

Minutes

PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Date:	Wednesday, 15 February 2017
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes.
Committee Members:	Councillor Angela Jacques (Chairman) Councillor Barbara Nash (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Frank Andrews, Keith Beckett ISO, Brenda Blackshaw, Gail Goodman JP, Peter Hardy, Neil Harvey.
Officers Present:	Clare Lord, Michael Duck, Sharon Wadsworth, Tara Walsh
Members of the public:	None

1. Declarations of interest

Members were reminded that any disclosable pecuniary interests should be declared as required by the Localism Act 2011 and any personal or prejudicial interests should be declared as required by the Council's Code of Conduct for Members.

There were no declarations on this occasion.

2. Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Public Protection Committee meeting held on 26 October 2016 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute members

There were no substitute members in attendance at the meeting.

Decision Items

4. Caravan Licensing - Whitmore Farm Caravan Park

Michael Duck (Environmental Health Officer – Commercial) introduced a report relating to Whitmore Farm Caravan Park, Bradshaw Lane, Greenhalgh, Lancashire PR4 2HQ. The current site licence was issued on 12th October 1978 with a number of amendments approved over subsequent years.

An application letter from the owners of the site had been received seeking several amendments to the site licence.

Before Mr Duck took members through each of the requested amendments and fully explained the current planning position and recommendations he brought to members attention an error in the report in that paragraph 3 on page 5 should have read *"This is to ensure that pitch numbers 26 to 43 are not used continuously all year round. Any Committee approval will also be subject to seeking the site owner's comments and approval."*

Following a full discussion and debate by members on each of the amendments it was RESOLVED:

1. To amend Condition 1a of the site licence to refer to 43 touring caravans instead of 39, in line with planning permission 16/0704.
2. To delete part of Condition 2b of the site licence in order to permit caravans in excess of 18 feet (5.49 metres) to stay on site.
3. To amend part of Condition 2b of the site licence to permit caravan pitches 26 to 43 only (land on the east side of the site) to be used in excess of 21 days in accordance with planning approval. For the avoidance of doubt pitches on the land on the west side shall continue to be restricted by the maximum of 21 days stay.
4. To delete part of the Condition 5a of the site licence relating to a water tank and bucket system as a means of firefighting. Wording to be replaced with *“Where fire extinguishers are provided no unit should be more than 90 metres from a fire point. At each fire point there should be two 10ltr capacity water gas expelled fire extinguishers that comply with the British Standard for firefighting equipment. Extinguishers to be suitably protected against damage and frost.”*
5. To delete Condition 7 from the site licence relating to the provision for storage of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG).
6. To delete Condition 8 from the site licence requiring availability of a telephone to contact emergency services.
7. To seek representations from the licence holder on including an additional condition of the site licence to read *“The owners/operators of the caravan site shall maintain an up-to-date register of the names and main address of all owners/occupiers of individual touring caravans on the site. This information shall be made available at all reasonable times to the licensing authority.”*
8. Subject to no adverse representation being received, to delegate authority to the Director of Resources to add the additional condition to the licence.

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