

**MINUTES OF LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE  
(Alcohol and Regulated Entertainment)**

**5 APRIL 2022**

**PRESENT:**

Councillors Mrs A'Barrow (Chairman), Bearne and Mrs Roodhouse

**1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**2. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE –  
BOURTON HALL, MAIN STREET, BOURTON-ON-DUNSMORE, CV23 9QZ**

The Sub-Committee considered the application for a new Premises Licence (Part 1 – Agenda Item 2).

**RESOLVED THAT—** the application referred to in the report of the Head of Environment and Public Realm be determined as set out in the Record of Hearing attached at Annex 1.

**CHAIRMAN**

## RUGBY BOROUGH COUNCIL RECORD OF HEARING

### 1. **APPLICANT**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Establishment</b>
<b>Bourton Hall Limited</b>	<b>Bourton Hall, Main Street, Bourton</b>

**Also present :**

**Thomas Palmer – Finance Director**

**Applicant's representative:**

<b>John Gregory –</b>	<b>Wright Hassall LLP</b>
<b>Alan Morris (Trainee Solicitor) –</b>	<b>Wright Hassall LLP</b>

### 3. **COMMITTEE PANEL**

Councillors Mrs A'Barrow, Bearne and Mrs Roodhouse  
Chaired by: Councillor Mrs A'Barrow

### 4. **NATURE OF THE APPLICATION**

Application for the grant of a Premises Certificate in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003

### 5. **Outline of Applicants Case**

Mr Gregory advised that the Company currently have a Premises Licence for Bourton Hall granted in 2020 by this Council.

Bourton Hall is a Grade II listed building with 16 acres of park land and a large car park . Only Bourton Hall itself is licensed.

Hall and Chapel had been vacant for some time, previously used as commercial premises

Operating as a wedding venue in which time there has been no need for intervention by either Rugby Borough Council or the Police.

Referred to Plan at page 24 of the Agenda showing ground floor with reception main bar and disco area. Second floor comprises the Guest bedrooms.

Licensable activities for main bar, selling food, entertainment.

Currently has a premises licence which it can continue to operate under

This application to extend hours to midnight on Sundays.  
No representations from Police or Environmental Health so assume no concerns regarding noise or crime and disorder

**Planning representations** relate to condition attached to the planning permission restricting amplified music to the ground floor  
Premises Licence allows to 5.00pm if accompanying wedding i.e. string quartet.  
Planning and Licensing regime are separate and legislation allows for different conditions which do not have to mirror each other

The application is for one hour extension to midnight on Sundays not relevant to entertainment.

The current Licence allows music outside to 5.00pm

#### **Address the Public Comments**

Outdoor music ceases at 5.00pm and this will remain as per original conditions except the additional hour

Wedding venues are different from pubs, guests are by invitation, likely to leave by cars and taxis and not walking through the local area

Other days open to midnight and no evidence of nuisance

Also operated to midnight on few occasions under a Temporary Events Notice

Comments relating to Councillor at previous committee are not relevant

No legal requirement to earn trust

Requirement to promote the Licensing Objectives – operating over one year in which time the Company proved itself.

Fireworks are not a licensing activity and would not be in the extra hour

Refer to Page 15 Appendix A operators schedule contains setting decibel levels, monitoring of noise, windows and doors being closed and notices to guests to leave quietly with a member of staff on duty to remind the guests.

No evidence nuisance will be caused to residents

#### 6. **Questions from Councillors**

- Approximately 100 weddings since mid June,
- One wedding per day as exclusive use
- Extra hour is requirement of clients booking Sunday weddings
- All other venues in group have to midnight on Sundays
- Weddings held in the Hall unless outside venue requested and weather suitable
- Outside area normally used for family and friends to socialise
- Current licence restricts music to ground floor of premises

- 15 rooms for guests, or use local accommodation
- Late night refreshments requirement after 23:.00 for provision of snacks i.e. sausage rolls,
- Has been dialogue with residents and issues resolved,
- Company feel strongly about building relationship with local residents
- Will provide employment for locals
- Complaint regarding the premises was when no wedding was taken place and related to another venue
- Weddings held Mondays to Sundays particularly in summer months
  
- Residents can contact the Company with concerns either by coming onto site or by telephone on number available requirement of the licence conditions. Company has to use reasonable endeavours
- Company have been working with the community to provide facilities in the local area committed to assisting providing a defibrillator
- Previous application had many many more representations
- Sale of alcohol finishes at 12.00 with 30 minutes to close
- Representations from neighbours some way from premises not from nearby neighbours
- Music is on opposite side of the village from neighbours, windows and doors are closed and levels have been tested by local company.

### **Summary by the applicant**

No evidence that the Licensing Objectives have been undermined  
 Bouton Hall cater to particular clients  
 Secured restoration and preservation of a Grade II listed Building  
 Providing a service and employment despite the challenges  
 Not unreasonable to operate to midnight on Sunday  
 Ask you to grant the Licence as applied for

### **Decision**

The Sub Committee granted the application as applied

**Reasons**

In coming to this decision the Sub-Committee gave regard to the representations on behalf of the applicant and the written representations submitted.

There was no evidence of the Company failing to meet the Licensing Objectives during the period since the granting of the current Premises Licence

If local residents were to experience nuisance which could not be resolved by communication with the Company and complaints have been investigated. There is a right to request a review of the licence

The Sub-Committee would suggest and recommend that the Company seek to liaise with local residents.

A named contact and telephone number should be provided for local residents