

**CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**  
**LICENSING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE**  
**FRIDAY, 3 NOVEMBER, 2006**  
**IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK**  
**PART 1**

PRESENT: Councillors

Easton, R. (Chairman)

Allen, F.W.C.	Davies, D.N.
Ansell, Mrs. P.A.	Freeman, M.P.
Ball, G.D.	Grice, Mrs. D.
Carr, I.R.	Holder, M.J.

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R.D. Butler, J. Burnett, R.C. Turville and B. Williams).

**17. Minutes**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 September, 2006 be approved as a correct record.

**18. Licensing Sub-Committee**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 27 July, 2006 be received.

**19. Exclusion of Public**

RESOLVED:

That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 2, Part I, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

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**20. Private Hire Vehicle Licence – Exceptional Vehicle**

Consideration was given to the Not for Publication Report of the Head of Environmental Health (Enclosure 6.1 – 6.13 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The representative of the Head of Environmental Health presented the report. She advised that the application for a Private Hire Vehicle Licence had been made by the applicant on 5 September 2006. The vehicle was first registered in the UK on 1 January 2005. However, the vehicle's declared date of registration was 31 October 2000. The applicant was aware of the Council's age policy and that an exemption applied for "exceptional vehicles". He requested his application be held with a claim being made that it was "exceptional", once the vehicle had reached six years old. The summary of the Licensing Officer's inspection of the vehicle was circulated for Members information. Members were being asked to consider whether the vehicle was an "exceptional vehicle" having regard to the guidelines that were attached to the report.

Members then examined the applicant's vehicle.

The applicant was afforded the opportunity of asking questions of the Council's representative. There being none, Members were afforded the opportunity of asking questions of the officer.

In response to a question from a Member, the Officer confirmed that the mileage of the vehicle was 73435 when the vehicle was examined on 1 November 2006. It was confirmed that the applicant had purchased the vehicle in September 2006 and had used it only for his own private use. The Chairman had concern that the engine of the vehicle was a little dirty. The applicant advised that he had not cleaned the engine as this may have affected the electrics.

In response to a further question, the applicant explained that he did not have any service history for the vehicle.

The applicant was then afforded the opportunity to present his case.

He stated that he had purchased the vehicle to improve the fleet of vehicles he owned. He had requested the service history but it had not been provided. He explained that he had 8 licensed vehicles and he provided the Committee with defect sheets for these vehicles showing that he repaired them as necessary and maintained them to a certain standard.

Members of the Committee were then given the opportunity of asking questions of the applicant. In response to a question from a Member, the applicant confirmed that he did not realise the vehicle had no service history when he purchased it. The only documents that came with the vehicle were the MOT and log book. The manual and service history appeared to have been lost in transit.

In response to a further question from a Member the applicant confirmed the work he had undertaken on the vehicle and stated that he intended to purchase a manual for the vehicle. He further confirmed that he had mechanical training to enable him to undertake the work.

The officer was then afforded the opportunity to ask questions of the applicant. There being none, the Officer had the opportunity to sum up the case. She stated that Members had viewed the vehicle and would need to determine whether the vehicle was "exceptional".

The applicant was then afforded the opportunity to sum up his case.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That having regard to all the circumstances the application for a Private Hire Vehicle Licence be approved as the Committee was satisfied that the vehicle was an "exceptional vehicle" as defined by the Council's policy for the age restriction of Private Hire Vehicles.
- (B) That the Private Hire Vehicle Licence be granted for 12 months from 3 November 2006.

## **21. Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles – Age Policy**

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Environmental Health (Enclosure 7.1 – 7.7 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Head of Environmental Health advised Members that since preparing the report the Council had received a document from the Department of Transport relating to Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles – a best practice guide. It was considered appropriate to defer consideration of the report to enable the contents of the document to be assessed and the report revised accordingly.

RESOLVED:

That the report be deferred to a future meeting of the Licensing and Public Protection

Committee.

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CHAIRMAN