

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Licensing & Enforcement Committee

Held at Knowle, Sidmouth on Monday, 25 September 2006

Present:

Councillors:

Mrs C E Drew (Chairman)
Mrs F Newth (Vice Chairman)

M J L Green
Mrs M L Hardy
Mrs A E Liverton

J A Knight
Mrs P A Stott

Apologies:

Councillors:

D G Button
Mrs P A Graham
B Nicholson
T G Reeves

The meeting started at 9.30 am and finished at 10.00 am.

***5 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Licensing & Enforcement Committee held on 12 June 2006, were confirmed and signed as a true record.

***6 Quarterly progress report on Licensing Act 2003 Implementation**

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Legal and Member Services, which gave an up date on the District Council's progress regarding the implementation of the Licensing Act 2003 and the new responsibilities placed on the authority.

Members noted that the number of hearings had reduced, mainly as a result of mediation work from the Licensing Officers. There were no outstanding appeals and no reviews had been held.

Members expressed some concern over the ability of parish councils to make representations. The Legal Advisor explained that the Licensing Act 2003 allowed parish councils to make representations on behalf of identified local residents or businesses but not have to make representations in their own right. It was noted that the Devon Association of Parish Councils would be discussing this issue at their next meeting.

Members noted that the number of licences still to be issued had been reduced greatly to 20. It was anticipated that those remaining would be issued very shortly.

*6 **Quarterly progress report on Licensing Act 2003 Implementation** (Cont)

RESOLVED

- 1) that the report be noted;
- 2) that the Licensing Officers obtain further advice from Jim Button, re renowned expert on Licensing law, with regard to whether parish councils have the right to make representations under the Licensing Act 2003, in their own right.

Chairman Date