



Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee

Date Friday 20 January 2017
Time 11.30 am
Venue Committee Room 1B, County Hall, Durham

Business

Part A

1. Declarations of Interest (if any)
2. Application for Summary Licence Review - The Bridge Inn, 1 Gordon Lane, Ramshaw, Bishop Auckland (Pages 3 - 6)
3. Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration

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County Hall
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19 January 2017

To: **The Members of the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee**

Councillors C Hampson, B Kellett and P May

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FORM FOR APPLYING FOR A SUMMARY LICENCE REVIEW
 DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL
 LICENSING SERVICES

ST JOHNS ROAD NORTH
 MEADOWFIELD
 DURHAM DH7 8RS

Application for the review of a premises licence under section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003 (premises associated with serious crime or disorder)

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form. If you are completing the form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. **Use additional sheets if necessary.**

I Ch/Supt Jane Spraggon [on behalf of] the Chief Officer of police for the Durham Constabulary police area apply for the review of a premises licence under section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003.

1. Premises details:

Postal address of premises, or if none or not known, ordnance survey map reference or description:

**The Bridge Inn
 1 Gordon Lane
 Ramshaw**

Post town: **Bishop Auckland**

Post code (if known): **DL14 0NS**

2. Premises licence details:

Name of premises licence holder (if known): **Joseph Cunningham**

Number of premises licence holder (if known): **PL(A)0054**

3. Certificate under section 53A(1)(b) of the Licensing Act 2003 [Please read guidance note 1]:

I confirm that a certificate has been given by a senior member of the police force for the police area above that in his opinion the above premises are associated with serious crime or disorder or both, and the certificate accompanies this application.

(Please tick the box to confirm)

4. Details of association of the above premises with serious crime, serious disorder or both:

[Please read guidance note 2]

On 16th January 2017 the IP () attended The Bridge Inn / Big Joes Steakhouse to collect owed wages and to inform his employer, Joseph Cunningham Senior (PLH) he would not be returning to work. He was not at the pub at this time so he attended his home address which is

Also present at his house was his two sons JJ (Joseph) who acts as DPS and

On hearing this an argument took place and during the argument JJ (DPS) punched the IP in the face, Joseph Cunningham Senior threatened him with a metal bar and tried to stop him running away.

The IP managed to make good his escape and sort medical treatment resulting in being told he had sustained a fracture to his upper jaw.

Joseph Cunningham (DPS) is a suspect for a section 18 assault.

Joseph Cunningham (PLH) is a suspect for affray.

As an interim measure the police seek an immediate suspension and the removal of the DPS for premises licence number PL(A)0054.

At the full review hearing the Police seek to have the premises licence revoked.

Signature of applicant:

Date: 18/1/17

Capacity: C1 Supt.

Contact details for matters concerning this application:

Address:

Rice HQ, Aykley Heads, Durham.

Telephone number(s):

Email:

Notes for guidance:

DURHAM CONSTABULARY

FORCE HQ

AYKLEY HEADS

Durham County Council

DH1 5TT

CERTIFICATE UNDER SECTION 53(a)(B) OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003

I hereby certify that in my opinion the premises described below are associated with ~~serious crime /~~
~~serious disorder~~ / both serious crime and serious disorder.

Premises:

The Bridge Inn
1 Gordon Lane
Ramshaw
Bishop Auckland
DL14 0NS

Premises Licence number (if known): PL(A)0054

Name of Premises Supervisor (if known): Joseph Cunningham

I am a Chief Superintendent in Durham Constabulary

I am giving this certificate because I am of the opinion that other procedures under the Licensing Act are inappropriate in this case, and that it is proportionate in the circumstances because

The premises licence holder Joseph Cunningham Snr and designated premises supervisor Joseph Cunningham Jnr have been responsible for a serious assault that took place on 16th January 2017, whereby the IP who is a member of staff at the premises has sustained serious injuries from an unprovoked attack involving the use of a weapon.

This is a new family run premises that opened in October 2016, and whilst there have not been any previous incidents of note, the circumstances surrounding this application bring into serious question the management and running of this premises. This requires immediate action via an expedited review to prevent any further serious repercussions associated with disputes between management and staff, who would otherwise remain involved in the running of the premises. The expedited process would enable the police and licencing authority to seek the removal of the DPS and the suspension of the premises licence whilst the criminal investigation is ongoing and to fully determine the suitability of such persons to be involved in the ongoing running of this premises. This is the only proportionate action available at this time.

SIGNED:

PRINT NAME: V J SPRAGGON

DATED:

18/1/17

TITLE:

Chief Supt.

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