



Minutes of a meeting of the FULL COUNCIL

Held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, BANSONS, BANSONS WAY, ONGAR 11th February 2020 commencing at 7.30 P.M.

17/20 Those present and apologies for absence

Chairman Cllr Birch
Councillors Vaz, Azzopardi, Mendoza, Freeman and Piggott
Also present Mrs Smiles Office Manager, Dist Cllr Paul Keska and 19 members of the public.

Resolved. Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Browning, Dadd, Feetham, Battersby and Reynolds.
Proposed Cllr Mendoza, seconded Cllr Azzopardi and carried unanimously.

18/20 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

There were no declarations of interest made

19/20 Public participation.

Jack Bell the landlord for The Cock informed the council of the recent refurbishments, the pub employs 24 local staff and they are going to invest in CCTV. Although the current licence allows the pub to stay open until 2.30am on Friday and Saturday, the latest they stay open is 12.30am. They have live music every other week and keep doors and windows closed to reduce noise. They have removed the seating so smokers cannot sit outside the front of the pub to reduce noise further.

L H Noon a Shakelton resident, advised that most residents were not aware of the late night finishing to 2.30am Friday and Saturday and he was very concerned if Jack Bell (the landlord) leaves and someone else takes over they could open it until 2.30am and turn it into a night club.

District Cllr Keska advised that most pubs in the area have the same licence opening hours until 2.30am. A barrister advised you cannot complain about something that could happen or might happen. Cllr Keska met with the premise licence holder, the landlord, police and licencing officers and they have agreed to some additional conditions. He advises not to vote against this but if needed, more conditions could be added.

7.43 Suspended standing orders

Grays and Sons said they are more than willing to reduce the licencing hours from 2.30am to 12.30am Fri-Sat and to midnight to Sunday to Thursday and the music licence from 2.30am to midnight seven days a week. They will speak to the licencing officer to see what they need to do to withdraw & reapply.

District Cllr Keska advised when it goes to EFDC if there are objections it normally goes before a panel but if Grays and Sons are prepared to accept the new hours it may not be necessary to go before a panel.

8.15pm Standing orders reinstated

20/20 To consider an application to vary the licence for The Cock (Pub and Kitchen), 218 High Street, Ongar, Essex, CM5 9AB

Resolved. For the council to write to EFDC to advise them OTC would only agree to a reduced licence where the music stops at midnight 7 days a week and the sale of alcohol stops at 12.30am Friday and Saturday.

Proposed Cllr Birch seconded Cllr Freeman and carried unanimously.

21/20 Items for next agenda.

Date of completion for the bridge at the nature reserve.

Meeting closed 8.20pm