

**27 FEBRUARY 2007**

**NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL  
LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE**

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee held at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Tuesday, 27 February 2007.

**Councillors:**

R C H Hale  
J Penwarden

**Councillors:**

P R Woods

**Officers Attending**

Miss J Debnam, Mrs N Heaselden and Mr A Hetherington.

**Also Attending:**

Ms T Elcock – Applicant  
Mr J Grey and Ms L Thompson of Lamport Bassitt Solicitors – for applicant  
Mr L A Price – Objector

**1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.**

**RESOLVED:**

That Cllr R C H Hale be elected Chairman of the Sub-Committee for this meeting.

(Cllr Hale in the Chair).

**2. APPLICATION TO RENEW LICENCE – DESIRES, 48 RUMBRIDGE STREET, TOTTON.**

The Sub-Committee carefully considered the evidence, both written and oral, supplied by the parties. In addition, the Sub-Committee had held a site visit earlier in the day to view the premises and the characteristics of the locality.

It was acknowledged by all parties that the shop front was discreet. Although, on inspection, the use as a sex shop was readily apparent, none of the merchandise was visible from the street.

There was no evidence that the layout of the premises or the manner in which it was operated raised any grounds for objection.

No objection has been received from any responsible authority.

The objector was representing the Testwood Baptist Church.

The objections raised in response to the current application, as expanded orally at the hearing, were considered within the context that no objections relating to the operation of the premises had been received by the Licensing Authority in the 5 years that it had been operating.

The Sub-Committee considered the basis of the objections placed before them and concluded that they were general in nature and did not address the relevant grounds set out in Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982. This was acknowledged by the objector present.

**RESOLVED:**

That the application to renew the license to run a sex shop, for the ground floor shop premises at 48 Rumbridge Street, Totton be granted subject to the standard conditions, as previously imposed.

CHAIRMAN

(LSC270207)