

## HESLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF AN EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE MEETING ROOM ON MONDAY 12 AUGUST AT 7PM

**Councillors Present:** David Blacketer (DB) Pauline Bramley (PB)  
Richard Bramley (RB) Bev Heap (BH)  
Zena Richards (ZR)

**Public Present:** 7

This extraordinary Parish Council (PC) meeting was called because the PC had not been informed of the application. The PC has until 19<sup>th</sup> August to respond.

**Public session matters raised:** Members of the public were strongly opposed to any variation to the present opening hours. A show of hands confirmed their unanimous opposition to the application. The PC encouraged residents to respond directly to CYC Licencing Team with their concerns e.g. extended opening hours exacerbating already recognised anti-social behaviour, urinating in the street, upending dust bins, voice noises as patrons vacate the premises.

**24/217 - To accept apologies for absence:** Cllrs Garner, Hilton, Percy, Pell and the Parish Clerk

**24/218 - To record declarations of interest in items on the agenda:** None

**24/219 - To report and make relevant recommendations on new licencing application**

Stonegate Pub Company Ltd that on 22nd July 2024 made application to the City of York Council for the variation of a Premises Licence at the following premises:  
Charles XII, Main Street, Heslington, York, YO10 5EA.

Resolved - (Unanimous) - The Parish Council would object to the application as follows:

Heslington Parish Council (HPC) would like to formally submit an objection to the proposed variation of premise licence for the Charles XII pub dated 22 July 2024.

The proposed extension of hours for the sale of alcohol to midnight, Monday to Saturday, and 23.00 hours on Sunday, will have a significant impact on the local community. Heslington is an historic and quiet rural village. This license variation is in fundamental conflict with the status, key characteristics and significance of the Heslington Conservation Area and its Village Design Statement.

The Council has received a number of complaints from local residents regarding behaviour in the local area, specifically complaining about noise and anti-social behaviour late at night. The proposed increase in the licensable hours will only exacerbate this issue, to the detriment of the local residents and the village. Additionally, HPC has serious concerns about this application and its potential impact on residents' amenity and quality of life due to inevitable increased noise, public nuisance and illegal littering, including bottles and glasses left in the street, both throughout the whole day and particularly at unsocial times. Also, increased traffic levels, traffic noise and traffic pollution further compromise residents' amenity at unsocial times. It is noted that no mitigation steps have been included in this application.

The extensive beer garden to the rear of the premises will further damage residents' rights to the quiet enjoyment of their own properties with these extended hours. For example, with a longer and later window for the sale of alcohol this will likely increase the number of patrons attending the premises and the number of intoxicated people in the local area during the

later hours. In turn, this could exaggerate public disturbances in the community, for example; shouting in the street, knocking on doors and other related antisocial behaviour.

HPC believe proposed extension will have a significant impact on the three of the four points covered in the licensing objection criteria:

- The prevention of crime and disorder;
- Public safety;
- The prevention of public nuisance.

A similar application from these premises to extend licensing hours was refused in 2005 and 2019 and those grounds for doing so hold fast today.

Heslington Parish Council object to this proposal based on the City of York Licencing Policy objective to prevent public nuisance.