

Notes of a special General meeting SPS Committee Tuesday 4 Jan 2011  
at SP Mission Hall – John Crisp in the Chair

- 1) Apologies – Karen Phillips, J Bellis, L Sheaves, A Dye, B Egerton, H Bruce.
- 2) The Meeting was called to outline the current knowledge of the Licence application for sale of alcohol and music at Northdown Farm.
- 3) JC opened the meeting suggesting that the format was essentially that of an open Committee meeting with the intention of gauging the views of the village on the licence application by Mt Peter Broach. He indicated that any comments to the licensing authority needed to be submitted before the 8<sup>th</sup> of Jan (original date published was the 6<sup>th</sup>) to be considered by the committee. The application was for The Sale of Alcohol between 08.00 and 23.00 and the playing of music between 12.00 and 23.00.
- 4) The meeting took the form of a Q&A session with the following points being raised – responses summarised below. Mr Broach was in attendance and replied to several questions (PB below). Also in attendance was the Dorset Echo.
  - We became aware of the application from walkers spotting notices on gates – also a small notice was posted in the Echo.
  - Do we have support of councillors? D Mannings was present and he pointed out that the matter will come before a small sub committee (3 members) of the Licensing committee of which he was a vice chairman. He may not be on the sub committee. He can speak as a ward councillor but he may be prevented from speaking to the committee.
  - Suggested date of 8<sup>th</sup> Jan should be postponed because of the weather conditions as well as Christmas – JC advised he thought not possible as Licensing have to follow the legal requirements.
  - Appears that a valid representation must be submitted if you wish to speak at the licensing meeting.
  - Licensing sub committee to meet before the 8<sup>th</sup> Feb
    - PB – aim to sell from Portacabin also used as a farm shop.
    - Access is off the main road opposite the White Horse garage
    - Intend to run temporary camp site as Eweleaze.
    - Sell alcohol from the farm shop
    - People will park by tents (no caravans)
    - Two traffic along the narrow track – as Eweleaze
    - Some vehicles will have trailers for their camping gear
    - Run both sites – yes
    - 2 weeks in August and May bank holiday
    - Could run music festival – not the intent. Music is only background to sell pizzas
    - No power at present
    - No indication of number of tents – but inference is could be up to 200
    - Eweleaze is only ¼ used at present with 200 ish tents
  - Natural bowl of valley magnifies sounds
  - Is there any intention of publishing mitigating details for case for site; noise from campers etc – no
  - Campsite rules do not allow music – except on Saturdays till 11.00p.m.
  - Control of site is by local security staff
  - Noted that site is closer to residential area than Eweleaze – which is also next to the sea
  - Allows camp fires
  - Access from Local footpaths will be fenced from site
  - Will use 28 days Permitted development for dates – May bank holiday and Aug. Temporary structures for farm shop etc will be moved as required by 28 days rules
  - Organic beef farming to continue. – Noted that he cannot claim Organic yet.
  - No intention to have live music at the moment
  - Licence not a necessity for camping which will proceed anyway!!
  - JC suggested we should co-ordinate views.
    - General agreement – although wording of Licensing note needs checking – it was noted that representation may be by a person in the vicinity of the area.
  - Contact with Licensing by e-mail is [LICENSING@weymouth.gov.uk](mailto:LICENSING@weymouth.gov.uk)
  - No access to the site is suggested from the White Horse hill or from the village.
  - Councillors on the Licensing committee may let the committee know the views from the village but may not represent the views in committee.