

# Minutes

of a meeting of the

## General

## Committee

## Licensing



held on Friday, 27 March 2015 at 2.00 pm  
at the Meeting Room 1, Old Abbey House, Abingdon, OX14 3JE

Open to the public, including the press

### Present:

Members: Councillors Charlotte Dickson (Chairman), John Amys, Eric Batts, Anthony Hayward, Dudley Hoddinott, Bob Johnston, Bill Jones, Ron Mansfield, Elizabeth Miles, Val Shaw and Catherine Webber (In place of Jeanette Halliday)

Officers: Paul Holland, Clare Kingston, Ron Schrieber and Tim Williams

Number of members of the public: One

### **GL.14 Notification of substitutes and apologies for absence**

Councillors Marilyn Badcock, Jeanette Halliday, Gill Morgan and Alison Thomson had sent apologies for absence. Councillor Catharine Webber attended as Jeanette Halliday's substitute.

### **GL.15 Minutes**

**RESOLVED:** to approve the minutes of the meeting of 17 December 2014 as a correct record and agree that the Chairman sign these as such.

### **GL.16 Declarations of interest**

None.

### **GL.17 Urgent business and chair's announcements**

None.

### **GL.18 Statements, petitions and questions from the public relating to matters affecting the general licensing committee.**

Ruth Mander representing Marcham Parish Council, spoke in support of the proposed Air Quality Management Area and Air Quality Action Plan for Marcham and, in particular, the

proposed extension of the management area along the A415 to the eastern boundary of Marcham village.

## **GL.19 Air Quality Management Area and Air Quality Action Plan for Marcham**

The committee considered the report of the Head of Corporate Strategy on the proposed Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) and Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) for Marcham and the responses to the public consultation. Appendix 1 to the report detailed the amendments made to the AQAP in the light of consultation responses.

In response to members' questions, the committee was informed that:

- In the light of the responses to the consultation, the proposed boundary of the AQMA had been extended along the A415 to the eastern boundary of the village.
- A number of diffusion tubes had been used to monitor air quality in Marcham. Each month they were replaced and sent off for analysis with the results averaged out over a year.
- Appendix 3 to the report stated that nitrogen dioxide levels in Packhorse Lane exceeded the air quality objective by 20%. Further detailed data was available in background documents and on the council website.
- If the recommendations were approved, then the council would be able to apply for funding for proposed actions in the plan.

Committee members welcomed the proposed making of an AQMA and AQAP for the Marcham. However they expressed the view that action to improve air quality was required immediately rather than by the target date of 2017. They also felt that significant improvements could only be achieved by building the by-pass proposed for Marcham and instructed officers to make representations to Oxfordshire County Council to this effect.

### **RESOLVED: to**

1. approve the making of an Air Quality Management Order, designating part of Marcham as an Air Quality Management Area.
2. approve the Air Quality Management Action Plan for the Marcham Air Quality Management Area together with its incorporation within the Vale of White Horse District Council Air Quality Action Plan.
3. authorise the head of corporate strategy to make any minor amendments to the order and/or the action plan in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Health and the Chairman of the General Licensing Committee.
4. request Oxfordshire County Council to include the building of the Marcham by-pass in its latest local transport plan, LTP4.

The meeting closed at 2.45 pm