

LICENSING AND GAMBLING ACTS SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 31 MARCH 2026

Present: Cllrs Derek Beer, David Shortell and Andrew Starr.

Officers present (for all or part of the meeting):

Lara Atree (Senior Lawyer - Regulatory), Kathryn Miller (Senior Licensing Officer), John Miles (Democratic Services Officer) and Louis Wicks (Democratic Services Officer Apprentice).

Also present: Dianna Freeman (Amber Tavers Compliance Manager).

Also present remotely: Nigel Connor (Solicitor and Head of Legal for JD Wetherspoons) and Rob Gibson (General Manager for JD Wetherspoons) and Dianna Freeman (Amber Tavers Compliant Manager).

1. Election of Chair and Statement for the Procedure of the Meeting

Proposed by Cllr Shortell, seconded by Cllr Starr.

Decision: that Cllr Beer be elected as Chair for the duration of the meeting.

2. Apologies

No apologies for absence were received at the meeting.

3. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests were made at the meeting.

4. Application for a variation a premises licence for William Henry, 1 Frederick Place, St Thomas Street, Weymouth.

The Senior Licensing Officer outlined her report. The applicant sought to extend by one hour the times that alcohol and late-night refreshment could be sold Thursday to Saturday to 2am, plus an extension of the time that the premises could be open to 02:30am from 1.30am Thursday to Saturday. In addition, an amendment to Condition 11 was requested to permit under 18s to be present up to 11pm rather than 10pm. An extension of one hour had been included for Regulated Entertainment but this request had been removed following correspondence with Dorset Council's Environmental Protection Team. The Premises was within the Cumulative Impact Area and as such the applicant would need to demonstrate that any changes to their licence would not add to any issues within that area. Apart from the representation from the Environmental Protection Team, no representations had been received from other responsible authorities.

The Sub-Committee was addressed by the Applicant's solicitor Mr Nigel Connor and Mr Rob Gibson the area manager. Mr Connor confirmed that the variation sought was for Thursday to Saturday late-night refreshment and sale of alcohol for an additional hour plus an extra 30 minutes added to the opening times, and to change the condition to permit under 18s in the Premises until 11pm rather than 10pm. The extension relating to regulated entertainment had been withdrawn. He explained that J D Wetherspoon had approximately 800 premises and had been in operation since 1979. The Premises was a standard J D Wetherspoon pub which had been operated by them since 2008, with customers seated to eat and drink. There was no music or entertainment provided at the Premises and the current manager had been there for 8 years. They had consulted with the Police about the application, and no representation was made by the Police. Mr Connor noted that there were no objections to the requested condition change, which would permit families to remain in the Premises up to 11pm.

Mr Connor explained that they wanted the extra time because people tended to go out later in the evening. The Premises was food led, and for 6 months food had been provided to 1am on Friday and Saturday. They wanted to be able to extend that period by an hour and provide a drink with a meal up to that time. Mr Connor did not anticipate the Premises being at peak capacity at 2am as customers tended to drift away after 1am, as a result there would not be the disturbance that might be anticipated. Mr Connor explained that the Premises did not have a track record of causing issues and wanted to work with other businesses in the area. They were happy to provide a telephone number for any issues to be reported. The Premises had a security risk assessment in place with a strong management team with 3 managers on duty at closing time to oversee people leaving. There was signage in place reminding people to leave quietly and CCTV which acted as a deterrent. Mr Connor concluded by saying that the variation as now sought would not undermine the licensing objectives.

Cllrs asked if there was a contact number that residents could use to get in touch if there were any problems and what procedures were in place for when people leave the premises at night.

Mr Connor responded to Cllr questions. There was a number that residents could use to get in touch and this number would be circulated to nearby businesses. For the last hour, under 18's would not be allowed into the premises unless accompanied by an adult.

All parties given the opportunity to have their say and sum up.

Decision

To VARY the Premises Licence to extend the times that late night refreshment and alcohol can be sold, and to amend Condition 11 as follows:

Sale of Alcohol

Thursday to Saturday 09:00 hours to 02:00 hours

Late Night Refreshment

Thursday to Saturday 23:00 hours to 02:00 hours

Opening

Thursday to Saturday 07:00 hours to 02:30 hours

Condition

Amend Condition (11) in Annex 2 of the Premises Licence to remove '22:00' and replace it with '23:00'. The condition will therefore read as follows: 'Persons under the age of 18 shall not be permitted to enter the premises after 23:00'.

The Premises Licence as varied will therefore read as follows:

Sale of Alcohol (on and off the premises)

Sunday to Wednesday 09:00 to midnight

Thursday to Saturday 0900 to 0200

Non-Standard Timings:

Christmas Eve/ Boxing Day/Maundy Thursday/Sundays preceding Bank Holiday Mondays/New Year's Eve/ the morning British Summer Time commences - an additional hour.

Late Night Refreshment

Sunday to Wednesday 2300-midnight

Thursday to Saturday 2300 to 02:00 hours

Non-Standard Timings:

Christmas Eve/ Boxing Day/Maundy Thursday/Sundays preceding Bank Holiday Mondays/New Year's Eve/ the morning British Summer Time commences - an additional hour.

Films (indoors)

Sunday to Wednesday 07:00 to midnight

Thursday to Saturday 0700 to 0100

Saturday, Sunday and Monday of Bank Holiday weekends 09:00 to 01:00 hours

Christmas Eve, Boxing Day 09:00 to 01:00 hours

New Year's Eve 09:00 to 09:00 on New Year's Day.

Indoor Sport

Sunday to Wednesday 09:00 to midnight

Thursday to Saturday 0900 to 0100

Saturday, Sunday and Monday of Bank Holiday weekends 09:00 to 01:00 hours

Christmas Eve, Boxing Day 09:00 to 01:00 hours

New Year's Eve 09:00 to 09:00 on New Year's Day.

Live Music (indoors)

Sunday to Wednesday 09:00 to midnight

Thursday to Saturday 0900 to 0100

Saturday, Sunday and Monday of Bank Holiday weekends 09:00 to 01:00 hours

Christmas Eve, Boxing Day 09:00 to 01:00 hours

New Year's Eve 09:00 to 09:00 on New Year's Day.

Recorded Music (indoors)

Sunday to Wednesday 09:00 to midnight

Thursday to Saturday 0900 to 0100

Saturday, Sunday and Monday of Bank Holiday weekends 09:00 to 01:00 hours

Christmas Eve, Boxing Day 09:00 to 01:00 hours

New Year's Eve 09:00 to 09:00 on New Year's Day.

Performance of Dance (indoors)

Sunday to Wednesday 09:00 to midnight

Thursday to Saturday 09:00 to 01:00

Saturday, Sunday and Monday of Bank Holiday weekends 09:00 to 01:00 hours

Christmas Eve, Boxing Day 09:00 to 01:00 hours

New Year's Eve 09:00 to 09:00 on New Year's Day.

Opening Hours

Sunday to Wednesday 07:00 to 12:30am

Thursday to Saturday 07:00 to 02:30am

Non-Standard Timings:

Christmas Eve/ Boxing Day/Maundy Thursday/Sundays preceding Bank Holiday

Mondays/New Year's Eve/ the morning British Summer Time commences - an additional hour.

Appendix 1. MANDATORY CONDITIONS

The licence is granted subject to the Mandatory conditions for sale of alcohol as set out in the Licensing Act 2003 as amended by the Licensing Act 2003 (Mandatory Licensing Conditions) Order 2010 and Order 2014.

Appendix 2 – Conditions Consistent with the Operating Schedule are outlined in the officer's report.

Annex 4 – Plans are also stated in the officer's report.

5. Application for a variation a premises licence for Slug and Lettuce, 56-57 St Thomas Street, Weymouth.

The Sub-Committee was addressed by the Senior Licensing Officer who outlined the application. The written report included the application form in which the applicant had requested changes to the times of opening and regulated entertainment, together with an amendment to a condition in Annex 2 of the licence to move from Challenge 21 to Challenge 25 and to re-orientate the bar servery within the Premises.

The Senior Licensing Officer explained that no representations had been received from the Responsible Authorities, but a member of the public had submitted a representation relating to potential noise issues. They were concerned about noise when people left the premises and wanted customers to be made aware that people lived nearby.

The Senior Licensing Officer advised the Sub-Committee that conditions on the licence already required a risk assessment for the need for door supervisors, a refusals log and notices asking people to leave quietly. No complaints had been received about the premises relating to noise.

The Sub-Committee was addressed by Dianna Freeman on behalf of the Applicant. She stated that they had purchased the pub recently and had closed it for substantial refurbishment. Ms Freeman advised that they wanted to move the bar and reduce the opening hours. The premises had been an established venue prior to their purchase, training would be given to staff and notices would remind customers to leave the premises quietly. In response to questioning Ms Freeman said that customers tended to leave the premises gradually rather than all at once at the end of the evening.

All parties were given the opportunity to have their say and sum up.

Decision

To VARY the Premises Licence to permit the re-orientation of the bar server as set out in the application plan, to amend the Licence Condition at Annex 2 and to reduce the hours for Regulated Entertainment and opening times for the premises as follows:

Opening hours

Monday to Sunday 0800-0230 hours

Regulated Entertainment

Films (indoors)

Monday to Sunday 0800-0200 hours

Live music (indoors)

Monday to Sunday 0800-0200 hours

Recorded music (indoors)

Monday to Sunday 0800-0200 hours

Performance of dance (indoors)

Monday to Sunday 0800-0200 hours

Entertainment of similar description E, F, G (indoors)

Monday to Sunday 0800-0200 hours

Late Night Refreshment (indoors)

Monday to Sunday 2300-0200 hours

Condition

In Annex 2 of the Premises Licence delete the wording: 'A proof of age scheme such as Challenge 21 will be operated at the premises where the only acceptable forms of identification are photographic identification cards such as a driving licence or passport' and replace it with: 'Any person under the age of 25 wishing to

purchase alcohol will be asked to produce ID before such a sale is made. Acceptable ID, picture driving licence, passport or PASS approve ID card and armed forces ID card'.

The Premises Licence as varied will therefore read as follows:

Films (indoors)

Monday to Sunday 0800-0200 hours

New Years Eve 0800-2359 hours

New Years Day 0000-0800 hours

An additional hour to the standard and non-standard times on the day when British Summertime commences. An additional hour to the terminal hour on the following notable days: St George's Day, St David's Day, St Patrick's Day, St Andrew's Day, Burns Night, Valentine's Night, Halloween, on all bank holidays and the Friday, Saturday and Sunday preceding all bank holidays, Maundy Thursday, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th December, Bonfire Night and New Years Day.

Live music (indoors)

Monday to Sunday 0800-0200 hours

New Years Eve 0800-2359 hours

New Years Day 0000-0800 hours

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Recorded music (indoors)

Monday to Sunday 0800-0200 hours

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Performance of dance (indoors)

Monday to Sunday 0800-0200 hours

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Entertainment of similar description E, F, G (indoors)

Monday to Sunday 0800-0200 hours

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Alcohol sales (consumption on and off the premises)

Monday to Sunday 0800-0200 hours

New Years Eve 0800-2359 hours

New Years Day 0000-0800 hours

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Opening hours

Monday Sunday 0800-0230 hours

New Years Eve 0800-2359 hours

New Years Day 0000-0700 hours

An additional hour to the standard and non-standard times on the day when British Summertime commences. An additional hour to the terminal hour on the following notable days: St George's Day, St David's Day, St Patrick's Day, St Andrew's Day, Burns Night, Valentine's Night, Halloween, on all bank holidays and the Friday,

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Annex Prevention of crime and disorder

1. A CCTV system shall be installed at the premises and maintained in good working order and used at all times when the premises are open for licensable activities.
2. Any CCTV footage shall be held for 31 days and shall be made available to an officer of the Licensing Authority or Police on reasonable request.
3. Where Pubwatch exists covering the area of which the premises is situated then the DPS or other nominated employee shall participate in Pubwatch.
4. The need for door supervisors will be assessed by way of risk assessment and cognisance will be taken of any Police advice.
5. The premises shall maintain a written drugs policy, which shall be made available to the Police or an authorised officer of the Council upon request.
6. An incident log book (which may be electronic) shall be kept on the premises and made available on request to an authorised officer of the Council or Police which will record the following:- a) Any incidents of disorder b) Any seizures of drugs or offensive weapons c) Any ejections of patrons The premises shall maintain a written dispersal policy, which shall be made available to the Police or an authorised officer of the Council upon request.

Public safety

7. The Premises licence holder understands their obligations under existing legislation and takes their responsibility seriously.

The prevention of public nuisance

8. Reasonable steps will be taken to recognise the rights of local residents and notices will be displayed at the premises exits requesting customers to leave quietly and reminding them that they are in a residential area. The

premises shall maintain a noise limiter at the premises and all amplified music shall be subject to the control of the noise limiter. Doors and windows of the premises shall be kept closed when regulated entertainment in the form of live or DJ led music is being played, save for access and egress.

Protection of children from harm

9. Any person under the age of 25 wishing to purchase alcohol will be asked to produce ID before such a sale is made. Acceptable ID, picture driving licence, passport or PASS approve ID card and armed forces ID card.
10. A log (which may be electronic) shall be kept detailing all refused sales of alcohol. The log shall include the date and time of the refusal and the name of the member of staff who refused the sale. A copy of the log or electronic report shall be made available upon reasonable request.
11. All bar staff to receive appropriate training in relation to alcohol sales prior to commencing their duties. This will include the premises licence conditions, underage sales policy and other relevant licensing matters. Training documents (which may be in an electronic format) shall be made available to an authorised police officer and licensing authority officer upon request.

ANNEX 3 - PLANS

Drawing number 3896-60, dated January 2026.

6. Urgent items

There were no urgent items.

7. Exempt Business

There was no exempt business.

Duration of meeting: 10.30 - 11.22 am

Chairman

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