

Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford

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Dear Members

Licensing Sub Committee

A meeting of the Licensing Sub Committee will be held on **Wednesday 14 June 2023 at 10.00am** in the **Walton Room, Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford** to deal with the business as set out on the agenda.

Please note that this meeting will be recorded.

Members are reminded that contact officers are shown in each report and members are welcome to raise questions etc in advance of the meeting with the appropriate officer.

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Head of Law and Governance

LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

14 JUNE 2023

Chair - Councillor A M Loughran

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REPORT OF THE LICENSING MANAGER

Membership

Chair - Councillor A M Loughran

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(The 3 Members to form the Sub Committee will be appointed from the above)

Agenda Item 2(a)

Committee:	Licensing Sub Committee
Date of Meeting:	14 June 2023
Report of:	Licensing Manager
Contact Officer:	Julie Wallace
Telephone Number:	01785 619605
Ward Interest:	Seighford and Church Eaton

Application for a Club Premises Certificate: Church Eaton Cricket Club

Purpose of Report

To consider an Application for a Club Premises Certificate for Church Eaton Cricket Club, The Sportsground, High Street, Church Eaton, ST20 0AG.

1 Detail

- 1.1 On 19 April 2023 the Council received an application for a Club Premises Certificate for Church Eaton Cricket Club, The Sportsground, High Street, Church Eaton, ST20 0AG with the consultation period commencing on 19 April 2023.
- 1.2 The application was received with the relevant documentation required for a Club Certificate i.e. the Constitution, Club Members List and site plan from Mr Mike Trayte the Club Treasurer.
- 1.3 There have been no representations from any Responsible Authorities during the consultation period of this premises licence application, which ended on 17 May 2023. Environmental Health however have agreed some conditions with the applicant.
- 1.4 The Licensing Team have received relevant representations from 7 members of the public who live in the vicinity of the premises and are all concerned with the potential for noise nuisance that a Club Premises Certificate could bring. The representations relate to the licensing objective for the prevention of public nuisance.

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- 1.5 The documents relating to the application, the application for the Club Premises Certificate and the email representations from members of the general public are attached as an **APPENDIX.**

2 Recommendation

2.1 That the Licensing Sub Committee considers the application for a Club Premises Certificate and considers whether this should be granted on the basis of the submission or with conditions.

3 Previous Consideration

3.1 Nil

4 Background Papers

4.1 File available in Licensing Section

From:	ehlicensing
Subject:	FW: Church Eaton Cricket Club License

From: Sent: Sunday, May 7, 2023 7:12 PM To: ehlicensing <ehlicensing@staffordbc.gov.uk> Subject: Church Eaton Cricket Club License

Church Eaton Cricket Club License.

I wish to object to the application for a club license made by Church Eaton Cricket Club for 2 reasons

1) Public safety

Car parking at this end of the village has already led to several dangerous situations. I think it reasonable to assume that the granting of a license is likely to increase the number of cars parked in this area, and hence the number of occasions hazardous overspill parking is likely to occur.

Briefly explaining the situation, the car park adjacent to the cricket pavilion serves the needs of 5 village organisations – Tennis, School, Village Institute, Church, as well as Cricket. Despite the car park being recently extended, Cricket can take up most of the available spaces on the occasion of a popular or important fixture. The safety issues largely occur at a weekend, when more than one of our organisations is holding an event and parking overspills into Church Eaton Road, around 2 tight bends into High Street, and beyond. This occurred twice last year. Parking can be on both sides of the road and completely takes over the pavements, making it difficult for drivers to safely negotiate this double bend. I have seen the circumstance where a large articulated farm contractor's vehicle has had to come to an emergency halt because of children, trying to get to a party being held in the Institute, were forced to be in the road because of the parked cars. This situation impinges upon the safety of both drivers and pedestrians. Incidents of this nature are likely to be more common if demand for car parking is increased by the larger availability of alcohol.

2) Public Nuisance

It seems that some alcohol is already being brought onto site, as cricketers can be seen after matches, holding cans of beer/lager.

Last season this alcohol seemed to fuel the after-match celebrations involving lewd shouting, swearing and unacceptable behaviour which has no regard for the High Street neighbours who back on to the Cricket ground. This revelling goes on after dark. One of my neighbours was threatened with a cricket bat when he spoke to a group of cricketers who were repeatedly hitting a cricket ball against his wooden garden fence.

3 times during the season neighbours have called out the Chairman of Glebelands Sports Association Ltd (the body which holds the lease and who rents the ground to the Cricket Club) to remonstrate with the cricketers in an attempt to get them to modify their night time behaviour.

The granting of an extended drinks license will surely only serve to aggravate the current problems.

In my opinion, and in the opinion of my near neighbours, the Cricket Club has already proved it is not sufficiently responsible to hold a drinks license.

Neighbours adjacent to the pavilion look forward with apprehension to the dates of 'home' games. If Cricket were granted a license, allowing more alcohol to be available, it seems very probable that this public nuisance factor would get worse.

From:ehlicensingSubject:FW: Church Eaton Cricket Club Alcohol Licence.

-----Original Message-----From: Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2023 1:23 PM To: ehlicensing <ehlicensing@staffordbc.gov.uk> Subject: Church Eaton Cricket Club Alcohol Licence.

10.5.23

Stafford Borough Council Licensing Officer Civic Centre Riverside Stafford ST16 3QA

Dear Sirs/Madam

Re Application for Alcohol Licence, Church Eaton Cricket Club, Church Eaton ST20 0AG.

With regards to the recent application for a club alcohol licence by church Eaton cricket club we wish to object.

We have lived in Church Eaton for over 20 years

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the past had no problems with the club and have enjoyed many afternoons and evenings watching the game, . Unfortunately the last couple of years things have radically changed regarding the manor in which the club is run.

Church Eaton Cricket Club have little or no regard for its neighbouring residents or the people who live in this village. In fact the vast majority of players don't even live in this village! We feel an alcohol licence will heighten these issues to a new level.

The club was erected for the use of players providing teas and light refreshments NOT for the sale of alcohol.

Players already drink alcohol on the premises which in turn causes rowdy, loutish behaviour. Bad language and loud shouting are often heard well after matches have ended along with cars spinning their wheels off the carpark and sounding their horns! This village is a quiet, conservation area that welcomes a game of cricket NOT encourages an excuse for players and their supporters to drink alcohol outside as their is clearly a lack of space and seating inside the pavilion. We have a public house only a five minute walk from the club with adequate facilities so why can they not go there?

Young children are always in attendance at matches and surely supervision should be a priority not the consumption of alcohol.

The parking on match days is also a big problem. The carpark is not large enough for club players and supporters and cars are regularly parked dangerously on the main road coming into the village and along the high street causing major disruption. If they are planning to open the club for more social events and drinking then this will only escalate the parking problems.

The lack of facilities in the club house is also an issue with only 1 female toilet and 1 male toilet players and supporters have been seen and heard urinating along fence and at the side of the cricket shed !

1 7 We hope that you will take all our concerns into consideration when deciding this proposal. Kind Regards

12th May 2023

Stafford Borough Council Licencing Officer Civic Centre Riverside Stafford ST16 3QA

Dear Sir/Madam

Re **Church Eaton Cricket Club:** Club licence application, High Street church Eaton Stafford ST20 <u>0AG</u>

I/we set out my comments with regard to the cricket club's application for a "club licence" at the above location. The outcome of my/our comments can be interpreted as an **overall objection** to the application, but the purpose of the response is to be **informative**, **advisory and preventative**.

Let me say at the outset *we are not in any way against* the Cricket Club, and I enjoy the sound of sports in general on the field and the sound of leather on willow, is an ancient tradition of village life.

We appreciate the officer and committee will, in reality only give consideration to matters within the licencing act under the headings listed below, but they may wish to give consideration to the wider impact and the holistic application, as well as the applicant's overall demeanour and respect for law, or lack of it!

In this regard, specifically there has been no approach or consultation whatsoever with any residents that are likely to be impacted by the sale of alcohol on this location. This would have been a common courtesy at the very least, polite at best, but in reality, it is simply an affront to local community cohesion. This is typical of how the club operates and could be a clue as to how they will manage alcohol.

The reality of course is that the overwhelming majority of members and attendees to the Cricket Club *are not residents of the parish* and have no regard or respect for the community, or the parking, the village facilities or the conservation area. If they did, they would not park along the road in a dangerous way on almost every match occasion and they would use the facilities of the village in the form of the village hall and or the pub a mere few 100 metres away.

It is the case that there is *no need* for an alcohol licence, there is *no demand* for an alcohol licence, and this is simply a challenge to the local economic viability of the community and a threat to the community cohesion. **It is nothing more than a licence application for ASB**.

We know the Cricket Club have a total disregard for general law. Proof, is that they erected their new cricket nets long in advance of even applying for planning permission and are now undertaking extensive advertising, again without applying for the appropriate consents. How will they manage alcohol- <u>the evidence is suggestive.</u>

It would not be a surprise if they're already selling alcohol (judging by the empty beer cans seen on occasion around the field) and it would certainly explain the considerably noisy boisterous and invasive behaviour experienced over last summer by many visiting teams, late into the night.

In addressing the specifics of the application, under the headings relevant for consideration I would offer the following comments...

The prevention of crime and disorder

The prevention of crime and disorder is an oxymoron when it comes to the permission of alcohol to be used in conjunction with hot summer days in open environments. There are numerous studies reports and documented evidence on the Internet of crime alike linked to alcohol use.

This comes down to having the appropriate facilities, and here there are NO facilities. We're talking about a timber building that arrived on the back of a lorry following the arson attack quite possibly alcohol related with no facilities at all to cater for consumption of alcohol which is likely to need additional pressures on toilet/welfare facilities including disabled toilets of which there are none appropriate in this facility.

Furthermore, as soon as you have alcohol it is an <u>invitation and temptation</u> for burglary seeking to obtain the alcohol. In a timber building this is hardly going to be very secure. Even if it were alarmed that would just be a further nuisance to local residents as well!

There will be urinating in the public areas. There will be attempted break ins. There will be additional crime and disorder.

The other headings such as public nuisance, fighting, causing a disturbance, et cetera are all crimes and disorders directly related to the use of alcohol and tolerance levels can be debated, but why have any at all when there is a perfectly adequate public house within walking distance of the clubs' facilities?

Public safety

Loud aggressive and intimidating behaviour is often linked and associated with alcohol. Why should residents be exposed (or even the risk of being) to fear, intimidation, abusive and public disorder and even the threat of their public safety in an open field environment which is accessible to everybody, when those wishing to drink alcohol could do so in a licenced premises again within walking distance of the sports field.

The fear of public safety should alone be a reason not to permit such a licence in what an open field and a building with a couple of changing rooms is essentially and a tiny tea room facility.

The prevention of public nuisance

Best way to prevent a public nuisance is going to be by not encouraging the use of alcohol in an open playing field with no enclosed facilities suitable for the consumption of alcohol. If the permission is upheld it is an absolute certainty that there will be recorded instances over the summer of a public nuisance to the authorities calling upon stretch resource is to be unnecessarily burdened by abusive disturbance of the peace and in all likelihood criminal activities.

The protection of children from harm

It is not a public house or restaurant where age limits and rules apply. This is an open sports field with a timber changing room facilities in a family environment open to the public which includes children of all ages. There are no safeguarding preventative measures suggested and alcohol infused adults around children, cars and cricket matches is an undoubted recipe for disaster.

If the licencing officer and committee are mindful to accept the necessity for alcohol to be served in an open field in a conservation area on a hot summers day then at the very least the hours should be restricted from those applied for which are nothing more than an open invitation for alcohol abuse seven days a week from early in the afternoon till late at night. The hours proposed a longer than the trading hours than the public house in the village.

The only hours that seem remotely sensible if there must be any at all, would be Saturday and Sunday 1:00 o'clock till 6:00 o'clock, and on the 1 remaining Monday bank holiday similar hours.

The application suggests it is for the cricket season only, the need for the Monday hours is supposedly for the Bank Holiday Monday of which there is <u>only one</u> after the application before the end of the cricket season, therefore they do not need Monday hours other than on the one bank holiday. This shows the true intent behind the application.

Yours faithfully

All adults and you can count this as <u>4</u> objections.

From:ehlicensingSubject:FW: Objection to application for alcohol license for Church Eaton Cricket Club

-----Original Message-----From: Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2023 5:32 AM To: ehlicensing <ehlicensing@staffordbc.gov.uk> Subject: Objection to application for alcohol license for Church Eaton Cricket Club

I would like to object to the issuing of a license for the following reasons ;

Noise - slamming off car doors and loud voices late at night throughout the year.

Car parking inadequate size leading to vehicles being parked dangerously in the lane adjacent to the entrance towards the sharp bend in front of the village institute following the growth of the club over the past few years.

Club has out grown current location.

No lighting whatsoever on car park.

No security system in place covering current building.

Alcohol currently being served on the premises, encouraging drink driving through the lanes later at night.

Hot and cold food including barbecues being served regularly- environmental department maybe should be looking into this.

Committee of club has complete disregard for abiding by local laws Eg no planning permission application for new training nets until objections received from residents.

Current hedge cutting carried out causing severe damage to old established trees contained within it.

Currently lease from landlord prohibits sale of alcohol on the premises I believe.

Whilst recognising the need for the facility to be part of the local community it has like previously stated out grown it current location with many new teams now being run at the location.

Best regards



The Licencing Dept Stafford Borough Council Civic Centre Stafford

Delivered by hand 16th May

16th May 2023

Dear Sirs

On behalf of all the residents in the village enclose a notice objecting strongly to the recent application by the Church Eaton Cricket club for an alcohol licence, the reasons for which are very clearly set out.

I should also make you aware that the terms of the lease agreed with the landlord, the Diocese of Lichfield, a dispensation was allowed for the sale of wines beers and spirits **only** during cricket matches, **and at no other time**. An extract of the lease is attached to verify this.

A further clause in the lease prohibits the use of the field in a manner which causes a nuisance, annoyance, disturbance, inconvenience to the landlord **or any other person.** Clearly this requirement is no way being met at the present time so action to deal with this is an ongoing matter. Again a copy of the relevant clause is attached.

The residents take great comfort in these clauses in the lease. The same restrictions are embodied in the accompanying corresponding 'licence' issued to, agreed and signed by the cricket club, and earnestly trust no such licence for seven day use is **ever** allowed on the Glebelands field.

Yours faithfully,

(representative)

The Tenant shall:-

- 8.1 put and keep the Property and the boundary walls fences and hedges belonging thereto in good repair
- 8.2 maintain the Property at all times in a clean and tidy condition except that the Tenant shall not be required to put the Property into any better state of repair or condition than it was in at the date of this lease, as evidenced by the Schedule of Condition annexed to this lease
- 8.3 keep and preserve the Property in good and proper order and condition free from rubbish litter and weeds and any grassed areas to be regularly cut
- 8.4 within one month (or as soon as possible in emergency) after receipt of notice from the Landlord of any breach of this Clause carry out the work required to remedy the breach and if the Tenant fails diligently to comply with such notice and the Landlord enters the Property to carry out such work the Tenant shall on demand pay to the Landlord all costs which the Landlord so incurs

9. ALTERATIONS

The Tenant shall not make any addition or alteration to the Property save that the Tenant may erect temporary non-structural buildings with the Landlord's prior written consent

10. <u>SIGNS</u>

- 10.1 The Tenant may be permitted to fix a sign or notice or advertisement at the Property which in the Landlord's reasonable opinion is of a design, size and in a position that is appropriate for the Property and the Permitted Use.
- 10.2 Before the end of the Term, the Tenant shall remove any signs, notices or advertisements placed at the Property and shall make good any damage caused to the Property by that removal.
- 11. <u>USE</u>

11.1 The Tenant shall not use the Property except for the Permitted Use

11.2 The Tenant shall not use the Property in a manner which may be or become or cause a nuisance annoyance disturbance inconvenience injury or damage to the Landlord or any other person and if a nuisance occurs shall forthwith take all necessary action to abate it

11.3 The Tenant shall not use the Property for any sale by auction nor for any dangerous noisy or offensive purpose nor for any illegal or immoral activity

- 11.4 The Tenant shall not use the Property for the sale or distribution of wines beers or spirits with the exception of the sale of wines beers or spirits during cricket matches at the request of the Tenant
- 11.5 The Tenant shall comply with the Regulations

12. ALIENATION

12.1 The Tenant shall not (except in accordance with Clause 12.2):-

- 12.1.1 hold the Property expressly or impliedly on trust for another person
- 12.1.2 part with possession of the Property
- 12.1.3 share possession of the Property with another person; nor
- 12.1.4 allow anyone except the Tenant officers and employees to occupy the Property; nor
- 12.1.5 assign or underlet the whole or a part of the Property
- 12.2 Without prejudice to the generality of clause 12.1 the Tenant may share occupation of the Property or part thereof if and for so long as the following conditions are satisfied:

12.2.1 the other occupier or occupiers shall be other clubs and bodies who shall use the Property (or part thereof) for the Permitted Use

12.2.2 the other occupier or occupiers shall enter into a licence with the Tenant in the form annexed hereto or a form which is substantially similar thereto and shall have been approved by the Landlord in writing

12.2.3 the Landlord's costs in approving the licence shall be paid by the Tenant

12.2.4 the licence is personal to the parties and does not create any relationship of landlord and tenant; and

12.2.5 the arrangement is consistent with the terms of this lease

12.3 The Tenant indemnifies the Landlord against all liabilities, costs, expenses, damages and losses suffered or incurred by the Landlord arising out of or in connection with any breach of the terms of any licence.

13. LEGAL OBLIGATIONS

13.1 "Legal Obligations" means an obligation imposed by or under any present or future statute statutory instrument or byelaw or any present or future regulation order direction requirement notice or code of practice of any Authority insofar as it relates to the Property or to their occupation or use but irrespective of the person on whom such obligation is imposed

Application by the Church Eaton Cricket Club For an Alcohol Licence for the Sports Field

We the residents of Church Eaton **experimental strongest possible terms to the application for an alcohol licence on the sports field for** seven fundamental reasons:

PUBLIC DISTURBANCE AND NUISANCE

- The <u>anti-social</u> behaviour of the cricketers has in recent years been absolutely appalling in the vicinity of the pavilion. There is a written record held of all the serious disturbances that the neighbours closest to the pavilion have experienced in the recent past; the file is available for all to read, it is simply unbelievable!
- 2) For the houses which are very close to the pavilion, just yards away, the prospect of continuous drinking well into the late evening, if allowed, would be absolutely intolerable for these residents. The nature of the revellers is such that it is likely to continue till late into the night as there will be no-one to police the drinking hours. There are guard dogs in some of these gardens and they will bark and cause further disturbance when presented with certain activities in the field in the evenings. The residents would never dare to intervene to stop the activities.
- 3) Most of the cricketers are visitors from other villages. The opportunity to extend their drinking hours creates the real likelihood of drink driving. For this reason alone it is neither wise, necessary or advisable to extend the licensing hours.
- 4) For local and junior members the serving of alcohol after hours will encourage a growing number of children and their families to come and partake more and more, causing even more noise and disturbance around the pavilion. The attraction could easily grow out of all proportion and must be prevented even before it starts. The village already has the perfect pub and venue for evening drinking, a venue that needs encouragement and all the village support it can attract.
- 5) This is a conservation area and the residents value the peace and tranquility that this status represents and which has been enjoyed for over 20 years. The current cricket club management have introduced totally different behaviour and they deserve to have their licence revoked. They **MUST** respect the neighbours as their predecessors did. It is essential peace and tranquility is preserved for our community at all times and cricket is maintained as a peaceful and enjoyable village asset.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

6) The numbers of cars now parked outside the premises on the main road on match days presents a real danger to health and safety for pedestrians and children. The extent of this has to be seen to be believed has to be seen to be believed. This is a serious matter already expressed, as the club appears to be growing bigger and bigger, far larger than the field and its car park can accommodate and support.

NON ELIGABILITY OF THE APPLICANT TO APPLY

7) The consumption of alcohol is strictly forbidden on the Glebelands field under the terms of the lease from the Diocese of Lichfield. A special concession was granted to the cricket club to allow consumption of alcohol but only during the hours of a cricket match. The cricket club are merely holders of a licence from the Glebelands Management committee and the terms of their licence are such that the Cricket club are not eligible to apply for an alcohol licence while the Management committee are bound by the terms of the lease not to allow consumption of alcohol on the field.

The residents who totally support the outright rejection the application on the grounds detailed above have applied their signatures below:

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[Stafford Borough Council licencing]

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

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING 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.

Church Eaton Cricket 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 Church Eaton	Cricket Club			
Postal address The Sportsgro High Street Church Eaton		ne, ordnance survey map referenc	e or description	
Post Town	Stafford		Postcode	ST20 0AG
Telephone nur	nber (if any)			
E-mail address	s (optional)	churcheatoncc@mail.com		

Name of perso	on performing duties	of a secretary to the club		
Address of per	son performing dutio	es of a secretary to the club		
Post Town	Stafford		Postcode	
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E-mail address (optional)				
Non-domestic rateable value of pre-	nises	£		
Are the club premises occupied and	habitually	used by the club?	Yes 🛛	No 🗌
Part 2 – Club Operating Schedule	è			
When do you want the club premise	e to start?	DD MM 0 1 0 5 2	YYYY 0 2 3	
If you wish the certificate to be vali you want it to end?	limited period, when do	DD MM	YYYY	
General description of club (pleas Church Eaton Cricket club is home cricket matches every Saturday and September. The bar will be located or on the patio at the front of the par	to a local vi every other within the c	illage cricket side and has been Sunday during the Cricket sea	ason from May un	til

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

N/A

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

Prov	ision of regulated entertainment	Please tick all that apply
a)	plays (if ticking yes, fill in box A)	
b)	films (if ticking yes, fill in box B)	
c)	indoor sporting events (if ticking yes, fill in box C)	
d)	boxing or wrestling entertainment (if ticking yes, fill in box D)	
e)	live music (if ticking yes, fill in box E)	
f)	recorded music (if ticking yes, fill in box F)	
g)	performances of dance (if ticking yes, fill in box G)	
h)	anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) (if ticking H)	yes, fill in box

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)

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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.

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Plays Standard days and timings (please read guidance note			Will the performance of a play take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	
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Performances of dance Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)		d timings	Will the performance of dance take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	
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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 th providing	at the club will	be
Day	Start	Finish	Will this entertainment take place indoors or outdoors on both places tick (places used suidenee	Indoors	
Mon			outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)	Outdoors	
				Both	
Tue			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)		
Wed					
Thur			State any seasonal variations for this entertainment guidance note 4)	(please read	
Fri					
Sat			Non-standard timings. Where the club intends to us this entertainment at different times from those liste the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		
Sun					

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Supply of alcohol Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the supply of alcohol be for consumption - please tick (please read guidance note 7)	On the premises Off the	
				premises	
Day	Start	Finish		Both	
Mon	1300	2200	State any seasonal variations (please read guidance note 4) Alcohol only sold during the cricket season, 1 st April until 1 st October Mondays have longer opening times to take into account for Holiday games		
Tue	1800	2200			
Wed	1800	2200			
Thur	1800	2200	<u>Non-standard timings. Where the club intends to us</u> the supply of alcohol at different times from those lis		
			on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		
Fri	1700	2200			
Sat	1300	2200			
Sun	1300	2200			

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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) Open during cricket season, 1 st April until 1 st October Mondays have longer opening times to take into account for Bank Holio games
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon	1300	2200	
Tue	1800	2200	
Wed	1800	2200	
Thur	1800	2200	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)
Fri	1700	2200	•
Sat	1300	2200	
Sun	1300	2200	

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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).

N/A

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)

Club constitution and alcohol sale rules attached and followed at all times. These shall be enforced by the elect committee. Challenge 25 policy in operation

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

Club constitution and alcohol sale rules attached and followed at all times. These shall be enforced by the elect committee. Any members or Guests behaving inappropriately will be asked to leave and will not return.

c) Public safety

Club constitution and alcohol sale rules attached and followed at all times. These shall be enforced by the elect committee. Any members or Guests behaving inappropriately will be asked to leave and will not return.

d) The prevention of public nuisance

Club constitution and alcohol sale rules attached and followed at all times. These shall be enforced by the elect committee. Any members or Guests behaving inappropriately will be asked to leave and will not return.

e) The protection of children from harm

Club constitution and alcohol sale rules attached and followed at all times. These shall be enforced by the elect committee. Any members or Guests behaving inappropriately will be asked to leave and will not return.

Challenge 25 policy in operation

Checklist:

Please tick to indicate agreement

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

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)

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(Insert full name)

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

Signature	
Date	05/04/2023
Capacity	Club Treasurer

Address for 11)	correspondence as	ssociated with this applica	ation (please read g	uidance note		
Post town	Stafford		Post code			
Telephone number (if any)						
If you would prefer us to correspond with you by e-mail your e-mail address (optional)						

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.

ECB CLUBMARK

& CECC CLUB CONSTITUTION

Name:

The name of the Club is Church Eaton Cricket Club.

Within this constitution Church Eaton Cricket Club may periodically be referred to as 'the Club.

Club Purposes:

The main purposes of Church Eaton Cricket Club are to provide facilities for the purposes of participation in the amateur sport of cricket within the local communities, facilitating recreational and sporting opportunities for engagement within cricket, which includes coaching and competition within cricket.

Affiliation

The Club is affiliated to the England and Wales Cricket Board through the English Cricket Board and Staffordshire County Cricket Club.

The Club and its members shall ensure that members, playing and non-playing, abide by the Club's own policies and procedures and the ECB Code of Conduct which incorporates the Spirit of Cricket and by the Laws of Cricket.

The Club adopts and implements the ECB Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children and any future versions of the policy. As required by the ECB the Club has its own separate club safeguarding Policy Statement, which is used in the event of any reports or concerns which maybe considered as a Safeguarding issue (as defined within the ECB or Local Safeguarding Boards Safeguarding Policy's and Procedures).

The Club has adopted & will implement the principles of the the ECB Anti-discrimination code 2022.

The Club has adopted and implemented both the ECB's Cricket Unleashed Strategy and theECB's Club Inclusion and Diversity Policy and any future versions of these documents. The aim of these policies is to reflect the ECB's plan of Good Governance, Social Responsibility and Strong Financial and Operation.

Permitted means of advancing the Purposes The Committee has the power to: Acquire and provide grounds, equipment, coaching, training and playing facilities, clubhouse, transport, medical and related facilities;

Provide coaching, training, medical treatment, and related social and other facilities;

Take out any insurance for club committee, employees, contractors, players, guests and third parties;

Raise funds by appeals, subscriptions, loans and charges;

Borrow money and give security for the same, and open bank accounts;

Buy, lease or license property and sell, let or otherwise dispose of the same (provided that no disposal of Church Eaton Cricket Club property can be made without the prior written approval of the members voting at a general meeting);

Make grants and loans and give guarantees and provide other benefits;

Set aside or apply funds for special purposes or as reserves;

Deposit or invest funds in any lawful manner;

Employ and engage staff and others and provide services;

Co-operate with any organisation, club, sporting body, government or government-related agencies; and

Do all other things reasonably necessary to advance the purposes of Church Eaton Cricket Club.

Agree a transparent process to the recruitment and retention of Committee members who demonstrate a consistent commitment to the Policies and Procedures adopted by the Club and the ECB.

NONE of the above powers may be used other than to advance the purposes consistently with the Rules below and the general law.

Membership

Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs, except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of cricket.

The Club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non- discriminatory and fair basis. The Club will have an equitable pricing policy and will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.

The level of subscriptions will be decided by the Committee from time to time and notified to the members.

Church Eaton Cricket Club state that those becoming a member without nomination or application cannot have membership privileges for at least 48 hours between them becoming members and being admitted to the club.

Subscriptions and/or membership shall be agreed on an equitable basis and will ensure that subscriptions/membership shall be maintained at a level that does not pose a significant obstacle to people joining/participating in cricket with the Club. Subscriptions/membership shall be reviewed on an annual basis by the Committee and ratified with the consent of its members at the AGM.

The Club will have the following classes of membership:

Full member Senior- (playing)

Full member – non-playing Family Membership (3or more members from one family) – discounted rate. Women's Membership (senior) Junior member (18 or under). Application for membership of the Club shall be by completion of a membership application form.

No person shall be eligible to take part in the business of the Club, vote at general meetings or be eligible for selection for any Club team unless the applicable subscription has been paid by the due date, membership forms completed and/or membership has been agreed by the Club Committee.

The Club Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, at their discretion but only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or cricket into disrepute and:

The Club Committee may only refuse to admit a new member if a resolution is passed at a meeting where the person in question has been notified in writing in advance and been given 14 days to submit written representations for the Club Committee to consider at the meeting. Appeal against a refusal of membership shall be to the Appeal Committee as detailed below.

The procedure for taking disciplinary action against a member, including removing membership, is dealt with in more detail below.

All members will be subject to these Rules and by joining the Club will be deemed to accept these Rules, any Club Regulations and any Codes of Conduct that the Club has adopted. A Code of Conduct for Members and Guests is displayed within the Cricket Pavilion to ensure that all Club guests and non-member volunteers are aware of the code and the requirement to abide by it.

The Club Secretary will keep a register of members, Junior Coordinators are responsible for ensuring that all Junior Members/Players have their details registered on the Membership Forms, along with Parental Consent and Emergency contact details.

Membership is not transferable and shall cease on death.

A member may resign by written notice to the Club, but the return of any subscription paid is at the discretion of the Club Committee.

The Committee may suspend the responsibilities, engagement and/or delegated duties of any member and/or committee member in the event of a Safeguarding Concern being raised and/or there being genuine reasons to suspect that the individual's behavior and/or actions may have conflicted with the Club's adopted Policies and/or Procedures until such time that matters have been responded to in line with the relevant policies and procedures.

Membership is renewed annually April to April. Membership fees are due before 1st May to avoid removal of membership.

All General Meetings

All members may attend all general meetings of the Club in person.

All full members over the age of 18 have one vote and are required to vote in person, or electronically using a confirmed email address belonging to the member voting.

For each member under the age of 18 years, one parent holding Parental Consent may issue one vote on behalf of their child/children, provided that parent is a full member in their own right they will not have an additional 'under 18' vote.

Members must be given at least [14] clear days [written] notice of all general meetings.

The quorum for AGM & EGM meetings is 5 members present or 25% of the total membership whichever is greater.

If a quorum is not present within 15 minutes of the start of the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned to the following week at the same time and place or such other time and place as the Committee decide and any voting members attending the adjourned meeting will constitute a quorum.

The Chair or (in his or her absence) another member chosen at the meeting by the members shall preside.

Except as otherwise provided in these Rules or in Club Regulations every resolution shall be decided by a simple majority of the votes cast on a show of hands.

Formalities in connection with general meetings (such as how to put down resolutions and nominate candidates for election to the Committee) shall be decided by the Committee in Club Regulations and publicised to Club members.

Annual General Meetings

The Club will hold an AGM once in every calendar year and not more than 15 months after the last AGM. At every AGM:

the members will elect a Committee including a Chair, Treasurer and Secretary ("the Officers") to serve until the next AGM.

No Committee member shall serve for more than five consecutive terms, unless agreed by those present at each AGM.

members applying for committee roles must have demonstrated their suitability for the relevant role as stipulated within the respective role descriptions and specifications; the Treasurer will produce accounts of the Club for the latest financial year audited as the Committee shall decide;

the Committee will present a report on the Club's activities since the previous AGM;

the members may appoint a suitable person to audit the accounts; and

the members may discuss and vote on any resolution (whether about policy or to change the Rules should these be proposed at the AGM) and deal with any other business put to the meeting.

Extraordinary General Meetings (EGM)

An EGM shall be called by the Secretary within 14 days of a request to that effect from the Committee or on the written request of not less than 5 members signed by them. Such EGM shall be held on not less than 14 nor more than 21 days' notice at a place decided upon by the Committee or in default by
the Chair. If the Committee fails to call a meeting within 14 days of receiving a valid request from the members then the requisitions may themselves call a meeting, the costs of which will be reimbursed by the Club.

The EGM can be called to review, monitor and amend any of the Constitution in readiness for the AGM and in order to further the purposes of the Constitution in line with the relevant policies and procedures adopted by the Club.

The Committ ee <u>Role</u>

Subject to these Rules the Committee shall have responsibility for the management of the Club, its funds, property and affairs.

Property, etc.

The property and funds of the Club cannot be used for the direct or indirect private benefit of members other than as reasonably allowed by the Rules and all surplus income or profits are to be re-invested in the Club. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or third parties.

The Club may provide sporting and related social facilities, sporting equipment, coaching, courses, insurance cover, medical treatment, away-match expenses, post- match refreshments and other ordinary benefits of Community Amateur Sports Clubs as provided for in the Corporation Tax Act 2010 and the Community Amateur Sports Clubs Regulations 2015 (as modified by statute or re-enacted from time to time) (the "CASC Regulations").

The Club may also in connection with the sports purposes of the Club:

Sell and supply food, drink and related sports clothing and equipment to members and associated guests;

Employ members (though not for playing) and remunerate them for providing services, on fair terms set by the Committee without the person concerned being present;

pay for reasonable hospitality for visiting teams and guests; and

indemnify the Committee and members acting properly in the course of the running of the Club against any liability incurred in the proper running of the Club (but only to the extent of its assets).

The Committee shall ensure that they take practical steps to comply with legislation relating to both The Equality Act 2010 and the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults.

Composition, etc.

The Committee shall consist of at least three and not more than 15 members (including Officers and the Club Welfare Officer).

At least three of the Committee must be unrelated to each other and not co-habiting.

The Committee shall be elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting as detailed in clause 7.

The Committee members shall consider skills needed in accordance with the agreed role requirements, role description and specifications and diversity on the Committee.

The Committee may co-opt Club members (up to the maximum permitted number) to fill a vacancy or as an additional Committee member to serve until the end of the next AGM, this must be agreed by a majority of the appointed Committee.

Any Committee member may be re-elected without limit. The Committee will agree a process, for nominating and electing Committee members. Committee members must be elected on their suitability for the applied role and the applicant's skills, knowledge and experience reflective of the relevant role description and specification. The selected candidates, which can be just one or more than one shall then be presented to the members at the AGM and put to the vote.

A Committee member ceases to be such if he or she:

ceases to be a member of the Club; or

resigns by written notice to the Club; or

is removed by the Committee in accordance with clause's 5.7, 5.9. 5.13 and 10.

Committee Meetings

Whenever a Committee member has a personal interest in a matter to be discussed he/she must declare it, withdraw from that part of the meeting (unless asked to stay), not be counted in the quorum for that agenda item and withdraw during the vote and have no vote on the matter concerned. Conflicts of Interest must be recorded and minutes. Conflicts of interest include but are not specific or exclusive too the selection of players or teams playing within the Club.

The Committee shall meet at least four times each year. The Committee may decide its own way of operating. Unless it otherwise resolves the following rules apply:

at least 2 Committee members must be present for the meeting to be valid;

Committee meetings may be held either in person or by telephone, televisual or other electronic or virtual means agreed by the Committee in which all participants may communicate simultaneously with all other participants;

the Chair or whoever else those present choose shall chair meetings;

decisions shall be by simple majority of those voting;

a resolution in writing signed by every Committee member shall be valid without a meeting; and

the chair of the meeting shall not have a casting vote.

The Committee shall appoint a Club Welfare Officer to ensure compliance with safeguarding legislation and the ECB Safe Hands policy. The Club Welfare Office shall be a Committee member and report to relevant Committee meetings and the reports, together with any action taken, must be minuted.

Bank Account

Any bank account in which any part of the Club's funds are deposited shall be operated by the Committee and shall be held in the name of the Club. Unless regulations state otherwise, all cheques and orders for payment of money from such accounts must be signed by at least two people authorised by the Committee, including at least one Committee member.

Delegation, etc.

The Committee may delegate any of their functions to sub-committees but must specify the scope of its activity and powers; the extent to which it can commit the funds of the Club; its membership; its duty to report back to the Committee. The Committee may wind up any sub-committee at any time or change its mandate and operating terms. Disclosure

Annual Club reports and statements of account must be made available for inspection by any member and all club records may be inspected by any Committee member.

Removal of Membership, Discipline and Appeals Any complaints regarding the behaviour of members, guests or volunteers should be lodged in writing with the Secretary.

Any person that is the subject of a written complaint or appeal shall be notified of the procedures to be followed by the relevant committee in reasonable time to prepare for any hearing.

The Committee shall appoint a disciplinary sub-committee (Disciplinary Sub-Committee) who will meet to hear complaints within [21] days of a complaint being lodged. Any person requested to attend a Disciplinary Sub Committee shall be entitled to be accompanied by a friend or other representative and to call witnesses. The Disciplinary Sub-Committee has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action on behalf of the Committee, including the termination of membership or exclusion from Club premises.

The outcome of the disciplinary hearing shall be put in writing to the person who lodged the complaint and the person against whom the complaint was made within [14] days following the hearing.

There shall be a right of appeal within 14 days of receipt of the disciplinary decision or decision to refuse membership:

against the Disciplinary Sub-Committee's findings or the sanction imposed or both; and

against the Committee's refusal to admit a new member

in either case, the Committee shall appoint an appeals committee ("Appeals Committee"). The Appeals Committee shall have a maximum of three members which shall not include members involved with the initial disciplinary hearing but may include non-members of the Club. The Appeals

Committee shall consider the appeal within [21] days of the Secretary receiving the appeal. The individual who submitted the appeal shall be entitled to be accompanied by a friend or other representative and to call witnesses. The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final and binding on all parties.

Property Trustees

Any property or assets of the Club may be vested in between two and four trustees. The trustees shall hold the same for and on behalf of the members of the Club.

The Committee shall have power by notice in writing to appoint such trustees from the membership of the Club, and may remove them at any time, by resolution of the Committee.

The trustees shall deal with the Club's property and assets as directed by the Committee from time to time.

The trustees shall be entitled to be indemnified against any cost or expense properly incurred in dealing with the property or the assets out of the Club's funds.

Club Regulations

The Committee may make Club Regulations consistent with these Rules and will publicise these to the members.

Club Premises Certificate – Sale of Alcohol

Alcohol purchased for and supplied by the club is done by members of the club who are over 18 years of age and are elected to do so by the members.

No person at the expense of the club will receive any commission or percentage or similar payment in regard to the purchase of alcohol by the club.

There shall be no arrangements for anyone to receive a financial benefit from supply alcohol, apart from benefit to the club.

A person may not be given membership or any membership privileges without an interval of 48 hours from the submission of their application and their membership being granted.

Alcohol shall only be supplied to members and guests of members on the premises on behalf or by Church Eaton Cricket Club.

Church Eaton Cricket Club will only sell Alcohol to anyone over the legal age of 18 years old.

Church Eaton Cricket Club will run a "challenge 25" policy. This will allow the club to challenge anyone's age with a request for Identification to anyone who could appear under the age of 25 years old. Church Eaton Cricket Club with holds the right to serve alcohol who does not provide proof of age & identification.

Church Eaton Cricket Club withholds the right to refuse to serve anyone should it be deemed unreasonable to do so.

The opposition & supporters are invited as guests of Church Eaton Cricket Club & can purchase alcohol as guests of the club. Any guest's/opposition/supporters must be signed in by a member in the guest book.

Church Eaton Cricket Club will notify Stafford borough council licensing department and notify them should any major changes occur to the club structure or to the committee.

Notices

Notices to be sent out in accordance with these Rules may be sent by hand, by post or by suitable electronic means and will be treated as being received:

24 hours after being sent by electronic means or delivered by hand to the relevant address;

Two clear days after being sent by first class post; or

Three clear days after being sent by second class post.

Notice of all general meetings must also be put on the Club's notice board(s) and website (if any).

A technical defect in the giving of notice of which the members or the Committee are unaware at the time does not invalidate decisions taken at a meeting.

Amendments

These Rules may be amended at an EGM or AGM by resolution passed by two-thirds of the votes cast [but not (if relevant) so as to jeopardise the Club's status as a Community Amateur Sports Club as first provided for by the CASC Regulations and not in any event to alter its purposes (unless the procedure set out in 14.2 has been followed) or winding up provisions.]

The Club Purposes may be changed to include another eligible sport if the Committee unanimously agree and the members also agreed the change by a 75% majority of votes cast.

Winding Up the Club

The members may vote to wind up the Club at an EGM or AGM if not less 25% of full (voting) members are in attendance and the meetings have been called by the secretary in accordance with the relevant sections of the Club constitution.

The Committee will then be responsible for the orderly winding up of the Club's affairs.

After settling all liabilities of the Club, any remaining assets shall be given or transferred to another agreed organisation with similar objectives to the Club.

Adopted at EGM meeting.

At The Royal Oak, Church Eaton, ST20 0AG Reviewed annually (last review) 29/3/23 Signed

Name

(Name, Address & Signature of Chair of meeting)

(Name, Address & Signature of Witness)



25 Members contacts details











Glebelands Sports Association Ltd COMPANY NO 01462708 c/o Bridgeside, High Onn Wharf, Church Eaton, Stafford ST20 0AX

31st May 2023

REF : CHURCH EATON CRICKET CLUB, THE SPORTSGROUND, HIGH STREET, CHURCH EATON, ST20 0AG. NOTICE OF HEARING 10am Wednesday 14 June 2023

Dear Sirs

The Glebelands sports Association Ltd is the lease holder for the Glebelands sports ground on which Church Eaton Cricket Club play. The Sports Association liaises directly with the agents of Lichfield Diocese who are the land owners.

The company's role is to administer the use of the sports ground by issuing an annual licence to the respective sports clubs, which defines the rules they have to follow, the annual rent which covers the use of the ground, insurance and utility costs.

The lease which is between "The Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance (incorporated)" and Glebelands Sports Association Ltd.

Clause 11.4 of the lease states "The Tenant shall not use the property for the sale or distribution of wines beers or spirits with the exception of the sale of wines beers or spirits during cricket matches at the request of the Tenant".

I trust this clarifies the claims, which states that as Church owned land alcohol is not allowed, is totally incorrect.

Yours sincerely



Glebelands Sports Association Ltd

From:	ehlicensing
Subject:	FW: Church Eaton Cricket Club License

From: Sent: Sunday, May 7, 2023 7:12 PM To: ehlicensing <ehlicensing@staffordbc.gov.uk> Subject: Church Eaton Cricket Club License

Church Eaton Cricket Club License.

I wish to object to the application for a club license made by Church Eaton Cricket Club for 2 reasons

1) Public safety

Car parking at this end of the village has already led to several dangerous situations. I think it reasonable to assume that the granting of a license is likely to increase the number of cars parked in this area, and hence the number of occasions hazardous overspill parking is likely to occur.

Briefly explaining the situation, the car park adjacent to the cricket pavilion serves the needs of 5 village organisations – Tennis, School, Village Institute, Church, as well as Cricket. Despite the car park being recently extended, Cricket can take up most of the available spaces on the occasion of a popular or important fixture. The safety issues largely occur at a weekend, when more than one of our organisations is holding an event and parking overspills into Church Eaton Road, around 2 tight bends into High Street, and beyond. This occurred twice last year. Parking can be on both sides of the road and completely takes over the pavements, making it difficult for drivers to safely negotiate this double bend. I have seen the circumstance where a large articulated farm contractor's vehicle has had to come to an emergency halt because of children, trying to get to a party being held in the Institute, were forced to be in the road because of the parked cars. This situation impinges upon the safety of both drivers and pedestrians. Incidents of this nature are likely to be more common if demand for car parking is increased by the larger availability of alcohol.

We would like to clarify that the car park is leased to the Glebelands sports association (Cricket and tennis club). along with the sports field. The Association allows the Village hall and the school (during drop off times) use of the car park to aid village congestion at busy periods particularly school times but is not obliged to.

Should there be an issue with parking, the Glebelands Sports association (cricket and tennis club) could have sole access to the car park. However we feel this would not aid community relations and could create a real safety issue as the village hall would have no off street parking at all. There is an agreement in place with the school that the school car park could be used as overflow parking should it be required. We would also like to highlight that there are no double or single yellow lines in the village apart from outside of the school.

2) <u>Public Nuisance</u>

It seems that some alcohol is already being brought onto site, as cricketers can be seen after matches, holding cans of beer/lager.

As the field is open to public access 24/7 we have no control if people bring alcohol to be consumed whilst on the sports field. We would like the licence so that we (the cricket club) have more control and can sell alcohol to raise much needed funding to continue running the club for future generations.

Last season this alcohol seemed to fuel the after-match celebrations involving lewd shouting, swearing and unacceptable behaviour which has no regard for the High Street neighbours who back on to the Cricket ground. This revelling goes on after dark. One of my neighbours was threatened with a cricket bat when

he spoke to a group of cricketers who were repeatedly hitting a cricket ball against his wooden garden fence.

We were not aware of any threats made with a cricket bat to our neighbour and if this is true, we would have supported reporting this to the police as this is against the club constitution and we do not condone any threats or violence!

We were made aware of the balls being hit at the fence by visiting opposition and responded by installing signage asking people to respect our neighbours and not to play ball games against the fences.

In regards to this being fuelled by alcohol, this particular team (Handford) were made up of South Asian players who did not drink as part of their faith.

As far as we're concerned there has been no further issues and again ask the neighbours to raise issues with the cricket club or the GSA.

3 times during the season neighbours have called out the Chairman of Glebelands Sports Association Ltd (the body which holds the lease and who rents the ground to the Cricket Club) to remonstrate with the cricketers in an attempt to get them to modify their night time behaviour.

The granting of an extended drinks license will surely only serve to aggravate the current problems.

In my opinion, and in the opinion of my near neighbours, the Cricket Club has already proved it is not sufficiently responsible to hold a drinks license.

We feel the club has addressed issues raised to the club and GSA, and are not aware of any official complaints being filed against the club. The club is not planning to use the facilities more than it currently does during the cricket season, the pavilion is not used October – Mid April and we have no plans to start doing so. We plan to sell alcohol after practice, during and after matches between Mid April-September. We have applied for every evening to allow for any rearrangements due to weather. We purely want to use the bar to help improve club funds.

Neighbours adjacent to the pavilion look forward with apprehension to the dates of 'home' games. If Cricket were granted a license, allowing more alcohol to be available, it seems very probable that this public nuisance factor would get worse.

 From:
 ehlicensing

 Subject:
 FW: Church Eaton Cricket Club Alcohol Licence.

 -----Original Message----From:

Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2023 1:23 PM To: ehlicensing <ehlicensing@staffordbc.gov.uk> Subject: Church Eaton Cricket Club Alcohol Licence.

10.5.23

Stafford Borough Council

Licensing Officer

Civic Centre

Riverside

Stafford

ST16 3QA

Dear Sirs/Madam

Re Application for Alcohol Licence, Church Eaton Cricket Club, Church Eaton ST20 0AG.

With regards to the recent application for a club alcohol licence by church Eaton cricket club we wish to object.

We have lived in Church Eaton for over 20 years , we have in the past had no problems with the club and have enjoyed many afternoons and evenings watching the game, . Unfortunately the last couple of years things have radically changed regarding the manor in which the club is run.

Church Eaton Cricket Club have little or no regard for its neighbouring residents or the people who live in this village. In fact the vast majority of players don't even live in this village! We feel an alcohol licence will heighten these issues to a new level.

The club was erected for the use of players providing teas and light refreshments NOT for the sale of alcohol.

Players already drink alcohol on the premises which in turn causes rowdy, loutish behaviour. Bad language and loud shouting are often heard well after matches have ended along with cars spinning their wheels off the carpark and sounding their horns! This village is a quiet, conservation area that welcomes a game of cricket NOT encourages an excuse for players and their supporters to drink alcohol outside as their is clearly a lack of space and seating inside the pavilion. We have a public house only a five minute walk from the club with adequate facilities so why can they not go there?

Young children are always in attendance at matches and surely supervision should be a priority not the consumption of alcohol.

The parking on match days is also a big problem. The carpark is not large enough for club players and supporters and cars are regularly parked dangerously on the main road coming into the village and along the high street causing major disruption. If they are planning to open the club for more social events and drinking then this will only escalate the parking problems.

The lack of facilities in the club house is also an issue with only 1 female toilet and 1 male toilet players and supporters have been seen and heard urinating along fence and at the side of the cricket shed !

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We hope that you will take all our concerns into consideration when deciding this proposal. Kind Regards

Again... We would like to clarify that the car park is leased to the Glebelands sports association (Cricket and tennis club). along with the sports field. The Association allows the Village hall and the school (during drop off times) use of the car park to aid village congestion at busy periods particularly school times but we are not obliged to. Should there be an issue with parking the Glebelands Sports association could have sole access to the car park, however we feel this would not aid community relations and could create a real safety issue as the village hall would have no off street parking at all. There is an agreement with the school that the school car park could be used as overflow parking should it be required. We are not expecting that having a bar will bring anymore spectators to the ground than are already present. Below is a photo on the busiest night of the year so far at the club (26/05/23). As you can see the is still spaces available.



The club actually has 4 toilets, 1 male,1 female, a male urinal in the changing rooms and a unisex cubicle in the changing rooms.

The club still want to continue to support the village pub and we are not planning to try and compete we just want to improve the club finances through selling alcohol during matches and during/after training sessions. The club will not open October- Mid April.

Signage will be installed (like at the Royal Oak) asking people to leave quietly, respectfully and safely. Whoever is running the match/session will make sure people have vacated the premises before leaving.

We encourage people to get in touch and raise any concerns with us and we will do our best to address then.

12th May 2023

Stafford Borough Council Licencing Officer Civic Centre Riverside Stafford ST16 3QA

Dear Sir/Madam

Re **Church Eaton Cricket Club:** Club licence application, High Street church Eaton Stafford ST20 <u>0AG</u>

I/we set out my comments with regard to the cricket club's application for a "club licence" at the above location. The outcome of my/our comments can be interpreted as an **overall objection** to the application, but the purpose of the response is to be **informative**, **advisory and preventative**.

Let me say at the outset *we are not in any way against* the Cricket Club, and I enjoy the sound of sports in general on the field and the sound of leather on willow, is an ancient tradition of village life.

We appreciate the officer and committee will, in reality only give consideration to matters within the licencing act under the headings listed below, but they may wish to give consideration to the wider impact and the holistic application, as well as the applicant's overall demeanour and respect for law, or lack of it!

We are not aware of reports to the police or Environmental health against the cricket club in respect of the allegation

In this regard, specifically there has been no approach or consultation whatsoever with any residents that are likely to be impacted by the sale of alcohol on this location. This would have been a common courtesy at the very least, polite at best, but in reality, it is simply an affront to local community cohesion. This is typical of how the club operates and could be a clue as to how they will manage alcohol.

Anyone is welcome to become a member of the cricket club and become involved in its running, we have applied for the licence through the proper channels, filing the application and putting a notice on the pavilion and in the newspaper

We believe that one of the complainants used to be involved with the running of the GSA but was voted out of there role by the majority of members. This is possibly one of the reasons to some of the wild accusations.

The reality of course is that the overwhelming majority of members and attendees to the Cricket Club *are not residents of the parish* and have no regard or respect for the community, or the parking, the village facilities or the conservation area. If they did, they would not park along the road in a dangerous way on almost every match occasion and they would use the facilities of the village in the form of the village hall and or the pub a mere few 100 metres away.

Inclusivity... We as a club do not discriminate any person that wishes to join the cricket club be it gender, race, religion or post code! We just want to improve the club and provide a safe, friendly environment for people to enjoy the sport and socialise.

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It is the case that there is *no need* for an alcohol licence, there is *no demand* for an alcohol licence, and this is simply a challenge to the local economic viability of the community and a threat to the community cohesion. **It is nothing more than a licence application for ASB**.

Anyone is welcome to become a member of the club either social or playing. The number of people in the village that didn't object far outweighs those that did. The club does engage with the village, lots of children from the school play cricket at the club. We hosted charity village match for many seasons which involved many "villagers".

We're not planning to challenge the pub, the Royal Oak is one of the club sponsors, we purely want to provide alcohol during matches. Our club is run by volunteers that spend a lot of time at the club, they are not planning to start serving alcohol throughout the year as they are busy enough already.

The club will install a village liaison officer to help promote village cohesion. We plan to install cctv as a security measure but can be used to monitoring behaviour. Should there be any issues raised appropriate action will be taken against any member.

We know the Cricket Club have a total disregard for general law. Proof, is that they erected their new cricket nets long in advance of even applying for planning permission and are now undertaking extensive advertising, again without applying for the appropriate consents. How will they manage alcohol- <u>the evidence is suggestive.</u>

This is not relevant to this application. Subsequent planning permission for the nets was applied for and granted by Stafford Borough Council.

It would not be a surprise if they're already selling alcohol (judging by the empty beer cans seen on occasion around the field) and it would certainly explain the considerably noisy boisterous and invasive behaviour experienced over last summer by many visiting teams, late into the night.

The club is currently only selling soft drinks in the tuck shop. The field is open to the public and members of the public are legally allowed to enjoy food and drink they bring with them, however we encourage people to use the waste bins we provide, both recycling and general waste.

Granting a licence would help us control alcohol consumption on the sportsground, however we how not noticed any anti social behaviour issues as eluded to and are not aware of any reported to the authorities prior to this applitation.

In addressing the specifics of the application, under the headings relevant for consideration I would offer the following comments...

The prevention of crime and disorder

The prevention of crime and disorder is an oxymoron when it comes to the permission of alcohol to be used in conjunction with hot summer days in open environments. There are numerous studies reports and documented evidence on the Internet of crime alike linked to alcohol use.

This comes down to having the appropriate facilities, and here there are NO facilities. We're talking about a timber building that arrived on the back of a lorry following the arson attack quite possibly alcohol related with no facilities at all to cater for consumption of alcohol which is likely to need additional pressures on toilet/welfare facilities including disabled toilets of which there are none appropriate in this facility.

I would advise if the complainant has any information about historic fire at the pavilion they contact the police immediately!

In regards to facilities, there are 4 toilets located within the pavilion.

Furthermore, as soon as you have alcohol it is an <u>invitation and temptation</u> for burglary seeking to obtain the alcohol. In a timber building this is hardly going to be very secure. Even if it were alarmed that would just be a further nuisance to local residents as well!

The alcohol will be stored in steel cabinets out of site, doors are locked. CCTV will be installed. The majority of club transaction are by card so little cash on site.

There will be urinating in the public areas. There will be attempted break ins. There will be additional crime and disorder.

The above are assumptions not fact...

The other headings such as public nuisance, fighting, causing a disturbance, et cetera are all crimes and disorders directly related to the use of alcohol and tolerance levels can be debated, but why have any at all when there is a perfectly adequate public house within walking distance of the clubs' facilities?

We will continue to support the public house in the village and are not planning to compete. The pub is in the centre of the village and people can't enjoy a drink whilst watching a game as we're on the edge of the village. The club needs to generate funds to keep operating. We play in the North Staffs/South Cheshire cricket league and I personally have only played at one club that doesn't have a bar (they don't have a pavilion). It is a vital source of income to all of them.

Public safety

Loud aggressive and intimidating behaviour is often linked and associated with alcohol. Why should residents be exposed (or even the risk of being) to fear, intimidation, abusive and public disorder and even the threat of their public safety in an open field environment which is accessible to

everybody, when those wishing to drink alcohol could do so in a licenced premises again within walking distance of the sports field.

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The fear of public safety should alone be a reason not to permit such a licence in what an open field and a building with a couple of changing rooms is essentially and a tiny tea room facility.

The prevention of public nuisance

Best way to prevent a public nuisance is going to be by not encouraging the use of alcohol in an open playing field with no enclosed facilities suitable for the consumption of alcohol. If the permission is upheld it is an absolute certainty that there will be recorded instances over the summer of a public nuisance to the authorities calling upon stretch resource is to be unnecessarily burdened by abusive disturbance of the peace and in all likelihood criminal activities.

The protection of children from harm

It is not a public house or restaurant where age limits and rules apply. This is an open sports field with a timber changing room facilities in a family environment open to the public which includes children of all ages. There are no safeguarding preventative measures suggested and alcohol infused adults around children, cars and cricket matches is an undoubted recipe for disaster.

The club is ECB Clubmark accredited to operate junior sides, any adults running sessions or in official roles are DBS checked. We have safeguarding policy in place and a Safe guarding officer (Stuart Goddard) who will be attending the hearing.

If the licencing officer and committee are mindful to accept the necessity for alcohol to be served in an open field in a conservation area on a hot summers day then at the very least the hours should be restricted from those applied for which are nothing more than an open invitation for alcohol abuse seven days a week from early in the afternoon till late at night. The hours proposed a longer than the trading hours than the public house in the village.

The only hours that seem remotely sensible if there must be any at all, would be Saturday and Sunday 1:00 o'clock till 6:00 o'clock, and on the 1 remaining Monday bank holiday similar hours.

We are planning that the club will continue to operate in future years, we were advised apply for Mondays to cover any bank holiday fixtures such as the Village charity match.

The application suggests it is for the cricket season only, the need for the Monday hours is supposedly for the Bank Holiday Monday of which there is <u>only one</u> after the application before the

end of the cricket season, therefore they do not need Monday hours other than on the one bank holiday. This shows the true intent behind the application.

Yours faithfully

We feel this objection is based on assumptions with little fact. The cricket club has been operating for a number of decades and we are not aware of any official complaints or law breaking as implied by this letter. If we are basing this hearing on opinion rather than facts, we feel that many of these objections are a result of the club gaining planning permission for the net refurbishments and it seems to be certain people's hobbies to cause inconvenience to the progression and continuation of the cricket club to create a safe space for future generations to enjoy cricket. We are all volunteers and could use our time more productively rather than dealing with petty vendettas.

All adults and you can count this as <u>4</u> objections.

From:ehlicensingSubject:FW: Objection to application for alcohol license for Church Eaton Cricket Club----Original Message----From:Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2023 5:32 AMTo: ehlicensing <ehlicensing@staffordbc.gov.uk>Subject: Objection to application for alcohol license for Church Eaton Cricket Club

I would like to object to the issuing of a license for the following reasons ;

Noise - slamming off car doors and loud voices late at night throughout the year.

Car parking inadequate size leading to vehicles being parked dangerously in the lane adjacent to the entrance towards the sharp bend in front of the village institute following the growth of the club over the past few years.

Club has out grown current location.

No lighting whatsoever on car park.

Alcohol would only sell alcohol during the cricket season therefore we feel the lighting is adequate as during the summer evenings it would be light until 10pm

No security system in place covering current building

We would install cctv once licence approved

Alcohol currently being served on the premises, encouraging drink driving through the lanes later at night.

Alcohol is not currently being sold on the premises. If the public bring their own alcohol it is their own responsibility to abide by the law.

Hot and cold food including barbecues being served regularly- environmental department maybe should be looking into this.

Awaiting Food Standards inspection, registered as food seller with Stafford Borough Council. Some parents have brought their own food and BBQ's on occasion to celebrate special events, ie: child's birthday after playing cricket with friends.

Committee of club has complete disregard for abiding by local laws Eg no planning permission application for new training nets until objections received from residents. Current hedge cutting carried out causing severe damage to old established trees contained within it.

Not aware of this, roadside hedges cut in the Sept-March window by contractor used by Staffordshire County Council.

Currently lease from landlord prohibits sale of alcohol on the premises I believe.

Whilst recognising the need for the facility to be part of the local community it has like previously stated out grown it current location with many new teams now being run at the location. Best regards

See attached letter from GSA. The club would like to make it clear that we are not happy that one of the complaints is sharing details of a confidential lease between the GSA and Diocese. We believe this is breaking GDPR code as we believe one of the complainants used to have a position of authority within the GSA but was voted out in a EGM by a considerable majority. Therefore we are unwilling to acknowledge Rep 5.

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Glebelands Sports Association Ltd COMPANY NO 01462708 c/o Bridgeside, High Onn Wharf, Church Eaton, Stafford ST20 0AX

31st May 2023

REF : CHURCH EATON CRICKET CLUB, THE SPORTSGROUND, HIGH STREET, CHURCH EATON, ST20 0AG. NOTICE OF HEARING 10am Wednesday 14 June 2023

Dear Sirs

The Glebelands sports Association Ltd is the lease holder for the Glebelands sports ground on which Church Eaton Cricket Club play. The Sports Association liaises directly with the agents of Lichfield Diocese who are the land owners.

The company's role is to administer the use of the sports ground by issuing an annual licence to the respective sports clubs, which defines the rules they have to follow, the annual rent which covers the use of the ground, insurance and utility costs.

The lease which is between "The Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance (incorporated)" and Glebelands Sports Association Ltd.

Clause 11.4 of the lease states "The Tenant shall not use the property for the sale or distribution of wines beers or spirits with the exception of the sale of wines beers or spirits during cricket matches at the request of the Tenant".

I trust this clarifies the claims, which states that as Church owned land alcohol is not allowed, is totally incorrect.

Yours sincerely

Chairman Glebelands Sports Association Ltd

Licensing Sub Committee Procedure

- 1 The Chairman will introduce the Members of the Sub-Committee and invite those present at each hearing to introduce themselves.
- 2 The Licensing Officer outlines the details of the application, and relevant representations received, to the Sub Committee.
- 3 Any person who has submitted a relevant representation will be given the opportunity to present details of their representation. The running order for such presentations will be decided by the Chairman prior to the first presentation commencing.
- 4 Following each submission, the Applicant or his representative may question the person concerned.
- 5 Members of the Sub-Committee may then ask questions of the person concerned.
- 6 Once all relevant representations have been heard, the Applicant or his representative presents his application for the licence and calls any witnesses in support.
- 7 Any person who has submitted relevant representations may then question the Applicant (if he has given evidence) and any witnesses.
- 8 Members of the Sub- Committee may then ask questions of the Applicant and any witnesses.
- 9 All parties who have presented relevant representations can summarise their case and comment briefly on the Applicant's replies to questions. They cannot introduce new issues.
- 10 The Applicant can summarise their case and comment briefly on the any parties replies to his questions, they cannot introduce new issues.
- All parties will then withdraw whilst the Sub Committee considers the case.
- 12 The Sub Committee will deliberate in private only recalling any party to clear points of uncertainty on evidence already given. If recall is necessary all parties will return notwithstanding only one is concerned with the point giving rise to doubt.
- 13 The Chairman will announce the Sub Committee's decision and will give reasons for the decision to the parties at the end of the hearing; the decision being confirmed in writing afterwards.