

# MINUTES

## Public Protection Committee

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, 14 February 2018
<b>Venue:</b>	Town Hall, St Annes.
<b>Committee Members Present:</b>	Councillor Angela Jacques (Chairman) Councillor Neil Harvey (Vice-Chairman)  Councillors Keith Beckett ISO, Brenda Blackshaw, Alan Clayton, Gail Goodman JP, Peter Hardy.
<b>Other Councillors Present:</b>	None
<b>Officers Present:</b>	Clare Lord, Chris Hambly, Michael Duck, Sharon Wadsworth
<b>Other Attendees:</b>	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 of interest on this occasion.

### 2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Public Protection Committee meeting held on 11 December 2017 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

### 3. Substitute Members

There were no substitutions to be reported under Council procedure rule 22(c).

### Decision Items

#### 4. Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles

Chris Hambly, Environmental Services Manager, introduced a report that outlined a request, from a licensed private hire operator in the Borough, for the policy to be amended so that new hackney carriage licenses can be granted in respect of wheelchair accessible vehicles that would otherwise comply but are rear loading instead of side loading. The request also asked for consideration to be given to the licensing of vehicles that are longer than the maximum length.

Mr. Hambly highlighted his concerns with licensing rear loading and longer vehicles as hackney carriages particularly the potential negative impact they could have on the number of rank spaces available. It was noted that some users would prefer rear loading wheelchair accessible vehicles. Mr. Hambly clarified that the rear loading restriction did not apply to licensing private hire vehicles.

Following a discussion on the pros and cons of amending the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy, members were satisfied that there was adequate provision for both types of vehicles to be licensed under Private Hire.

The committee RESOLVED:

1. Not to amend the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy.
  2. To evaluate the effect the policy has had on the number of licensed wheelchair assessable vehicles in twelve months.
5. Caravan Site Licensing – Review of Mobile Home Fee Policy

Michael Duck, Senior Environmental Health Officer – Commercial, introduced a report that outlined proposed administrative changes to the Mobile Home Fee Policy. No amendment to the fees charged were proposed.

It was RESOLVED to approve the amendments to the Mobile Home Fee Policy as outlined within the report.

6. Caravan Site Licensing – Lyndale Caravan Park

Mr. Duck presented a report relating to Lyndale Residential Caravan Park, Preston New Road, Westby with Plumpton, detailing a request from the site owners, Cornerstone Land Development Ltd, to remove Condition 17 of the site licence which imposes a requirement on the site licence holder to provide an accessible telephone for calling the emergency services.

The site owner had stated that the fourteen residential vans on the site had landlines and that in the last ten years no emergency phone had been made available. Concerns were raised by Lancashire Fire and Rescue service and Members over the accessibility to a landline in an emergency and the signal strength and coverage of the mobile network in and around the caravan site.

Following a detailed discussion it was RESOLVED to delegate the decision to remove Condition 17 of the site licence to the Director of Resources subject to the receipt of a written survey of the signal strength of the mobile phone network, carried out by an independent, qualified person, which confirms that the caravan site benefits from adequate mobile phone network coverage.

7. Caravan Site Licensing – Primrose Bank Caravan Park

Mr. Duck introduced a report relating to Primrose Bank Caravan Park situated at High Moor Farm, Singleton Road, Weeton. A request had been received from the site operator, Pure Leisure, seeking to increase the number of holiday caravans on site to Fifty-two (52) and remove part of Condition 2, of the site licence issued on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016, to allow year round holiday use.

Planning permission, 13/0531, had been granted on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2013, for change of use of land to a holiday caravan site open twelve months of the year. On 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016 planning permission, 15/0772, was granted for change of use for part of the site from 30no. touring holiday pitches to 20no. static holiday pitches.

Concerns were raised about the suitability of the small scale sewage treatment plant in ensuring that it was capable of accommodating the static caravans. Members attention were drawn to condition 8 of planning permission 15/0772 that governed the suitability of the disposal of foul and surface water.

Following a detailed discussion it was RESOLVED:

1. To amend Condition 1 of the site licence to increase the total number of caravans on site to Fifty-seven (57) in total, consisting of Fifty-two (52) holiday caravans and Five (5) existing timber lodges.
2. To amend Condition 2 of the licence to allow all year round holiday use.
3. To notify the licence holder that the committee is minded to include the additional conditions to 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 owners/operators of the caravan site shall maintain a register of 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".
4. In the event of the licence holder not making representations, to include the new conditions as detailed above.

8. Caravan Site Licensing – Whitmore Farm Caravan Park

Mr. Duck introduced a report relating to Whitmore Farm Caravan Park, Bradshaw Lane, Greenhalgh, Lancashire PR4 2HQ. The current site licence was issued on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017.

Correspondence had been received from the site owners seeking amendments to the site licence following planning permission being granted on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017 to vary the planning condition, on application 78/0534, to allow all year round use as a touring caravan site without restriction on length of stay (planning application 17/0924 referred).

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

1. To amend Condition 25 and point 6 on the site licence to permit all year round use of the touring caravan site without the restriction in length of stay.
2. To remove Condition 26 and point 5 from the site licence to permit the caravan pitches on the west part side of the site to be used in excess of 21 days in line with planning variation 17/0924.
3. To notify the licence holder that the committee is minded to amend Point 4 of the site licence by adding the requirement of proof of main residence. Point 4 to read “The owners/operators of the caravan site shall maintain a register of 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” and to offer the licence holder the opportunity to make representations.
4. In the event of the licence holder not making representations, to amend the point 4 as detailed above.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Chairman, Councillor Jacques, took the opportunity to say how sadly missed Councillor Barbara Nash would be and to welcome Councillor Harvey as Vice Chairman.

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