

WALL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Special Meeting of Wall Parish Council held on Wednesday 5 July 2017
at 7:30 pm at Wall Village Hall**

Present: Councillors M J Crowe (Chairman), R Barker, J Linney, C Rubisch, and A Ryman.

In Attendance: Peter Young (acting clerk) and one member of the public

Apologies: Councillors R Saxton and P Sampson had submitted apologies which were accepted.

21. Declarations of Interest: None declared.

22. Application for a variation of Licence – The Trooper

Members considered an application made on behalf of The Trooper to vary the Premises Licence to include the following licensable activities:

- Live & recorded music Mon - Wed between 1100 and 2300, Thurs – Sat between 1100 and midnight & Sun between 1100 and 2330.
- Anything of a similar nature every day between 1200 and 2400.
- Sale of alcohol every day between noon and midnight.
- To vary the Plan to include the outside area.

Members reported that they had been contacted by various residents with concerns about this application. It was noted that under the 2003 Licensing Act any representations made must relate to the likely effect of the grant of the licence on the promotion of at least one of the licensing objectives, namely: the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance; and the protection of children from harm. Representations needed to be made by 11 July 2017 and submitted by letter (not email) to the Licensing Officer at Lichfield District Council.

Regarding ‘public nuisance’ members commented that there was already a problem with noise from events taking place in the outside area of the Trooper, particularly from the amplified music. The outside area did not appear to be licensed for these events at present so licensing this additional area would permit it to be used for the playing of music and “anything of a similar nature” 7 days a week from noon to midnight. The Trooper was sited on a hill top in a rural location where noise from outside events travels a considerable distance, and there are many residential properties within the area that would be subject to ongoing noise nuisance which was not acceptable.

Regarding ‘public safety’ members commented that there was already a major problem caused by vehicles parking on the narrow roads around the Trooper because of the inadequate number of onsite parking spaces. The extension of the licensed hours, together with the additional outside area to be licensed, would result in increased numbers of people attending the venue over an increased number of hours, with a resultant increase in the number of vehicles. The increased on-street parking would create an unacceptable public safety hazard as there have already been instances when emergency vehicles have not been able to gain access down these roads because of the number of parked vehicles, and there have also been instances of ‘near-miss’ accidents from children running out from behind parked cars into the road.

Resolved: That the Council write to the Licensing Authority objecting to the grant of the variation of the Licence on the grounds of public nuisance and public safety, as outlined above.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:08 pm

Chairman:

Date: