

# MINUTES

## Public Protection Committee

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, 18 July 2018
<b>Venue:</b>	Town Hall, St Annes.
<b>Committee Members Present:</b>	Councillor Angela Jacques (Chairman) Councillors Jan Barker, Brenda Blackshaw, Alan Clayton, Peter Hardy, Neil Harvey, Ed Nash, Graeme Neale, John Singleton JP.
<b>Other Councillors Present:</b>	None
<b>Officers Present:</b>	Ian Curtis, Chris Hambly, Micky Duck, Sharon Wadsworth, Tara Walsh
<b>Other Attendees:</b>	Mr J Coombes

### 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. Councillor John Singleton declared a personal interest in Item 4, Caravan Site Licensing – Primrose Bank Caravan Park insofar as he knew the owner of the site.

### 2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Public Protection Committee meeting held on 14 February 2018 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

### 3. Substitute Members

The following substitutions were reported under Council procedure rule 22(c):

Councillor Ed Nash substituted for Councillor Sally Nash

Councillor John Singleton substituted for Councillor Frank Andrews.

Councillor Graeme Neale substituted for Council Gail Goodman JP.

### Decision Items

#### 4. Caravan Site Licensing – Primrose Bank Caravan Park

Michael Duck, Senior Environmental Health Officer – Commercial, introduced a report setting out a representation from the site owner in relation to a condition that the Public Protection Committee had proposed to add to the licence in February 2018, when it accepted a request to allow the site to operate all year holiday use. The proposed additional condition was -

1. *“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 owners/operators of the caravan site shall maintain a register of all names of all owners/occupiers of individual caravans and evidence proof of their main home address, and shall make this information available at all reasonable times to the Local Authority”.*

The site owners accepted point “I” but proposed alternative wording for point “II” to read *“The owners/operators of the caravan site shall maintain a register of names and address of all owners/occupiers of individual caravans and, on request from an authorised officer from Fylde Borough Council, provide proof of this address.”*

The purpose of the condition was discussed in depth with the conclusion that the original proposed condition was reasonable in order to tighten the guidance based on all year round sites and to act as a deterrent to address a long standing issue in the area of holiday homes being used as main residences.

Taking into consideration the site owners concerns about the length of time involved in obtaining the documentation the committee RESOLVED to:

1. Propose the following site license condition in place of point II –  
*“The owners/operators of the caravan site shall maintain a register of all names of all owners and occupiers of individual caravans and (in the case of owners of individual caravans and any person occupying an individual caravan for a continuous period of more than 90 days) obtain documentary proof of their main home address (for example a Council Tax bill in their name) and shall make this information available at all reasonable times to the Local Authority.”*
2. Establish a Working Group to comprise of Councillors Alan Clayton, Keith Beckett, Peter Hardy, Neil Harvey and Angela Jacques to review proposing conditions on new and existing site licenses regarding registers and evidence proof to ensure a consistent approach.
3. Obtain the contact details for the Local Authority Caravan Sites Forum in order to make a representation to the Secretary Of State on the concerns of the committee of all year round holiday sites.

On the conclusion of the item the Chairman, on behalf of the committee, expressed her thanks and good wishes for the future to Mr. Duck on his new position with Pendle Council.

#### 5. Hackney Carriage Fares

Chris Hambly, Environmental Services Manager, introduced a report that outlined the provisions of Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 that allows Local Authorities to fix the level of fares that may be demanded in connection with the hire of a Hackney Carriage.

At the Public Protection Committee meeting that was held on the 18th December 2017 a request for an increase in the level of fares, submitted on behalf of Whitesides Taxis, was approved.

Unfortunately, the effect upon tariff 4 was not referred to in the original report and therefore this tariff was not updated in line with the other increases resulting in a potential decrease in the level of fares. Tariff 4 applies between 0200 and 0600 to acknowledge those drivers that work through the night.

Following a brief discussion it was RESOLVED to amend the Table of Hackney Carriage Fares in relation to tariff 4 as follows: *Tariff 4: £3.50 for the first 300 yards or uncompleted part thereof.  
20p for each subsequent 150 yards or uncompleted part thereof*

#### Information Items

The following information items were received by the committee.

#### 6. Hackney Carriage Licences

Mr. Coombes, A private hire operator, vehicle proprietor and driver licensed by Fylde Council, was invited by the Chairman to address the committee regarding some concerns he had regarding recent advertising by a hackney carriage operator. Mr. Hambly confirmed that the licensing team had spoken to the operator in question and requested the advert that related to hackney carriage plates be removed.

Members thanked Mr. Coombes for bringing his concerns to the committee and RESOLVED to have an item placed on the next agenda to receive any comments or views from the Competition and Markets Authority in relation to the issues that Mr. Coombes had raised with them.

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