

Minutes

## **REGULATORY SUB COMMITTEE**

2pm – 3.05pm 20 June 2011

Present: Councillors Driver (Chair), Banham, Henderson, Sands (M), Wright

1. APPLICATION FOR LICENCE TO PLACE TABLES AND CHAIRS ON THE HIGHWAY – THE WALNUT TREE SHADES, OLD POST OFFICE COURT, NORWICH, NR2 1NG

(The applicant attended the meeting for this item)

The licensing manager presented the report. The applicant commented on the background to the application and responded to members' questions.

(The applicant and the licensing manager left the meeting at this point).

Following discussion it was:-

**RESOLVED** unanimously to approve the application for a licence to place tables and chairs on the highway submitted in respect of The Walnut Tree Shades, Old Post Office Court, Norwich, subject to:-

- (a) the licensing manager confirming the exact dimension of the area
- (b) the standard conditions;
- (c) if the premises are open and the premises licence holder wishes to make use of the licence then the maximum number of tables and chairs noted on the licence shall be placed during the hours of operation of the licence and these shall be placed as evenly in the area marked on the plan attached to the licence as can be managed other than as necessary to allow unimpeded access to doorways;
- (d) all persons drinking beverages in the area marked on the plan attached to the licence shall be seated.

(The applicant and licensing manager were re-admitted to the meeting and informed of the decision minuted above).

## 2. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

**RESOLVED** to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of Items \*3 to \*6 below on the grounds contained in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Local Government Act 1972.

## \*3. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A 3 MONTH PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - CASE NO. 16/31/3/749 (PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 3)

(The applicant and his colleague attended the meeting for this item. He confirmed that he had been informed of his right to be legally represented at the meeting but had chosen not to be. He produced his DVLA licence for inspection by the committee).

The licensing manager presented the report. In reply to a question the applicant said that he had not received any further convictions or formal cautions and was not aware of any pending prosecutions since he had completed his application form. He then answered detailed questions about the circumstances of his convictions on 18 September 2006, 21 May 2008 and 11 November 2009 for exceeding the statutory speed limit on a public road.

The applicant's colleague said that the applicant had changed and started to settle down over the past few years, and asked the committee to consider the application favourably.

(The applicant, his colleague and the licensing manager left the meeting at this point).

Following a discussion it was -

**RESOLVED** unanimously to approve the grant of a 3 month private hire vehicles licence in respect of this application.

(The applicant and the licensing manager were admitted to the meeting and informed of the decision minuted above. The Chair advised that the committee had the power to revoke, suspend or refuse to renew the licence in the future if his conduct was not up to the standard expected of a licence holder. The Chair emphasised to the applicant of the need to observe speed limits).

## \*4. APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A 3 MONTH PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - CASE NO 16/31/3/750 (PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 3)

(The licence holder attended the meeting for this item. He confirmed that he had been informed of his right to be legally represented at the meeting but had chosen not to be. He produced his DVLA licence for inspection by the committee).

The licensing manager presented the report. In reply to a question the applicant said that he had not received any further convictions or formal cautions and was not aware of any pending prosecutions since he had completed his application form. He MIN Regulatory Sub 2011-06-20.doc

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then answered detailed questions about the circumstances of his convictions on 6 November 2006 and 7 March 2008 for exceeding the statutory speed limit on a public road.

(The applicant and the licensing manager left the meeting at this point).

Following a discussion it was -

**RESOLVED** unanimously to approve the grant of a 3 month private hire vehicles licence in respect of this application.

(The applicant and the licensing manager were admitted to the meeting and informed of the decision minuted above. The Chair advised that the committee had the power to revoke, suspend or refuse to renew the licence in the future if his conduct was not up to the standard expected of a licence holder).

\*5. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVERS LICENCE NO. 10/01019/PHDRIV – CASE NO 16/31/3/716 (PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 3)

(Due to illness, the licence holder was unable to attend the meeting for this item).

**RESOLVED** unanimously to defer the item for consideration at the next meeting.

\*6. SUSPENSION / REVOCATION OF NORWICH CITY COUNCIL PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE NO. 10/01385/PHDRIV CASE NO. 16/31/3/718 (PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 3)

(The licence holder did not attend the meeting for this item and had not offered any reason for his non-attendance).

Following a discussion it was -

**RESOLVED** unanimously to defer the item for consideration at the next meeting and that the licensing manager be asked to write to the licence-holder informing him that the matter could be considered by members in his absence if he failed to attend the next meeting.

**CHAIR**