

## Holme Low Parish Council

### Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 6 September 2016 at 7.30pm at Silloth Community Hall

#### Present

Cllr. J. Graham (JG) – Chairman

#### **Councillors**

M. Wright (MW), A. Sowden (AS), D. Findlay (DF), N. Dainton (ND) & M. Pearson (MP)

Also present: Wendy Jameson – Town Clerk (WEJ), Cllr. John Cook and 7 members of the public.

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| <b>1.</b> | <b>Apologies</b><br>None.   |  |
| <b>2.</b> | <b>Declarations of Interest</b><br>None.  |  |
| <b>3.</b> | <b>Exclusion of Press &amp; Public</b><br>None.   |  |
| <b>4.</b> | <b>Public Participation</b><br>The meeting was called to allow members of the public to give their opinions on the recent application for a Premises Licence at Kitty Bell's Country Store Café and Bar on Wigton Road. There were 7 members of the public at the meeting who were all given an opportunity to speak. The property is very close to a number of residential properties, with local residents very concerned about the application and opposed to it. A summary of the points raised are as follows:-<br>a) Holme Low is a rural area and the peace and quiet is one of the things that attracts people to live in the area.<br>b) There could be a detrimental impact in terms of noise pollution from the entertainment being provided within the premises, people arriving and leaving the property, noise from car engines and car doors late at night etc.<br>c) Light pollution from the premises, cars coming and going and also lighting to the car park is also a concern.<br>d) There are concerns about the access to and from the property which is on a fast stretch of road with poor visibility which could be particularly risky after dark.<br>e) There are no footpaths or lighting along this stretch of road if patrons decide to walk which again could be hazardous after dark.<br>f) There is a lack of any Police presence in the area should there be any problems with disorderly behaviour.<br>g) Concerns about people wandering into neighbouring properties after having a night out. It was questioned who would be responsible for patrons once they leave the property.<br>h) It was questioned whether it would be necessary to have door staff if there are parties taking place.<br>i) The applicant has indicated that she wanted a table licence to allow her to cater for funerals etc but information in an advert in the local Parish magazine and in the application is for a lot more than that. The applicant has also mentioned doing weddings and parties.<br>j) The notice for the application was posted on the property but was not accessible to the public because there is gate across the entrance to the car park. The notice also had no date on it. The Clerk has checked with Allerdale to find out the closing date for comments and was informed that a new notice would be put up and a further 28 days allowed for comments.<br>k) It was questioned if there needed to be a 'change of use', as operating as a bar is significantly different to a Country Store and café.<br>l) Residents are opposed to the licence due to the hours and the noise.<br>m) Although from a business perspective it makes sense, this is not the right location, as it is next to a small hamlet of properties who will be directly affected by the changes. |  |

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|                  | <p>n) Concerns were expressed that should the property be sold again at a later date with a new owner they could take full advantage of the premises licence which is leaving it wide open for them to do what they want.</p> <p>o) Properties in the area benefit from the quiet nature of the area but there are concerns that the Premises Licence may have an adverse effect on the value of neighbouring properties.</p>  |  |
| <p><b>5.</b></p> | <p><b>Licences</b><br/> <b>Premises:</b> Kitty Bell's Country Store Café and Bar<br/> <b>Address:</b> Wigton Road, Silloth, CA7 4PQ</p> <p>The Parish Council considered the points raised. The location and premises is ideal for that type of venture but consideration must be given to the neighbouring properties. The Council needs to vote on the facts in front of them. <b>RESOLVED</b> that a recommendation be sent to Allerdale Borough Council to object the application for a Premises Licence at Kitty Bell's Country Store Café and Bar. Clerk to send a letter to Allerdale Borough Council summarising the points raised earlier in the meeting.</p> |  |
| <p><b>6.</b></p> | <p><b>Planning Application</b><br/> <b>Ref No:</b> 2/2016/0553 <b>Applicant:</b> Mr Stuart Gordon, Iona Capital Limited <b>Proposal:</b> Removal of conditions 2, 3, 4 and 6 with variation to condition 18 <b>Location:</b> Dryholme Farm, Silloth</p> <p>After some discussion it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the decision on the application be taken by Allerdale Borough Council.</p>  |  |

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