

8 June 2016

Committee	Licensing Sub-Committee (Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Act 2005)
Date	Thursday, 16 June 2016
Time of Meeting	11:30 am
Venue	Committee Room 1

**ALL MEMBERS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ARE REQUESTED TO
ATTEND**



**for Sara J Freckleton
Borough Solicitor**

Agenda

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

To elect a Chairman for the ensuing meeting

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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4. APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A CLUB PREMISES CERTIFICATE FOR NORTON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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To determine an application for a Club Premises Certificate for Norton Rugby Football Club.

COUNCILLORS CONSTITUTING SUB-COMMITTEE

Councillors: R E Garnham, Mrs J Greening and P N Workman

Reserve: Councillor Mrs K J Berry

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Report to:	Licensing Sub-Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 June 2016
Subject:	Application for Grant of a Club Premises Certificate: Norton Rugby Football Club
Report of:	Bhavdip Nakum, Licensing and Systems Officer
Director:	Richard Kirk, Interim Environmental and Housing Services Group Manager
Lead Member:	Councillor J R Mason
Number of Appendices:	Three

Executive Summary:

An application has been received for grant of a club premises certificate under section 71 of the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of Norton Rugby Football Club, Norton Village Hall, GL2 9LJ

Representations have been received from three residents who have indicated that they believe granting the application could have an adverse effect on the promotion of the licensing objectives.

Recommendation:

That the Sub-Committee DETERMINE the application.

Reasons for Recommendation:

The Sub-Committee is required in accordance with section 72 of the Licensing Act 2003, to determine the application taking such steps as it considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

Resource Implications:

If any party to the hearing were successful in appealing any decision taken by the Sub-Committee at a Magistrates Court, the Licensing Authority may be liable to having costs awarded against them.

Legal Implications:Decision Making

Members are required to determine the application with a view to promoting the licensing objectives. Members must only impose those conditions that are deemed to be necessary and proportionate to promote the licensing objectives.

Rights of Appeal

(i) In accordance with the provisions of Part 1 of Schedule 5 of the Act, where a Licensing Authority rejects in whole or in part, an application for grant or variation of a premises licence, the applicant may appeal against the decision, to a Magistrates' Court within 21 days of being notified of the decision.

(ii) Similarly, where a person who made relevant representations in relation to the application contends that the licence ought not to have been granted, or that different or additional conditions should have been imposed on the licence, he may appeal against the decision to the Magistrates' Court within 21 days of being notified of the decision.

Human Rights

The Human Rights Act 1998 incorporates the key articles of the European Convention on Human Rights into domestic law. Decisions on licensing matters are actions of a public authority and must be compatible with Convention rights. Consequently Members of the Panel must be aware of the rights contained in the Convention (particularly those set out below) when making licensing decisions.

In particular Members should conduct the hearing in a fair and proper manner (Article 6: Right to a Fair Trial) and in accordance with the relevant hearing regulations. Members should also consider any decision in light of Article 8: Right to Respect for Private and Family Life, Article 10: Freedom of Expression, Article 14: Prohibition of Discrimination and Article 1 of the First Protocol: Protection of Property.

Rights under the Human Rights convention can only be breached where it is necessary and proportionate to do so.

Other legal implications are as set out elsewhere in the report.

Risk Management Implications:

None.

Performance Management Follow-up:

The decision of the Sub-Committee and details of rights of appeal will need to be notified to all parties. If the application is granted, a licence will be prepared and issued.

Environmental Implications:

None.

1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 An application has been received under Section 71 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the grant of a club premises certificate in respect Norton Rugby Football Club, Norton Village Hall, GL2 9LJ

Representations have been received from three local residents who have indicated that they believe granting the application could have an adverse effect on the promotion of the licensing objectives.

2.0 THE APPLICATION

2.1 Licensable activities and hours applied for;

Indoor Sporting Events	Monday to Friday	16:00 to 00:00
	Saturday and Sunday	10:00 to 00:00
Live Music or similar activity	Monday to Friday	16:00 to 00:00
	Saturday and Sunday	10:00 to 00:00
Recorded Music or similar activity	Monday to Friday	16:00 to 00:00
	Saturday and Sunday	10:00 to 00:00
Supply of Alcohol	Monday to Friday	16:00 to 00:00
	Saturday and Sunday	10:00 to 00:00
Hours club premises open to members and guests	Monday to Friday	16:00 to 00:00
	Saturday and Sunday	10:00 to 00:00

2.2 Non-standards timings applied for

On Cheltenham Race days the opening time and licensable activities shall commence at 08:00.

Opening time and licensable activities can be extended for one hour on Bank Holidays.

Conditions consistent with the operating schedule

The licence conditions below have been drafted by officers for inclusion on the premises licence if the application is granted. The conditions drafted are considered to be consistent with the steps the applicant has stated that they intend to take to promote the licensing objectives, as identified in the Operating Schedule accompanying the application.

2.3 The conditions have been drafted so as to aid the clarity and enforceability of the conditions and to attempt to ensure there is no duplication with other statutory requirements placed on the applicant.

- 1) The building and car park is protected with sensor activated flood lighting.
- 2) No money or alcohol shall be stored on the site overnight.
- 3) Premises access shall be checked and maintained regularly.
- 4) Fire and safety equipment shall be checked and maintained regularly.
- 5) Promotion of non-alcoholic.
- 6) At all times when regulated entertainment is taking place, there shall be a nominated person who is responsible to undertake routine monitoring to ensure external levels of music are not disturbing to nearby residential properties, and take appropriate action where necessary.

- 7) The 'Challenge 25' scheme must be adopted, so that any customer attempting to purchase alcohol who appears to be under the age of 25 shall be asked for an accredited photographic proof-of-age (e.g. passport, photo driving licence or a Pass- approved card) and that a sale shall not be made unless this evidence is produced.
 - 8) Children shall be accompanied by a responsible adult.
 - 9) A refusals and incident register must be maintained on the premises.
- 2.4** The application is shown in full at Appendix A. The club constitution can be seen at Appendix B.
- 3.0 REPRESENTATIONS**
- 3.1 Responsible Authorities:** No representation was received from responsible authorities.
- 3.2 Other persons:** 3 representations have been received from members of the public; these representations can be seen at Appendix C. The representations mainly refer to crime and disorder and public nuisance licensing objectives but in general the representations address all licensing objectives.
- 4.0 RELEVANT COUNCIL POLICIES**
- 4.1** The Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.
- 5.0 RELEVANT GOVERNMENT POLICIES**
- 5.1** Statutory Guidance under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.
- 6.0 DECISION**
- 6.1** The Sub-Committee is obliged under the Licensing Act 2003 to determine this application with a view to promoting the licensing objectives which are;
 - (a) the prevention of crime and disorder;
 - (b) public safety;
 - (c) the prevention of public nuisance;
 - (d) the protection of children from harm.
- 6.2** In making its decision, the Sub-Committee is also obliged to have regard to the Statutory Guidance and the Council's own Licensing Policy. The Sub-Committee must also have regard to all of the representations made and the evidence it hears.
- 6.3** The Sub-Committee can;
 - (a) Grant the application as requested.
 - (b) Modify the conditions and/or timings of the licensable activities, by altering or omitting or adding to them.
 - (c) Reject the whole or part of the application.
- 6.4** If the application is granted whole or in part, relevant mandatory conditions will be included in the premises licence under section 19 and 19A of the Licensing Act 2003.

- 7.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (HUMAN/PROPERTY)**
- 7.1** None.
- 8.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS (SOCIAL/COMMUNITY SAFETY/CULTURAL/ ECONOMIC/ ENVIRONMENT)**
- 8.1** None.
- 9.0 IMPACT UPON (VALUE FOR MONEY/EQUALITIES/E-GOVERNMENT/HUMAN RIGHTS/HEALTH AND SAFETY)**
- 9.1** No adverse impacts have been identified.
The Legal Implications section refers to Human Rights implications.
- 10.0 RELATED DECISIONS**
- 10.1** None.

Background Papers: Guidance Issued Under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003
Tewkesbury Borough Council Statement of Licensing Policy

Contact Officer: Bhavdip Nakum, Licensing and Systems Officer Tel: 01684 272044
Email: licensing@tewkesbury.gov.uk

Appendices: Appendix A - Full Application.
Appendix B - Club Constitution.
Appendix C -Representations.

CONSULTATION
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01/06/2016

for a club premises certificate to be granted
under the Licensing Act 2003

PL G INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING APPLICATION

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form.
If you are completing this 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.
You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

Norton Rugby Football Club

(Insert name of club)

club applies for a club premises certificate under section 71 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (the club premises).

The club is making this application to you as the relevant licensing authority in accordance with section 68 of the Licensing Act 2003.

Part 1 – Club premises details

Name of club Norton Rugby Football Club			
Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description Norton Village Hall Norton			
Post Town	Gloucester	Postcode	GL2 9LJ
Telephone number (if any)			
E-mail address (optional)		jchandler@nortonrfc.co.uk	

Name of person performing duties of a secretary to the club Mr Roy McClurg			
Address of person performing duties of a secretary to the club 103 Cheltenham Road			
Post Town	Gloucester	Postcode	GL2 0JG
Daytime contact telephone number (if any)		07900895366	
E-mail address (optional)			

Non-domestic rateable value of premises	£3,300.00
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Are the club premises occupied and habitually used by the club?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Part 2 – Club Operating Schedule

When do you want the club premises certificate to start?

DD		MM		YYYY			
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

If you wish the certificate to be valid only for a limited period, when do you want it to end?

DD		MM		YYYY			
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

General description of club (please read guidance note 1)

Local Village Hall
Consisting of Hall changing rooms

If 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, please state the number expected to attend:

What qualifying club activities do you intend to conduct on the club premises?

Provision of regulated entertainment

Please tick all that apply

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| a) plays (if ticking yes, fill in box A) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) films (if ticking yes, fill in box B) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) indoor sporting events (if ticking yes, fill in box C) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| d) boxing or wrestling entertainment (if ticking yes, fill in box D) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e) live music (if ticking yes, fill in box E) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| f) recorded music (if ticking yes, fill in box F) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| g) performances of dance (if ticking yes, fill in box G) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| h) anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) (if ticking yes, fill in box H) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

The supply of alcohol by or on behalf of a club to, or to the order of, a member of the club (if ticking yes, fill in box I)

☐

The sale by retail of alcohol by or on behalf of a club to a guest of a member of the club for consumption on the premises where the sale takes place (if ticking yes, fill in box J)

☒

In all cases complete boxes, K and L.

A

Plays Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the performance of a play take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)		
Mon					
Tue					
			State any seasonal variations for performing plays (please read guidance note 4)		
Wed					
Thur					
			Non standard timings. Where the club intends to use the premises for the performance of a play at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		
Fri					
Sat					
Sun					

B

Films Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Will the exhibition of films take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)		
Mon					
Tue					
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for the exhibition of film</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur					
Fri			<u>Non standard timings. Where the club intends to use the premises for the exhibition of film at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat					
Sun					

C

Indoor sporting events Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon	16.00		
		00.00	
Tue	16.00		<u>State any seasonal variations for indoor sporting events</u> (please read guidance note 4)
		00.00	
Wed	16.00		
		00.00	
Thur	16.00		<u>Non-standard timings. Where the club intends to use the premises for indoor sporting events at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5) On Cheltenham Race Days 8am starts to cater for organised racegoers 1 extra hour in the evening on Bank Holidays
		00.00	
Fri	16.00		
		00.00	
Sat	10.00		
		00.00	
Sun	10.00		
		00.0	

D

Boxing or wrestling entertainments Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Will the boxing or wrestling entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish			
Mon			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)		
Tue					
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for boxing or wrestling entertainment</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur					
Fri			<u>Non-standard timings. Where the club intends to use the premises for the boxing or wrestling entertainment at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat					
Sun					

E

Live music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Will the performance of live music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)		
Mon	16.00				
		00.00			
Tue	16.00				
		00.00			
Wed	16.00		<u>State any seasonal variations for the performance of live music</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
		00.00			
Thur	16.00				
		00.00			
Fri	16.00		<u>Non-standard timings. Where the club intends to use the premises for the performance of live music at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5) On Cheltenham Race Days 8am starts to cater for organised racegoers 1 extra hour in the evening on Bank Holidays		
		00.00			
Sat	10.00				
		00.00			
Sun	10.00				
		00.0			

F

Recorded music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Will the playing of recorded music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 2)		Indoors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					Outdoors <input type="checkbox"/>
					Both <input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)		
Mon	16.00				
		00.00			
Tue	16.00				
		00.00			
Wed	16.00		<u>State any seasonal variations for the playing of recorded music</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
		00.00			
Thur	16.00				
		00.00			
Fri	16.00		<u>Non-standard timings. Where the club intends to use the premises for the playing of recorded music at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5) On Cheltenham Race Days 8am starts to cater for organised racegoers 1 extra hour in the evening on Bank Holidays		
		00.00			
Sat	10.00				
		00.00			
Sun	10.00				
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G

Performances of dance Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Will the performance of dance take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)		
Mon					
Tue					
			<u>State any seasonal variations for the performance of dance</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Wed					
Thur					
			<u>Non-standard timings. Where the club intends to use the premises for the performance of dance at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Fri					
Sat					
Sun					

H

Anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Please give a description of the type of entertainment that the club will be providing		
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Will this entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mon	16.00			Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
		00.00		Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tue	16.00		<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)		
		00.00			
Wed	16.00				
		00.00	<u>State any seasonal variations for this entertainment</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur	16.00				
		00.00			
Fri	16.00		<u>Non-standard timings. Where the club intends to use the premises for this entertainment at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
		00.00			
Sat	10.00				
		00.00	On Cheltenham Race Days 8am starts to cater for organised racegoers 1 extra hour in the evening on Bank Holidays		
Sun	10.00				
		00.0			

Supply of alcohol Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Will the supply of alcohol be for consumption</u> <u>-please tick</u> (please read guidance note 7)	On the premises	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Off the premises	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<u>State any seasonal variations</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Mon	16.00				
		00.00			
Tue	16.00				
		00.00			
Wed	16.00				
		00.00			
Thur	16.00				
		00.00			
Fri	16.00		<u>Non-standard timings. Where the club intends to use the premises for the supply of alcohol at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5) On Cheltenham Race Days 8am starts to cater for organised racegoers 1 extra hour in the evening on Bank Holidays		
		00.00			
Sat	10.00				
		00.00			
Sun	10.00				
		00.0			

J

Hours club premises are open to the members and guests Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			State any seasonal variations (please read guidance note 4)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon	16.00		
		00.00	
Tue	16.00		
		00.00	
Wed	16.00		
		00.00	
Thur	16.00		
		00.00	
Fri	16.00		
		00.00	
Sat	10.00		
		00.00	
Sun	10.00		

Non standard timings. Where you intend the premises to be open to the members and guests at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)

On Cheltenham Race Days 8am starts to cater for organised racegoers

1 extra hour in the evening on Bank Holidays

K

Please highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, or other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the club premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children (please read guidance note 8).

None

L Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives:

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e) (please read guidance note 9)

Guest must be signed in.

ID checks to be carried out on people appearing to be under 25 before serving alcohol

Ensure all staff are aware and trained in law's regarding sale of alcohol and hygiene rules

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

The Building and Car Park is protected with sensor activated flood lighting to deter late night activities

No money or Alcohol will be stored on the site

c) Public safety

Premises and access checked regularly and maintained as necessary.

Fire appliances and safety equipment to be maintained

Promotion of Non-alcoholic/Low-alcohol drinks, especially to 'designated drivers' of groups

d) The prevention of public nuisance

At all times that regulated entertainment is taking place on the premises, there shall be a nominated person who is responsible to undertake routine monitoring to ensure external levels of music are not disturbing to nearby residential properties, and take appropriate action where necessary

Committee members will be used as stewards when the Bar is in operation they will also ensure that excess Alcohol consumption will not be tolerated

A refusals and ejection register will be kept and be available to the Police and LA on request

e) The protection of children from harm

The 'Challenge 25' scheme or equivalent shall be adopted so that any non-member customer attempting to purchase alcohol who appears to be under the age of 25 shall be asked for an accredited photographic proof-of-age (eg passport, photo-driving licence, or Pass-approved card) and a sale shall not be made unless this evidence is produced.

Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult

Checklist:

Please tick to indicate agreement

- I have made or enclosed payment of the fee. ☒
- I have enclosed the plan of the premises. ☒
- I have sent copies of this application and plan to the responsible authorities. ☒
- I have completed and enclosed the club declaration and enclose a copy of the club rules. ☒
- I understand that I must now advertise my application. ☒
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected. ☒

IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION.

Part 3 – Signatures (please read guidance note 10)

I JEREMY SW CHANDLER
(Insert full name)

make this application on behalf of the club and have authority to bind the club

Signature	J. Chandler
Date	27/04/16
Capacity	CHAIRMAN.

Address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 11) LEIGH END FARM. CHURCH LAKE. GLOS.			
Post town	GLOUCESTER	Post code	GL19 4AF
Telephone number (if any)	0797968324.		
If you would prefer us to correspond with you by e-mail your e-mail address (optional) JCHANDLER@NORTONREC.CO.UK			

Notes for Guidance

1) Describe the premises, for example the type of premises, its general situation and layout and any other information which could be relevant to the licensing objectives. Where your application includes off-supplies of alcohol and you intend to provide a place for consumption of these off-supplies you must include a description of where the place will be and its proximity to the premises.

2) Where taking place in a building or other structure please tick as appropriate (indoors may include a tent).

3) .Please state type of activity to be authorised, if not already stated, and give relevant further details, for example (but not exclusively) whether or not music will be amplified or unamplified.

4) For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

5) For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

6) Please give timings in 24 hour clock (e.g. 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

7). If the club wishes members and their guests to be able to consume alcohol on the premises please tick 'on the premises'. If the club wishes people to be able to purchase alcohol to consume away from the premises please tick 'off the premises'. If the club wishes people to be able to do both please tick 'both'.

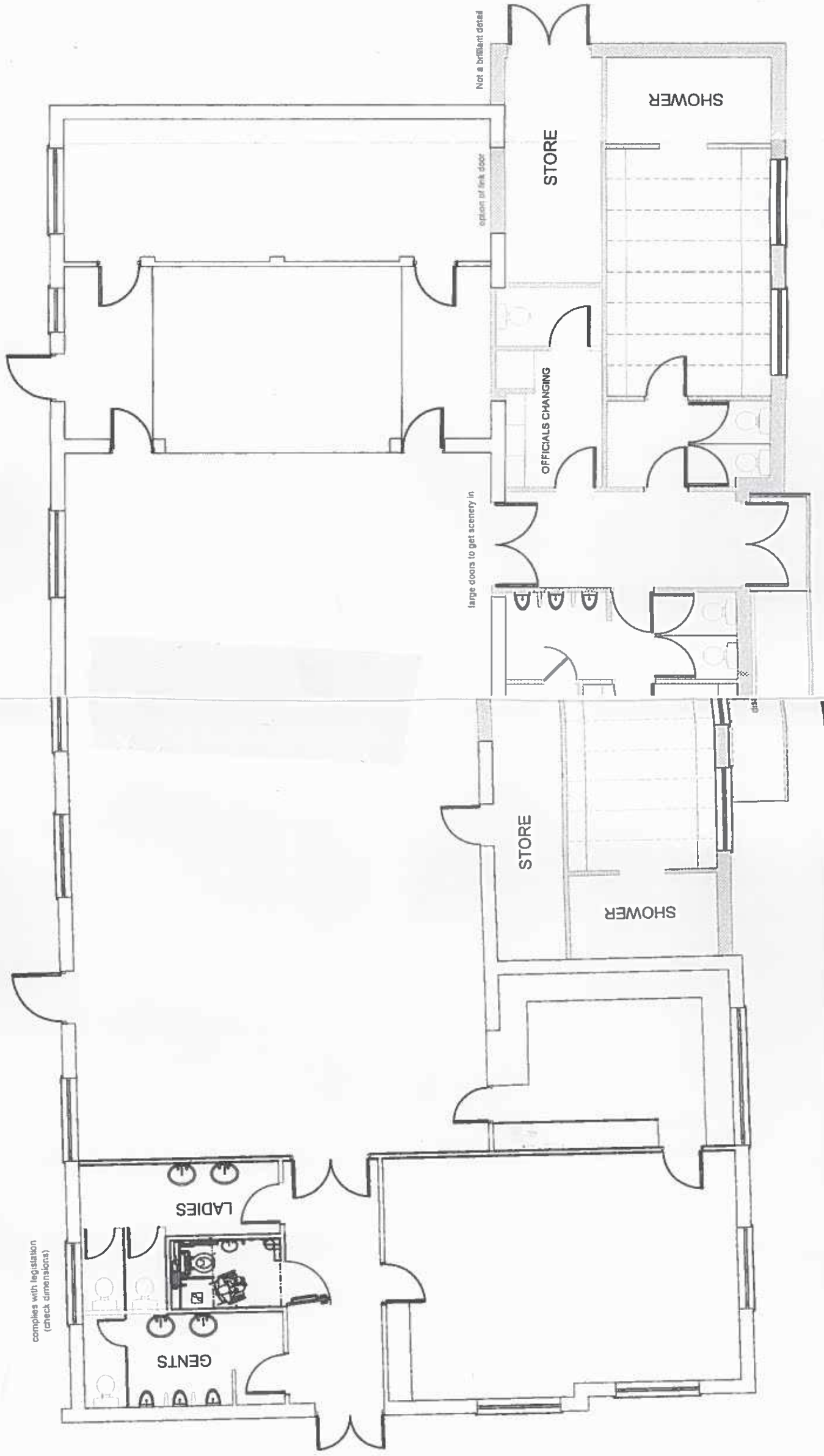
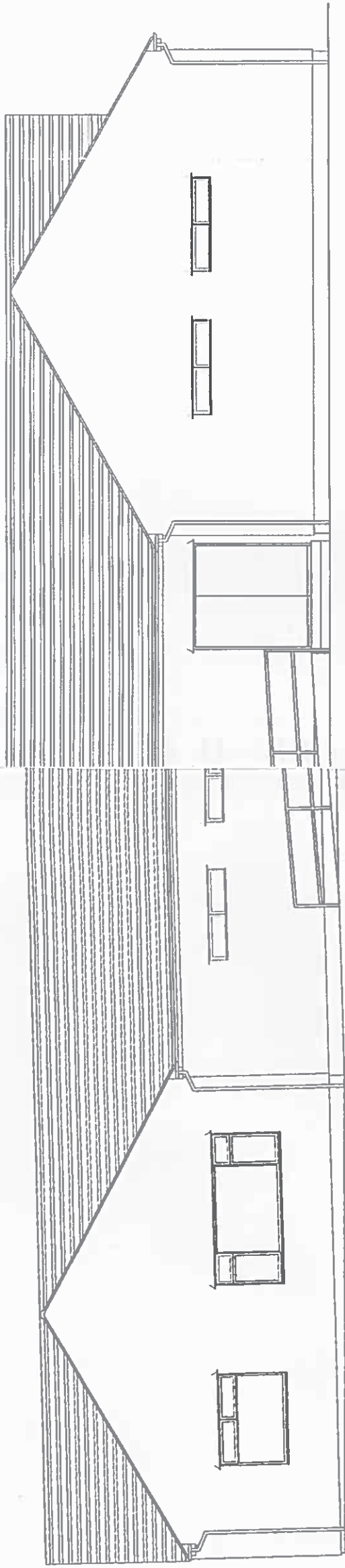
8) Please give information about anything intended to occur at the premises or ancillary to the use of the premises which may give rise to concern in respect of children, regardless of whether you intend children to have access to the premises, for example (but not exclusively) nudity or semi-nudity, films for restricted age groups, gambling machines etc.

9) Please list here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.

10) The application form must be signed.

11) This is the address which we will use to correspond with the club about this application.

RFF Changing Rooms & Clubhouses - Facilities Guidance Note 5 Compliant



REV	DATE

CONSULT DESIGN
 6 BY CLARE COTTAGES
 STAVERTON VILLAGE
 CHELTENHAM
 WILTSHIRE
 GL51 4TH
 TEL: 01249 810007 FAX: 01249 810008

TITLE

Norton Village Hall

DESCRIPTION

Plan and Elevations
 As Proposed
 Option 2

DATE	SCALE	NTS
04/11/2011		
DRAWN	CHECKED	
A. Davis		
DRAWING NO.		
V44 NVH 03		

Norton Rugby Football Club

Norton RFC Constitution

Version 1.0 | May 2011

5/23/2011

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1 INTRODUCTION

The outline of this document is to provide an overview into the constitution and aims of Norton Rugby Club.

Norton is a new start-up Rugby Club that has formed out of an invitational side which is called the 'farmer fifteen'.

Based in rural Gloucester the core membership of Norton is made up of farmers, farmer sons and agricultural workers.

The base idea of the club is to form a rural based rugby club that will work in conjunction with the local community to provide Rugby for all ages

2 NAME

The name of the club shall be: **Norton Rugby Club** (Hereinafter referred to as the "club")

3 AIMS

The aims of the club shall be to:

- one of the main objectives of the Club is the playing of Rugby Union Football in accordance with the Laws of the Game, the IRB Regulations relating to the Game and the RFU Rules and Regulations

- Provide a club ground situated at Norton Parish playing fields,
- Provide facilities for and to promote the playing of the game of Rugby Union Football within the local Community for adult men and children,
- Develop teams for adults and junior above the age of 17,
- Provide sufficient rugby pitches and training areas maintained to a good standard at all times,
- Provide a clubhouse premises to include clubroom, bar, toilet facilities, players and referees changing accommodation with shower/washroom facilities, storage for club equipment and stock,
- Provide a designated car parking area,
- Play at the highest possible level whilst maintaining the integrity of the club,
- Give every player the best coaching available and to encourage all players to reach their full potential,
- Provide children with a safe and caring environment in which to learn the game,
- Promote the teaching and playing of the game of Rugby Union football in accordance with the rules of the RFU Continuum (Under 7 through Under 12 age groups), the RFU Youth Structured Season and IRB Laws of the Game (all age groups),
- Provide an enjoyable, safe, suitably resourced, welcoming environment for all children wishing to learn and play the game of Rugby Union football,
- Promote the 'spirit of rugby' which recognises and rewards effort as much as achievement and encourages enjoyment, teamwork and respecting the efforts of others,
- Organise recreational and social events for the benefit of its members,
- Ensure the execution of a duty of care to all members of the club,
- Foster the best possible relations, at all times, with other clubs, all members of the general public and any other interested parties,
- Ensure that affiliation is maintained to appropriate bodies in pursuance of the club's aims, including to the:

- Rugby Football Union (RFU),
- Gloucestershire Rugby Football Union (GRFU),
- Gloucestershire Society of Rugby Union Referees,
- Adhere to all policies and procedures that are mandated or recommended by the RFU, Gloucestershire RFU or other appropriate governing bodies,
- Adopt the RFU Equal Opportunity/Sports Equity Policy,
- Provide any other necessities for the efficient running of the club

4 CLUB COLOURS

The club colours shall be alternate dark green with gold hoops, green shorts and green socks.

5 MEMBERSHIP

- Each applicant for club membership shall communicate his/her full name, address and occupation (if applicable) to the club Honorary Secretary in writing.
- Each application shall then be considered by the club.
- Membership of the club will be open to anyone, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities may occur on a non-discriminatory basis.
- The club shall have different classes of membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory and fair basis
- The club shall aim to keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.

5.1 Description of Members

Membership of the club shall be for a period of one year – renewable annually (except in the case of Honorary Members and Honorary Life Members) on the first day of September. Membership categories shall be as follows:

- Honorary Life Members,
- Honorary Members,
- Full Playing Members,
- Full Non-playing Members,
- Student Playing Members,
- Family Members,

Honorary Life Members, Honorary Members, Full Playing Members and Full Non-playing Members shall have the privilege of casting one vote at all General Meetings.

A limit on the number of Life Members shall be imposed – this shall be one hundred. Upon the death or resignation of a Life Member the vacancy shall not be filled without the approval of the club Executive Committee.

Junior members shall be under eighteen years of age on the first day of September in any year.

Student Members shall be required to furnish proof of their current full time education.

5.2 Termination of Membership

The club Executive Committee shall be empowered to expel, suspend for a specified period, or refuse the annual renewal of membership of any club member who offends against the Memorandum of Association and the Articles of Association, or the Constitution, of the club or whose conduct (in the opinion of the Executive Committee) shall render him/her unfit to continue in membership of the club.

The following actions shall take place before such termination of membership is effective. The Honorary Secretary shall give the member seven days written notice to attend a meeting of the Executive Committee, at the same time informing the member of the complaint made against him/her.

No termination of membership shall be valid without the member's opportunity to appear before the Executive Committee.

Any member shall cease to be a member of the club whenever a minimum of two-thirds of the Executive Committee members attending that hearing shall so decide.

There will be a right of appeal following any disciplinary action. The appeal must be made within 7 days of any disciplinary judgment and the Club Executive Committee should consider any appeal within 14 days of it being lodged.

6 SUBSCRIPTIONS

On commencement of membership, and then annually at the start of each season, every member shall pay to the Honorary Treasurer the appropriate annual subscription as follows:

6.1 Subscription rates

The following shall pay subscriptions at the rate prescribed by the previous Annual General Meeting (AGM) (or a Financial General Meeting (FGM) held shortly after the previous AGM):

- I. Full Playing Members
- II. Full Non-playing Members,

III. Student Playing Members,

For new senior players joining after 1st January of a given season a reduced rate may be made available at the discretion of the club Financial Director and as approved by the club Executive Committee.

All annual subscriptions and donations shall be due on the first day of September every year. Playing members, only, shall be offered the choice of making a one-off payment or to complete and sign a Bank Standing Order mandate to enable the Club to withdraw the subscription according to a schedule of agreed monthly payments between the start and the mid-point of the playing season. In the case of financial hardship, any playing member is encouraged to discuss and agree other possibilities for scheduled payments with the Honorary Financial Director or Honorary Treasurer of the Club but the intention must always be payment of the complete sum due by the mid-point of the playing season.

6.2 Arrears

On the thirtieth day of September every year all members who have failed to pay the appropriate annual subscription (except for those playing members who have opted to make scheduled payments) shall be deemed to be in arrears. Similarly, any playing member who defaults on scheduled payments, without discussing and agreeing alternative options with the Honorary Financial Director or Honorary Treasurer, will be deemed to be in arrears.

The Honorary Secretary shall then deliver written notice immediately to any such member, allowing seven days in which to pay the outstanding subscription. Failure to do so entitles the club Executive Committee to terminate the offender's membership after a further short period of "grace", not exceeding twenty one days has elapsed. The club Executive Committee may also decide to make additional levies to match fees, if the offender is a player, in an attempt to recover

the debt. Any playing member who fails to pay match fees after 2 weeks following a match shall similarly be deemed to be in arrears and subject to the same process as described above.

Any members being in arrears with their fees for more than one season shall definitely cease to be a member of the club.

6.3 Members Privileges

In addition to enjoying all the benefits and amenities which the club shall offer, all club members, with the exception of Social (Associate) Members, Student Playing Members and Min Members, shall have one vote to be cast at any General meeting of the club.

7 ADMINISTRATION OF THE CLUB

The Administration of the club and its affairs shall be entrusted to the club Executive Committee.

The club Executive Committee shall consist of the following members:

- Chairman of the Club,
- Vice Chairman of the Club,
- Secretary,
- Treasurer,
- Communication Officer

(Other club officials may be co-opted depending on the business to be discussed by the club Executive Committee (business which will include major matters brought to the attention of the club Executive Committee by the club General Committee).

The club Executive Committee shall meet at least monthly. The club General Committee, reporting directly to the club Executive Committee, shall consist of the members of the club Executive Committee, plus the following other club officials:

- Captain of the Club,
- Honorary Clubhouse Manager,
- Honorary Grounds Manager,
- Honorary Match Secretary,
- Honorary Fixture Secretary,
- Club Coach (appointed *),
- Club Publicity Officer,
- Club Entertainment Officer,
- Fund Raising Officer (Chairman of the club Sponsorship Group),
- Health and Safety Manager,
- Child Welfare Officer.

(*The Club shall only appoint a qualified Club Coach for the senior XV's with RFU or other Union recognized qualifications. Such qualifications shall be checked and proven by the Executive Committee before an appointment.)

The club General Committee shall meet every other month.

Other officials of the club who may be co-opted depending on the business to be discussed by the club.

General Committee are:

- Club Vice Captain,
- 1st XV Manager,

- 2nd XV Manager,
- Discipline Officer,
- Volunteer Co-ordinator,

In addition, the Honorary Assistant Secretary shall provide assistance as required to the Honorary Secretary, including attending Executive and General Committee meetings in a co-opted role.

A Terms of Reference (TORs) document, listing the responsibilities of all club committee members and other officials, shall be maintained and kept up to date.

Period of Office Members of the club Executive Committee and the club General Committee shall be elected (or, as relevant, appointed) at every AGM, and their period of office shall be for one year until the following AGM.

7.1 Committee Vacancies

Should any of the club Executive Committee and General Committee membership posts become vacant at any time, the club Executive Committee shall be empowered to fill that vacancy and the newly appointed

Committee member shall continue in office until the following AGM, and then be eligible for re-election.

Some officials may be appointed rather than be elected. Currently this is the case for the Club Coach.

7.2 Committee Meetings

The club Executive Committee shall meet on the first Tuesday of each month and at other such times as they shall decide.

At these meetings each Committee member shall have one vote to cast – in the event of the votes “for” and “against” being equal, the member acting as Chairman of the meeting shall have one extra vote to resolve the tie.

All meetings shall be open to attendance by any member of the club who wishes to attend and observe (with no voting rights).

Agenda of all meetings should be distributed to the relevant committee members, and posted on the club notice board.

Minutes of all meetings will be taken and subsequently distributed to the relevant committee members, and posted on the club notice board.

7.3 Committee Quorums

For the club Executive Committee the presence of three Committee Members at a meeting shall constitute a “quorum”. For the club General Committee the presence of eight Committee Members at a meeting shall constitute a “quorum”.

7.4 Chairing Meetings

The Chairman of the club shall preside over all meetings of the club Executive Committee and the club General Committee. In his absence the Vice chairman shall preside. In his absence then a member will be chosen by those present to act as chairman of the meeting, and the rule in the

event of any votes "for" and "against" being equal, as described in 'Committee Quorums' above, shall apply.

7.5 Powers

The club Executive Committee shall exercise the widest powers to control the efficient running of the club's affairs. These powers shall include:

- the authority to co-opt members to club Executive Committee and club General Committee duties,
- expulsion or suspension of members,
- convene General Meetings at any time,
- create other subsidiary committees to undertake special tasks,
- determine the hours during which the club premises shall be open,
- responsibilities over the Clubs finances and the power to borrow at its discretion

8 MEETINGS OF THE CLUB

8.1 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the club shall be held during the month of June every year and at that meeting the following business shall be transacted:

- approval of the minutes of the previous AGM,
- appointment of President, Vice Presidents and Honorary Members,
- election of Chairman and Vice Chairman,
- election of other members of the club Executive Committee,
- election (or, as relevant, appointment²) of other members of the club General Committee,

- presentation of statement of the club's accounts for the current financial year, properly signed and audited for approval, and presentation of the budget for the following season. (Accounts and budgets must be presented in the formats and under the headings and sub-headings as agreed by the club

8.2 Executive Committee

If audited and signed accounts and/or the budget for the upcoming year are not ready at the commencement of AGM then a FGM shall be arranged for members to attend and this is to be no later than the beginning of September (following the AGM),

Confirmation of the annual subscriptions for all categories of member, and the match fees for all categories of playing member, that shall be applicable for the forthcoming season (unless to be dealt with at an FGM to be no later than the beginning of September (following the AGM),

Consideration of any other business, the content of which shall have been forwarded in writing to the Honorary Secretary at least fourteen days prior to the meeting.

8.3 Election

Members seeking election to the club Committee posts shall ensure that their nomination, duly proposed and seconded in writing, shall have been received by the Hon. Secretary at least fourteen days prior to the AGM.

A request for nominations shall be posted on the club notice board at least one month prior to the AGM.

8.4 Extraordinary General Meetings

Extraordinary General Meetings (EGMs) may be held at any time as requested by the Chairman of the club, or written notice from one fifth (or thirty members if less) of the total club voting membership requiring such a meeting – in both cases the meeting shall be convened by the Hon. Secretary within twenty one days of such request or notice.

The purpose of the meeting and its agenda shall be stated in order that all club members can be advised in writing seven days before such a meeting specifying the venue, time and business to be transacted.

8.5 General Meeting Quorums

At all General meetings of the club, a quorum shall be formed by the presence of one tenth (or twenty members if less) of the total club voting membership.

9 FINANCIAL MATTERS

9.1 Commission

No person shall at any time be entitled to receive at the expense of the club or any club member, any commission, percentage or similar proceeds from the purchase of intoxicating liquor by the club. Nor shall any person derive any pecuniary benefit from the supply of intoxicating liquor by, or on behalf of, the club to members of guests apart from any benefit accruing to the club as a whole and apart also from any benefit which a person derives indirectly by reason of the supply giving rise to, or contributing to a general gain from the carrying on of the club.

9.2 Application of Profit

No money or property of the club or any gain arising from the carrying on of the club shall be applied otherwise than for the benefit of the club as a whole or for some charitable or benevolent purpose or purposes decided by resolution of a General Meeting of the club.

9.3 Control of Club Funds

Control over the Club funds shall be exercised by the club Executive Committee.

Responsibilities shall include the oversight of administration of the Club's banking accounts.

The club Executive Committee shall have power to borrow money for the purposes of the club, upon such terms as it shall think fit, and may appoint any of its members to give such security as shall be specified in the resolution and to enter into such agreements as shall be necessary in relation thereto.

9.4 Accounts

Full accounts of the financial affairs of the club, duly audited by the auditors, and the budget for the following year, shall if at all possible be made available to every club member prior to the convening of, and at, the AGM of the club. If the audited accounts, and/or the budget for the following year, are not available at the AGM then they are to be made available to every club member prior to or at a Financial General Meeting to be held by the beginning of September (following the AGM).

Accounts (and budgets) shall be presented in the format and under the headings promulgated by the Honorary Financial Director. Under the financial management system in place for the club there shall be nominated persons responsible for each of the main accounting headings for the initial monitoring of progress of accounts against agreed budgets and reporting on progress to the Honorary Financial Director.

10 GUESTS

10.1 Introduction of Guests

Any club member shall be entitled to introduce guests to the club provided that no person whose application for club membership has been declined or who has been expelled or suspended from club membership shall be introduced as a guest. No guest can be signed in more than twice in any one month.

10.2 Visitors Book

The member introducing guests shall enter the name and address of such guests, together with his/her own name, in the visitors books supplied for that purpose and kept in the clubhouse. In the case of visiting teams or referees, it shall be sufficient to record the name of the team and Rugby Club or Referees Society and there shall be no necessity to enter individual names and addresses. In the case of organizations that with the agreement of the club have organized corporate events at the club's premises, it shall be sufficient to record the name of the organization and there shall be no necessity to enter individual names and addresses.

The maintenance of the visitor's book shall be the Honorary Secretary's responsibility.

11 SELECTION OF TEAMS

The selection of senior club teams shall be the sole function of a selection committee which shall consist of:

- Honorary Rugby Co-ordinator,
- Club Coach,
- Club Captain,

- Club Vice Captain,
- Team Managers,
- Team Secretary.

The Team Secretary shall act as secretary for the selection committee. The selection of each team shall be the responsibility of the Honorary Rugby Co-ordinator, Club Coach, Club Captain or Vice Captain or the Playing Captain of the team concerned, and the relevant Team Manager. The Selection Committee shall have power to elect its own chairman and to co-opt further non-voting members at its discretion.

12 CODE OF CONDUCT

All members of the club are expected to play, or support the playing of, the game of rugby football in accordance with the spirit of good sportsmanship and fair play.

In particular, members should ensure that in their playing of the game, and also in their general behaviour, they at no time indulge in actions which could blemish the good name of the club or bring the reputation of the game into disrepute, including: insulting opponents; making offensive remarks or gestures to the referee/touch judges or opposition supporters; deliberately feigning injury; taking property belonging to opponents or their club; publicly criticizing the referee; playing under the influence of excessive alcohol or the influence of drugs; making racist or sexist remarks; or behaving in any way likely to cause offence.

The Club shall publish Codes of Conduct for all coaches, officials and volunteers working with young people, players and spectators. Any breach of the respective Codes of Conduct shall result in appropriate disciplinary action being taken by the club disciplinary sub-committee.

Members should understand that the club could be held responsible/answerable to the RFU and/or the Gloucestershire RFU for the actions of its members in respect of any misconduct.

The club will discourage from selection any player who repeatedly infringes this code, and in respect of any such player or member may hold an inquiry into alleged breach and suspend or expel from membership any serious offender.

Any action taken by the club in respect of the above shall be without prejudice to any sanctions imposed on the club or any of its members by the disciplinary sub-committee of the RFU and/or the Gloucestershire RFU.

The club Disciplinary Committee shall consist of the Chairman of the Club, the Vice Chairman of the Club, and the Honorary Secretary. This Committee shall deal with alleged misconduct by players and non-playing members. Anyone sent off (given a red card) by the referee during a game of rugby football will be given an automatic four (4) week suspension from playing.

13 BYELAWS

The club Executive Committee shall have power to make byelaws for regulating the conduct and affairs of the club provided the same are not inconsistent with the rules set out in this club Constitution. Such byelaws shall be posted in some conspicuous part of the club premises and shall be binding on all members.

14 NOTIFICATION AND MODIFICATION OF THE CONSTITUTION

This Constitution shall be prominently displayed in the clubhouse, and individual members may receive their own copy if requested. No alteration, additions to or deletions from this Constitution

shall be made except by a resolution carried by a majority of the members present at a club Executive Committee meeting. Members of the club with voting rights can propose changes to this Constitution; proposed changes shall be submitted in writing to the Honorary Secretary.

The Honorary Secretary shall, as soon as possible and in any case within twenty eight days of the making of any alteration or addition to, and/or deletion from, this Constitution, give written notice of such alteration, addition and/or deletion from this Constitution to the Chief Officer of Police and to the Clerk of the Local Authority of the district in which the club is situated.

15 DISSOLUTION

If upon the winding up or dissolution of the club there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall be paid to or distributed to another registered community amateur sports club for rugby union, to the RFU for use in community related rugby union initiatives, or to a charitable organisation.

16 CHILD WELFARE

The club will adhere to any Child Welfare guidelines prescribed by the RFU, or other appropriate Child Welfare guidelines.

At least two members of the club, one of whom shall be a qualified RFU coach, shall have attended formal child welfare training.

The club shall have a Child Welfare Policy document which is displayed on the club notice board, and is freely available to all parents and children, members at registration, all coaches, helpers and club officials that have contact with children as part of club activities shall be CRB

(Criminal Records Bureau) checked. Disclosure forms shall be submitted through the RFU.)

17 DATA PROTECTION

The club is committed to the principles and practices of data protection as laid out in the Data Protection Act 1998, subordinate and related legislation and codes of practice and other official guidance. This will be achieved through appropriate management, and the strict application of criteria and controls. All persons having access to any personal material will follow good data protection practice and must handle personal data responsibly. More detail can be found in the club's Data Protection Policy, V1.0, of 31th May 2011.

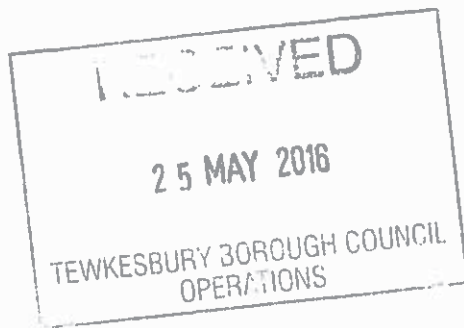
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Signed: Date: 23rd May 2011



Jeremy Chandler

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Dear Sir/Madam,

23 May 2016

Ref 16/00381/LIQLCB

Norton Rugby Football Club, Norton Village Hall, Tewkesbury Road, Norton, Gloucester GL2 9LJ

I am writing to register my objection to the application for a premises license by Norton Rugby Football Club for Norton Village Hall, Norton, Gloucester GL2 9LJ.

We, the residents in this area already suffer substantial noise nuisance, antisocial behaviour and disturbance at all hours of the day and night. We have endured this growing inconvenience as the village hall, school, playing field and MUGA have grown and developed over the years.

As each development has taken place against the advice and wishes of the local residents, we have had to endure growing anti-social behaviour and disorder.

We are continuously plagued throughout the day by noise and nuisance from the car park and school. Evenings and weekend are disturbed by noise caused by the various activities in the hall, car park and surrounding areas. Inconsiderate visitors to the village hall, car park and field throughout the day and night who have no regard for the local residents or community.

A range of groups from outside the village frequently travel to use the car park, field and MUGA, using tirades of foul language and the car park as a test track and skid pan.

This licensing application is unnecessary as I believe the local village public house is due to re-open in the near future as part of the planning approval at the Kings Head development. There is perhaps an opportunity here for Norton RFC to take on the license at the Kings Head for the greater benefit of the community.

The basis for this opposition is that granting a license for these premises will not promote the licensing objectives in this locality, particularly the prevention of crime, disorder and antisocial behaviour.

I would also urge the Committee to consider the proximity of the school, the use of the Village hall by the school and mother/toddler groups.

In view of the above, I would urge the Licensing Authority to refuse the application.

Yours faithfully

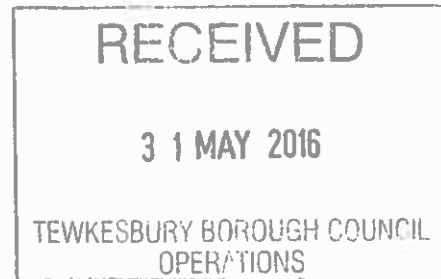
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Dear Sirs

Norton Rugby Football Club - Norton Village Hall

I understand that there is an application for the grant of a premises licence for Norton Village Hall to sell alcohol and regulated entertainment at the premises. This application is for up to the hour of midnight.

All users of the hall have to vacate the hall by midnight according to the hall's Terms and Conditions. Therefore the hours should be decreased from midnight to 11.00 pm. I enclose an extract of the Terms and Conditions which can be found on the Norton Village Hall's own website.

Being a close resident to the hall there is enough disturbance and noise when users leave the hall and having the licence up to midnight, the hall's users will be reluctant to leave any earlier.

I am not in full favour of a licence being granted but the hours should definitely be decreased so that less nuisance is caused to local residents, some of whom are young children and shift workers.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "C Williams".

C Williams

Enc:

Extract from Terms and Conditions of hiring Norton Village Hall:

16. End of Hire

16.1. The Hirer shall ensure that the Premises are vacated at the time specified at time of booking and no later than 12pm. In the event that the Hirer and his party have not vacated the Premises by the Time Stated, at booking, NVH shall impose a penalty of 2x the hourly rate for every part or full un-booked hour after the End Time stated.

16.2. With regard to Time Stated the Start Time and End Times of said booking are mutually exclusive. If the Hirer enters the premises after the start time they have no right to leave the premises at a time in excess of the End Time of an equal amount. Also if the hirer arrives later than the Start Time or leave earlier than the End Time no refund of any unused time will be issued.

16.3. If the hirer allows people to remain in the premises after 12pm (without prior written consent) then a penalty of £50 may be levied at the discretion of the committee.

16.4. The Hirer shall be responsible for leaving the Premises and surrounding area in a clean and tidy condition and any contents temporarily removed from their usual positions properly replaced, if this condition is not complied with the Council shall at its discretion make an additional charge

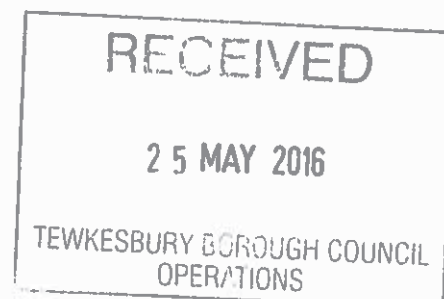
16.5. The key must be returned to the point of collection within 2 hours of stated End Time

MR & MRS BAISH

Ref: Norton village hall licence

21st May 2016

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To whom it may concern

I'm writing to express my concern at the proposal to grant a bar licence to sell alcohol at Norton village hall.

Of late we have had various improvements to the village hall, this being the MUGA and extension for the rugby club, which has had some adverse effects to the local residents. We have to endure loud music late at night mid week and anti social behaviour from rowdy people in the car park, blaring music and beeping cars horns at all hours.

The proposed licence is not about the benefit of the residents of the village, but about giving the rugby club a free reign to basically drink every night until midnight without any thought of anyone else. None of the villagers will benefit from the bar, no one will be going there for meals or socialising, it will purely be rugby boys. Our bedrooms are right over the car park, so in the summer the village hall doors will be open and they will be outside smoking and shouting. Ask yourself if you would think this fair if it were you?

We appreciate that we will have to put up with noise living next to the village hall, and we already do with the school, parties in the village hall and all the other activities, but that is fine, we accept that.

What isn't acceptable is to be expected to put up with it from 8am until 1am every day of the week when we all have to get up early for work.

That point made I hear the houses being built by the pub were allowed on the understanding that the pub would be re-vamped for the village, how can this compete with a village hall run bar with possibly cheaper deals? All the drinkers, which consist mainly of the young rugby crowd, will be in the village hall.

A portion of the rugby players are from outside the village, so drink driving on our unlit lanes is a major concern. Should the licence be granted, the police will be made fully aware if any drink drivers are observed.

I think the licence should be declined to help not only the local pub once complete, but also to prevent this location being exploited as an un-policed drinking den. We have already been forced to telephone the committee chairman when past parties have still been in full swing way past the legal closing time. It is not reasonable to expect local residents to live with this on a daily basis.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'I Baish', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ian Baish