute taker)

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L7. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from P Baguley.

L8. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

L9. MINUTES

The minutes of the Special meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2013 were confirmed and authorised to be signed by the Chair.

It was asked to be noted that these minutes be amended to show that Cllr. Holmes did give her apologies for this meeting and that they were not recorded.

L10. SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT 2013

The Licensing Officer submitted a report to inform Members of changes to the regulatory regime in respect of Scrap Metal Dealers to be implemented through the provisions of The Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 and the increased duties and powers this gives the Council.

There was a general discussion and questions asked regarding the 2 types of licences and the costs. Enforcement of the provisions of this new legislation were discussed and there was a general concern about mobile collectors and whether there could be effective enforcement.

1. Councillor Cumbers raised the issue, reported in Melton Times last week, of taxis using shortcuts through the Town Centre where access should be

for buses only. The Licensing Officer informed the Committee that a letter had been sent to all drivers regarding the use of these routes. A further letter was being sent to them clarifying the position that is that these routes should only be used when picking up or dropping off passengers of pre booked journeys with limited mobility. Councillor Cumbers commented that the use of these short cuts was happening regularly and not just for drop offs. The Licensing Officer said that the letter should make the position clear.

2. Councillor Cumbers raised the issue of Street Trading and parking in the Town Centre. The Licensing Officer was asked to check the law regarding vehicles setting up and trading in streets. A discussion followed regarding Street Trading legislation and Town Estate. The Licensing Officer agreed to make further enquiries.
3. The Licensing Officer was also asked to clarify whose responsibility it was to raise and lower Bollards in Town Centre.
4. The Licensing Officer also informed the Members that she was arranging some further training and asked the Member's what areas they wished to have training in. The Members wished to have a refresher in all areas and would prefer the training in the evening.
5. The Members asked about The Kings Head – the Licensing Officer updated the Members, to say that the previous Premises Licence Holder Mr J Askham had left and a new manager was in place.
6. Councillor Posnett commented that she had been asked a question regarding Pubs in the town – was it true that they were watering down their drinks. The Licensing Officer stated that she had not heard this and that this was a Trading Standards issue and not Licensing.

#### L11. URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair asked members if they had any urgent business - None

The meeting which commenced at 6.30 p.m. closed at 7.30 p.m.

Chair