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Minutes of the **MEETING of the PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Catmose, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6HP on Tuesday, 2nd May, 2023 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT:

Councillor E Baines (Chair)	Councillor P Browne (Vice-Chair)
Councillor N Begy	Councillor K Bool
Councillor A Brown	Councillor G Brown
Councillor W Cross	Councillor J Dale

ABSENT:

Councillor D Blanksby	Councillor A MacCartney
Councillor R Payne	Councillor R Wilson

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Sarah Khawaja	Head of Legal and Democratic Services
Darren Dolby	Licensing Officer
David Ebbage	Democratic Services Officer

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Payne, MacCartney, Blanksby and Wilson.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

3 PREMISES LICENCE VARIATION APPLICATION: BILLS BAR, 2 – 4 GROSVENOR HOUSE, MELTON ROAD, OAKHAM, RUTLAND, LE15 6AX

The Chairman introduced the parties in attendance and the procedure to be followed.

Darren Dolby, Licensing Officer for Peterborough City Council and Rutland County Council introduced the report, he confirmed that representations had been received from three local residents, he also highlighted that no representations had been received from any of the responsible authorities.

The licensing officer highlighted to Members that the application was a variation to the premises licence for Bills Bar. The application was to extend the premises licensable area and to amend and add conditions to the licence. There was no application to extend timings for licensable activities at the premises.

Amanda Usher, on behalf of the applicant presented the applicants case to the Committee and answered questions from Members.

All interested parties were given the opportunity to address the Committee and answered questions from Members. Concerns were raised predominantly around noise disturbance experienced by the local residents who had made representations.

All parties present were then given the opportunity to sum up their positions and make any final comments.

The Committee received legal advice from the Legal Adviser to the Committee in the presence of all those present and were advised of the options available to them in making their decision. The Committee were also advised of the relevant policy and statutory guidance that needed to be taken into account when making their decision.

At 8.45pm the Committee adjourned to consider its decision. It reconvened at 9.16pm where the Legal Advisor advised all present of the Committee's decision.

RESOLVED

Having listened to all the evidence and submissions from the residents who made representations and the representative of the Licensee and having read and considered all of the documentary material before it, the Committee agreed to take the following steps under section 35(4) of the Licensing Act 2003 on this application for a variation of the Premises Licence for Bill's Bar, Oakham.

To **GRANT** the application to vary the existing premises licence subject to the additional conditions set out in the application for a variation, modified as follows:

- All tables and chairs in the outside consumption area shall be removed from the area no later than 11pm each day.
- No bottles will be emptied into external waste receptacles between 11pm and 10am.
- Only the in-house sound system to be used after 11pm.

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REASONS

The members were concerned to hear of the issues, predominantly noise disturbance experienced by the residents who had made representations. They were satisfied that the premises licence holder is taking steps to work with residents and is implementing measures, some of which are reflected in the modified conditions of the licence, to prevent noise nuisance. The applicant said that he was agreeable to his contact number being shared with residents to enable any issues to be reported to him as they happen so that they can be dealt with immediately.

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The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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