Bratton Clovelly Parish Council

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# Minutes of Meeting 205, held on Wednesday 22nd June 2022

Time commenced: 7.30pm

Those present: Cllrs. Waters, Gilbert, Hughes, Levy WDB Cllr Southcott and Cllr C Mott

Mrs R Ward (Clerk) Cllr Rocket from 07:35pm

Members of the public: 26

It was agreed that Cllr Waters would chair this meeting

1. Public Participation: 26 parishioners attended: four parishioners spoke to support the licencing application, one of whom was an applicant.  One parishioner spoke about fire hazards from a BBQ. Everyone was given an individual opportunity to express their views. Overall parishioners seemed to feel negatively towards the application in some form or other.  Main complaints were: Noise nuisance, long hours of potential noise nuisance and the daily possibility of the noise nuisance. This issue of late night light pollution was raised as it would interfere with wild life – the prospective licence is for outdoor and indoor drinking and live music.

The applicant stated that they wanted the licence so they could better control the guests and that they had been unaware of any nuisance in the past. They also said they do not plan to use the full extent of the licence.

1. Apologies: B McNelis
2. Declaration of Interest: None
3. Consideration of Premises licence application : Bernard McNelis and Li Zhu at Eversfield Manor Cottages, Bratton Clovelly, Okehampton, Devon, EX20 4JF

The application is for:

The supply of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises Monday to Sunday 12:00 to 23:00.

The provision of late night refreshment on and off the premises Monday to Sunday 23:00 to 01:00.

The performance of live music Monday to Sunday 12:00 to 2300.

After discussion the PC agreed to send the following response to West Devon Borough Council:

“Parishioners of Bratton Clovelly have expressed the following concerns –

Noise- Eversfield Manor is set towards the bottom of a natural bowl facing the village, this means any noise from the premises rolls across the village and around the surrounding hillside. The late and daily nature of the licence means that this nuisance noise, from people who may have been drinking most of the day and from live music, could continue daily from lunch time until 01:00hrs, and until 02:00 for up to 30 occasions annually. This is a deeply rural community and such noise is detrimental to locals and wildlife alike, as well as local businesses that offer peaceful retreat. Due to the geography of the location, this nuisance is not restricted to immediate neighbours, but affects the whole village. There was also a concern about public safety with guests coming and going from a small farm track onto the main Bratton Clovelly road at a spot that DCC Highways recognises as a danger point.”

1. **Date of next meeting:** Ordinary meeting 3rd August,