

## Charney Bassett Parish Council

Extract from draft minutes of meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021

### 21/38 Charney Manor Premises Licence Application

At the District Licensing Sub-Committee on 4<sup>th</sup> May the Parish Council had spoken in support of its (and residents') objections, but a Licence had still been granted. There were a number of conditions and one (condition 16 – music noise) had been added to by Councillors. This required that the Licence Holder liaise with the Environmental Health Officer on measures to minimise noise prior to the holding of any event. The District had yet to issue its reasons (as required) for approving the application.

The Clerk read from an email from Catherine Hilliard, lead trustee, written after the meeting:

*“ The Licensing Committee's decision must come as a disappointment. In the present state of our business, it is highly unlikely that we shall be hosting events in the near future and I want to assure the PC that when the time comes, the trustees will make sure that the extra condition is scrupulously complied with. We are hoping to run some kind of Open Day later this summer - regulations permitting - where we will be in a position to describe some more of our plans for the property in more detail.”*

There was lively discussion, including on the following, and this involved all residents present:

- The attempt by the Committee Officer to limit the Parish Council to 3 minutes speaking time when 20 minutes had been offered previously;
- The scope of condition 16, given that the applicant's interpretation appeared to differ from that of the Vale Officers;
- Whether there was an entitlement to erect marquees and play amplified music in them;
- The ambivalent attitude of the current manager at yesterday's meeting and the ill-mannered comments of the agent about residents;
- The lodging of an appeal against the decision.

With particular reference to a possible appeal, it was noted that professional advice would inevitably be needed – including for representation at the Magistrates Court – and that the Vale's likely defence would be that condition 16 provided adequate protection against disturbance. If this were correct, many felt the Vale had effectively granted a licence that could not be fully used (at least as far as the playing of amplified music was concerned).

The Clerk reported that he had already engaged in correspondence with officers on marquees and the scope of condition 16 and would continue with this as necessary.

The Chair otherwise suggested that no further action be taken at this stage and that we await further contact from the trustees in due course. This was unanimously agreed.