



**GREAT YARMOUTH**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

# Licensing Committee

**Date: Monday, 14 October 2019**

**Time: 18:30**

**Venue: Supper Room**

**Address: Town Hall, Hall Plain, Great Yarmouth, NR30 2QF**

## **AGENDA**

**Open to Public and Press**

### **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive any apologies for absence.

### **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

You have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in a matter to be discussed if it relates to something on your Register of Interests form. You must declare the interest and leave the room while the matter is dealt with.

You have a Personal Interest in a matter to be discussed if it affects

- your well being or financial position
- that of your family or close friends
- that of a club or society in which you have a management role
- that of another public body of which you are a member to a greater extent than others in your ward.

You must declare a personal interest but can speak and vote on the matter.

Whenever you declare an interest you must say why the interest arises, so that it can be included in the minutes.

- 3      MINUTES      3 - 6**
- To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 9 September 2019.
- 4      HACKNEY CARRIAGE RANK      7 - 10**
- Report attached.
- 5      ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
- To consider any other business as may be determined by the Chairman of the meeting as being of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration.
- 6      EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC**
- In the event of the Committee wishing to exclude the public from the meeting, the following resolution will be moved:-
- "That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 12(A) of the said Act."
- 7      CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**
- Details

# Licensing Committee

## Minutes

Monday, 09 September 2019 at 18:30

### PRESENT

Councillor G Carpenter (in the Chair); Councillor Bird, Borg, Galer, Mogford, Robinson-Payne, Stenhouse, B Walker, Wells & Wainwright.

Councillor P Carpenter attended as a substitute for Councillor Bensly.

Mrs E Hignett (Licensing Officer), Ms A Southey (Licensing Officer) & Mrs C Webb (Executive Services Officer)

Mr D Lowens (Solicitor, nplaw).

### **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cordiner-Achenbach, Bensly & Talbot.

### **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest declared at the meeting.

### **3 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 July were confirmed.

### **4 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Licensing Officer reported that in regard to the advertisement of the traffic order for the proposed changes to the existing Hackney Carriage Stand, that one representation had been received.

A further report would be brought to the next meeting.

### **5 APPLICATION FOR A NEW HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE**

The Licensing Officer reported that an application had been received for a Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Driver Licence, in view of previous convictions.

Information from the Disclosure & Barring Service indicated that the applicant had two previous convictions. However, the applicant had failed to disclose a third conviction on his application form. This conviction resulted from him illegally working as a private hire driver after his licence had been revoked by another authority.

The Licensing Officer reported that offences involving assault would be viewed particularly seriously and that applications were likely to be refused if a serious offence had been committed in the past five years.

The Committee decided that the applicant was not a fit and proper person to be granted a drivers licence.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a first class Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Drivers Licence be refused on the grounds that the Committee did not consider the applicant to be fit and proper person to hold a licence.

### **6 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC**

RESOLVED:-

That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be

excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 12(A) of the said Act.

**7      APPLICATION FOR A NEW HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE  
DRIVER LICENCE - CONFIDENTIAL REPORT**

(Confidential Minute on this Item)

The meeting ended at: 18:52



Subject: Hackney Carriage Rank

Report to: Licensing Committee

Date: 14 October 2019

Report by: Licensing Manager

**SUBJECT MATTER AND DECISIONS REQUIRED:**

**Members are asked to formally appoint the following amendments to an existing first class hackney carriage stand:**

|                            | Existing Location   | Proposed location  |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| Temple Road<br>(East side) | From a point 33 metres south of its junction with South Market Road southwards for a distance of 19 metres. | From a point 63 metres south of the centreline of the junction of the U60486 South Market Road southwards for a distance of 46 metres. The stand will be appointed for use at all times by a maximum of 8 first class hackney carriages. |
|                            | From a point 71 metres south of its junction with South Market Road southwards for a distance of 38 metres. |  |

**1. Background:**

- 1.1 Norfolk County Council proposed some amendments to the existing Hackney Carriage stand at Temple Road. This was suggested to alleviate problems caused by the bus stop being in the middle of the two taxi ranks.
- 1.2 Licensing committee at their meeting of 22 July 2019 discussed the proposals after considering comments received from the informal consultation with all Hackney Carriage plateholders. It was agreed to proceed with the formal notice process outlined in point 1.3 below.
- 1.3 Section 63 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 empowers the Council to appoint and remove stands for hackney carriages. However, before doing so, the Council must give notice to the police, and also to the public by way of a newspaper advertisement, allowing 28 days for any representations to be received.
- 1.4 The required notices were given on 2 August 2019, with the public allowed until 5 September 2019 to make representations. One representation was received, which is attached for consideration.
- 1.5 The proposals would allow the highway improvements sought by the County Council to be implemented, whilst at the same time alleviating some of the

congestion issues currently caused at the rank. It is therefore recommended that the Council proceed to make the amendments to the existing stand.

## 2. Recommendation

It is recommended that members approve the following:

to formally appoint the following amendments to an existing first class hackney carriage stand:

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### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

### LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Dealt with in report

### EXECUTIVE BOARD OR DIRECTOR CONSULTATION:

Report seen by Head of Environmental Services

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|---|---------------------|---|
| Does this report raise any legal, financial, sustainability, equality, crime and disorder or human rights issues and, if so, have they been considered? | Issues              |   |
|   | Legal               | √ |
|   | Financial           | x |
|   | Risk                | X |
|   | Sustainability      | X |
|   | Equality            | X |
|   | Crime and Disorder  | X |
|   | Human Rights        | X |
|   | Every Child Matters | X |



2/9/19

Taxi driver  
Great Yarmouth

Ref: Taxi stand Amendments

I have some objections.

There not enough Space on this Rank any way we did have 6 spaces at front of rank and 3 at back of rank. How ever Seen you put Rails at back of rank you can only get 2 on back if 1 taxi is a bus (7/8 seater) as you can see a taxi hit the rails trying to get on (not me) you used to have to drive on then off Pavement.

A lot of the prombles about getting on the Rank is not to do with taxi on there.

Private holiday Coachs - picking up and dropping off there we (great yarmouth) has a coach park for that which most Coach use I Seen them picking up and dropping off. I have even seen coach come eailer park on rank and go and have a KFC Told him when he returned he Cant park there his reply was I park were I f[redacted] like, as am awer only Coach that can stop there ave National Express

Number 2 Bus - prombles has got worst now the Number 2 does not go to gorleston and goes round yarmouth in a circle both come on rank at same time or with in 2 mins of each other then they both sit there blocking the rank.

This problem used to be worst when someone with not much of a brain gave permission for the anglia bus to use the rank as well.

PS.

I pick up a Solicitor from London going to train station as we left rank and came pass KFC I stopped to allow a car to reverse out of parking bay opposite KFC. The Solicitor point out to me those parking bays were illegal and if I park there and reversed out and hit someone a good Solicitor could get me off. Would not need much of a case Just bring a Highway Code book.

My proposal which most taxi drivers agree with would be to:

Move bus stop & bus stand for number 2 bus to where the parking bays are opposite KFC. Two buses can drive in and out of bay and if first want 2 buses can follow each other.

Stop private Coachs using rank we have a Coach Park use it.

National Express to us middle bus lane they do this any way after 21:00 so taxis have more space.

This would allow rank to use just for taxis and give us room we need and not spend half the time driving round trying to get on rank and painted yellow as a taxi rank. Some blue badge holders think they can park there as it not painted yellow.