

MINUTES

Public Protection Committee

Date:	Wednesday, 13 March 2019
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes.
Committee Members Present:	Councillor Frank Andrews (Acting Chairman) Councillors Brenda Blackshaw, Alan Clayton, Gail Goodman JP, Shirley Green, Neil Harvey.
Other Councillors Present:	None
Officers Present:	Ian Curtis, Chris Hambly, Sharon Wadsworth, Joanne Gallagher, Shannon Sharkey.
Other Attendees:	Mr Upton

In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Angela Jacques, the Vice Chairman, Councillor Frank Andrews, assumed the chair for the meeting. Councillor Neil Harvey was invited to act as Vice Chairman for the duration of the meeting.

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 of interest on this occasion.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Public Protection Committee meeting held on 30 January 2019 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute Members

There were no substitutions under Council procedure rule 23(c).

Decision Items

Variation of Business

At this juncture, the Chairman varied the order of the business on the agenda as set out below.

5. Request for Dispensation from Displaying Private Hire Vehicle Signage

Chris Hambly, Environmental Services Manager, introduced a report detailing a request that had been received, seeking dispensation from displaying the required private hire vehicle signage. Mr. Hambly explained that the applicant was a superyacht agency, whose business comprised making arrangements for the management of superyachts and care of their passengers. This included making available chauffeured executive cars. These cars

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were not available to the general public for casual hire, but their work could technically fall within the legal definition of private hire work.

Mr. Upton the applicant, addressed the committee to explain the nature of his business and the reasons for requesting dispensation from displaying the required signage. Questions raised by members were answered in full by either Mr. Upton or officers.

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 Mr. Upton.

4. Caravan Site Licensing – Meadfoot Caravan Site

Mr. Hambly introduced a report relating to Meadfoot Caravan Site, Cartford Lane, Little Ecclestone.

An application had been received from the site owners seeking amendments to the site licence, dated 12th January 2007, to reduce the distance of the caravans from the carriageway and to allow all year round holiday use.

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

1. To amend Condition 2 of the site licence to read *“Every caravan shall not be less than six metres from any other caravan in a separate occupation, and not less than 2 metres from a carriageway.”*
2. To amend Condition 26 of the site licence to read *“Caravans shall not be stationed on the site for the purposes of human habitation except for the period from 1st March to 29th February in any year”*
3. To notify the licence holder that the committee is minded to add the following three points to Condition 26 of the site licence and to offer the licence holder the opportunity to make representations.
 - I. Static holiday caravans shall be occupied for holiday purposes only and not as a person’s permanent, sole or main place of residence.
 - II. The licence holder must keep the following records for each static caravan on site:
 - a. The name and current home address of the owner; and
 - b. Documentary evidence of the current home address of the owner
 - c. and must allow the licensing authority to inspect them at any reasonable time.
 - III. The licence holder must, if requested by the licensing authority, ask the owner of any static caravan on site to give to the licence holder:
 - a. The name and current home address of each adult occupier; and
 - b. Documentary evidence of the current home address of each adult occupier and must forward them to the licensing authority when received.

In the event of the licence holder not making representations, to add the three points to Condition 26 as detailed above.

6. Caravan Site Licensing – Review of Mobile Home Fee Policy

Chris Hambly presented the report highlighting that there were no changes to any of the fees and charges for 2019/20 and that the only changes to the policy were administrative.

The committee RESOLVED to approve the administrative amendments to the Mobile Home Fee Policy for 2019/20 and to delegate any future administrative amendments to officers.

7. Request to remove Hackney Carriage Stand

Mr. Hambly presented a request that had been received from a member of the public, living in the vicinity of a Hackney Carriage stand located on Church Road, St Annes adjacent to the Victoria Public House, requesting that the stand be removed and the spaces be made available for public parking.

Mr. Hambly informed members that although the rank is not well used anymore the trade would be reluctant to lose it as the spaces lost cannot be replaced elsewhere. It was confirmed that a request of this particular rank to

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be removed has not been received by Fylde Council in the past but he believed that a similar request had been put to Lancashire County Council (LCC) and had been refused.

Following a full discussion it was RESOLVED that it was not appropriate to go out to consultation for a specific rank but at a future date a review of all ranks would be undertaken.

Information Items

8. Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles

The information report evaluated the effect of amending the policy for WAVs in October 2017 has had on the number of licensed wheelchair assessable vehicles.

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