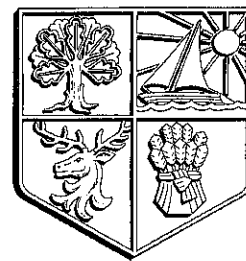


New Milton Town Council

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New Forest District Council
Licensing Department
Appletree Court
Lyndhurst

29 October, 2013

Dear Mr Weston,

Application Premises License at War Memorial Recreation Ground.

There are three points that require further information prior to the hearing on 31st October, therefore I would be grateful if this letter and the enclosed are forwarded to the relevant members as soon as practicable.

1. We wish to make an amendment to the application, being a change of Designated Premises Supervisor. The required consent form is enclosed.

2. We have prepared a suite of policy documents to ensure the efficient management of the site. The documents are listed below –
General Statement of Introduction; Generic Risk Assessment; Fire Risk Assessment; Fire & Emergency Plan; Capacity and Evacuation Calculations.

Sufficient copies of each will be available on the day of the hearing should they be needed.

3. Please find attached our response document to the representation letter. I personally hand-delivered this to all representees on Wednesday 9th October. Only Ms Wooller and her 18 year old daughter turned up to the offered meeting. We (Myself, the Town Clerk, Cllr Steve Clarke Chair of Planning and Cllr Geoff Blunden Chair of Amenities) talked the visitors through the application form and other plans including the pavilion drawing which seemed to have caused some concern. I reiterated that the intention of the licence was NOT for private parties, but 'family orientated community events' as current and historic bookings show.

The visitors were actively encouraged to keep asking as many questions as they could think of, and their personal notes were referred to and dealt with at the meeting. It was a productive meeting, with us since having formally agreed to re-site a bench that was near the shared boundary, with users causing much disturbance during the evening/night. On their own admission Ms Wooller (and apparently Mr Pearson) had not been able to access NFDC website to view the application in detail, and unfortunately Ms Wooller did not take up my offer to meet and guide through the information prior to the representation deadline of 3rd October as the response letter states.

I hope you find the above in order. Please contact me if there are any queries.

Yours sincerely

Theresa Elliott
Assistant Town Clerk

Encl.(2)

Consent of individual to being specified as premises supervisor

Steve Clarke

I _____
[full name of prospective premises supervisor]

of

41 Velvet Lawn Road
New Milton
BH25 5GE

[home address of prospective premises supervisor]

hereby confirm that I give my consent to be specified as the designated premises supervisor in relation to the application for

War Memorial Recreation Ground, Whitefield Road, New Milton

[type of application]

by

New Milton Town Council

[name of applicant]

relating to a premises licence n/a

[number of existing licence, if any]

for

n/a

[name and address of premises to which the application relates]

and any premises licence to be granted or varied in respect of this application made by

New Milton Town Council

[name of applicant]

concerning the supply of alcohol at

War Memorial Recreation Ground, Whitefield Road, New Milton

[name and address of premises to which application relates]

I also confirm that I am applying for, intend to apply for or currently hold a personal licence, details of which I set out below.

Personal licence number

785

[insert personal licence number, if any]

Personal licence issuing authority

New Forest District Council

[insert name and address and telephone number of personal licence issuing authority, if any]

Signed



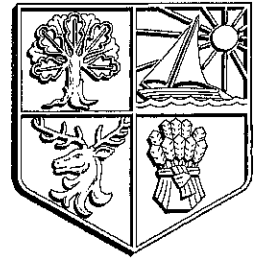
Name (please print)

Steve Clarke

Date

25/10/2013

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Park View Mews
Station Road
New Milton

9th October 2013

Dear ,

Premises Licence application for the War Memorial Recreation Ground.

Thank you for your recent copy letter dated 29th September sent to New Forest District Council, raising objection to the above application.

Firstly I would like to clarify that the application asks to consent 365 days per year. This is purely to give us flexibility of dates as the only reason for the licence is to more closely regulate existing events on the Rec, such as the Lions May Fayre, Pedal Car Race, Christmas Extravaganza etc. with the possibility of certain community focussed additions such as an outdoor school Play or Forest Arts Production with the completion of the Pavilion building.

We are already restricted to 12 amplified (music or sound) events per year as a Planning condition, so an organisers requirement for a P.A.system is one of the many questions within our new events booking form so that we can refuse or allow as appropriate. The new booking system will come into effect as soon as the Pavilion is completed. This form is available to view and I will happily take you through it and other associated documents which accompany the licence application. This is an offer I made to Ms Wooller when she rang on Monday 23rd September and was possible before the expiry date for representations. Unfortunately I did not get to make the same offer to Mr Pearson when he rang on Tuesday 24th, due to the nature of the call. I will deal with the points you have raised in turn.

1. Anti-Social Behaviour

Any existing or future anti-social behaviour should be referred to the police as I am sure you are aware. The potential existence of a bar on site for an organised event is unlikely to encourage more difficulties as the bar will be under tight control including spot checks, thereby refusing those that are considered to have had too much or potentially risk losing the licence. Residents, Police, Environmental Health departments etc. will have the ability to question the licence and potentially have it removed based on collected evidence (as per Ashley Hotel and more recently, Wellingtons). Events will have marshals as they currently do, who will deal with any difficulties or call the Police as necessary. You state concern over the use of the pavilion on days when events are not being held. In the planning application consultation response from the Public Health and Community Safety department from New Forest District Council, they considered that the 'design of the Pavilion is felt to be crime resistant and we have no concerns'. They also stated that lighting is considered 'key to crime prevention' and therefore small LED lights are being fitted onto the eaves-line of the roof (underside). These will be controllable by timer and could be illuminated during twilight and darkness hours to enable a greater level of natural surveillance.

2. Noise Pollution

The Pavilion was subject to public consultation in summertime last year, planning application made to New Forest District Council soon afterward and each of you as boundary neighbours, were individually invited to comment by letter from NFDC back in January 2013. The Pavilion subsequently received permission on 25th April 2013. The potential for music every day of the week is not accurate, as stated in my opening paragraph. The Rec is and will continue to be pinnacle of a vibrant town centre location, having community focussed events just like Lymington, Christchurch etc.

Generally residents that choose to live in the centre of a town wish to take full advantage of nearby amenities, walking to nearby shops and restaurants, rail station and enjoy having everyday life going on around them and being part of it. This is a town of over 25,000 people and we are striving to make it a more pleasant, vibrant and inclusive place for every part of the community to live, by facilitating the current events and hopefully encouraging others as stated above. That said, if noise levels were to exceed accepted parameters, on your prompting Environmental Health would be rightly holding us to account just as any other organisation or business in the town, to safeguard residential amenity. We believe we will have adequate controls in place to ensure this does not happen in the first place.

3. Lack of Quality of Life

As in my response to point 1, it is necessary to pursue the relevant authority for when these issues happen. You will have to diarise events for Environmental Health, ring the Police when a disturbance is occurring, and they will work within their remit and resources to rectify the situation. Again, we do not anticipate that a premises licence, facilitating existing and potentially new community focussed events, will exacerbate the existing situation. The position of the Pavilion is already set as stated in item 2 above.

4. Charitable Status of the Rec

We have sought and received permission from the Charity Commission for both the Pavilion and the Premises Licence.

The trusts and covenants set out in the Indenture dated 16th April 1920 prohibits the placement or building of any structure used for purposes other than 'sporting amusements or pleasures' or as a memorial to those fallen in the Great War. The Commission are content with the sale of alcohol on the Rec, on the understanding that this is ancillary to staging of sports and recreational events. This is our only intention.

There are far more positive aspects to this town than you suggest, and I have empathy for you as you think there are not. Although we do not live on the boundary as you do, we do get contacted by the relevant authorities if there has been a problem and we do our best to remedy it, and prevent recurrence where possible. We also rely on our residents to be part of public consultation exercises and having their say with due process that follows. Members are aware that they are accountable to their electorate and make decisions based on the information provided at the relevant time.

We would like to invite you to a meeting at the Town Hall on Tuesday 15th October at 6pm to discuss the application in more detail. Please telephone or email by midday Monday 14th to confirm your attendance.

We look forward to hearing from you. Copy letter sent to each party objecting.

Yours sincerely

THERESA ELLIOTT
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK