

BETLEY, BALTERLEY & WRINEHILL PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council requests the Licensing Committee to note the points made by those in favour of the application and those against the application insofar as they relate to the Council's Licensing Policy, specifically Public safety, Protection of children from harm, Prevention of crime and disorder, and Prevention of Public Nuisance, and to develop appropriate licensing conditions to enable the Licence to meet the needs of the business, whilst addressing the concerns expressed by those objecting.

The Parish Council also wishes to place the following points on record:

It has received, or been copied into, four objections from local residents: Reeves, Covell, Walton and French.

It is also aware of an anonymous leaflet relating to the application a copy of which we understand has been provided to the Borough Council. The Parish Council has disregarded this leaflet and considers it to be out of order as it is anonymous and we would ask the Borough Council to do likewise.

The Parish Council held an extraordinary meeting on 15th July to allow residents to express their views on the application. 31 residents were present (excluding councillors in attendance). None raised any objection to the application, one resident indicated a wish to reserve their view and 30 indicated that they were in favour of the application.

The Parish Council would wish to see the Betley Show and Betley Bonfire continue in their current format, with their current licensing conditions, in particular (although the Parish Council has doubts whether the Betley Bonfire is a licensable activity) the restriction on the selling of alcohol at the Betley Bonfire. Strong support was expressed at the meeting on 15th July for these two activities and the Parish Council has not been made aware of any concerns in respect of matters protected by the four criteria mentioned in the first paragraph.

As far as other events are concerned:

The Parish Council notes that land between the application site and Common Lane is in the ownership of the Speed family. The Parish Council is of

the view that Common Lane should only be used as a means of access to and from the site in an emergency. This should be a condition of the licence. [This is consistent with a view expressed by the Parish Council some years ago when the licensing arrangements for the concerts were discussed.]

As far as the site itself is concerned, an appropriate noise management plan needs to be developed and implemented. This should be a condition of the licence. [This is consistent with a view expressed by the Parish Council some years ago when the licensing arrangements for the concerts were discussed.]

As far as the tea room is concerned the Parish Council has not been made aware of any concerns in respect of the four criteria mentioned in the first paragraph. Numbers (circa 40) in the tea room are restricted by the number of tables, so the sale of alcohol will not increase numbers and is also not expected to have any adverse impact on matters protected by the four criteria in the first paragraph.

As far as other events on the farm are concerned, such as weddings, lunches, public events and private parties are concerned, the Parish Council has not been made aware of any concerns in respect of the four criteria mentioned in the first paragraph and such events appear to have been well managed.

Gwyn Griffiths
Clerk 18-7-22