

MINUTES

Public Protection Committee

Date:	Wednesday, 8 July 2020
Venue:	Remote meeting via Zoom
Committee Members Present:	Councillor Angela Jacques (Chairman) Councillor Frank Andrews (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Brenda Blackshaw, Alan Clayton, Shirley Green, Gavin Harrison, Karen Henshaw JP, Paul Hodgson, Michael Sayward, Ray Thomas.
Other Councillors Present:	Councillors Mark Bamforth and David O'Rourke.
Officers Present:	Ian Curtis, Chris Hambly, Sharon Wadsworth, Joanne Gallagher.
Other Attendees:	Gary Clarke – Travel Style Group

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.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Public Protection Committee meeting held on 28 November 2019 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute Members

There were no substitute members on this occasion.

4. Request for Dispensation from Displaying Private Hire Vehicle Signage

Chris Hambly (Environmental Services Manager) presented a request which had been received from a prospective Private Hire Operator seeking dispensation from displaying the required private hire vehicle signage.

The signage requirements set within the Borough are for the protection of the public with regards to the ease of recognising private hire vehicles. However, it is understood that the vehicles for which the dispensation is sought are to operate in conjunction the applicant's main business and not for general public hire.

Dispensation is currently granted to some Private Hire Operators in Fylde Borough involved in the Chauffeur Business. The proprietors of vehicles are still required to display a disc confirming the vehicle to be licensed as a Private Hire vehicle, whilst all signage such as the identity plates and door signs must be conveyed in the boot of the vehicle.

Gary Clarke, on behalf of the applicant the Travel Style Group, was invited to address the committee to explain the nature of the business and the reasons for requesting dispensation from displaying the required signage. Questions raised by members were answered in full by either Mr. Clarke or officers.

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Following a detailed discussion the committee concluded that as the vehicles would not be available to the general public it RESOLVED to grant dispensation from displaying private hire vehicle signage to The Travel Style Group.

5. Caravan Site Licensing – Mowbreck Park Caravan Park

Mr. Hambly presented a report in relation to an application which had been received from site owners Mrs S & Mr M Carroll of Mowbreck Park, Mowbreck Lane, Wesham seeking to amend condition 1 of the site licence issued on 2nd July 2007 to increase the number of residential pitches from 28 to 30 and to amend the wording to Condition 4 to reduce the spacing between mobile homes where cladding had been fitted.

Lancashire Fire and Rescue Services had been consulted on the application to amend the condition regarding spacing and confirmed that they were satisfied that the technical specifications of the cladding that was in use at present met the required standards and therefore approved the proposal.

Following a full discussion, the Committee AGREED to:

1. Amend Condition 1 of the site licence to increase the total number of residential caravan pitches from 28 to 30.
2. Amend Condition 4 on the site licence to allow for the reduction of spacing between vans to 5.25 meters if cladding has been fitted.

6. Street Trading

Mr Hambly was invited by the Chairman to present the report regarding the re-designation of Clifton Square in Lytham.

For the purposes of street trading Clifton Square, Lytham was designated as a “consent street”. A market has taken place once a month on the square and had recently attracted complaints from local shop owners, concerned that the market was selling similar or the same items at significantly cheaper prices than local permanent traders.

Mr Hambly explained the option of re-designating the area to a “licence street”. This would enable the council to exercise specific control in terms of imposing conditions relating to the size and type of any stall and prohibiting or restricting the amount of waste left. Charges could be applied for cleaning and collecting refuse.

Members were in agreement that the additional powers to the Council from a consent to licence street would be an appropriate solution whilst still allowing a market to take place on the square.

The Committee AGREED to note the report and, subject to the required consultation exercise, re-designate Clifton Square, Lytham as a “licence street”, rather than a “consent street” for the purposes of street trading as defined under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.

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