

GUNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Notes of the Virtual Meeting (due to Pandemic Regulations) of Gunthorpe Parish Council and NSDC Alan Batty on Wednesday 2nd September 2020 at 7.15pm via zoom

Apologies: Cllr Severn, Cllr Cope,

Present Cllr Everington (Chair) Cllr Jeffery (Vice) , Cllr Platten, Cllr Milward, Cllr Hill,

In attendance: Alan Batty NSDC, Cllr Jackson NCC & NSDC and Yvonne Greenfield Parish Clerk,

Meeting with Alan Batty from NSDC to discuss concerns about the issues that occurred during Lockdown with anti social behavior, rubbish and public nuisance, issues with drinking on the river bank and the serving of alcohol by Tom Browns in open containers.

What measures can GPC take to protect Gunthorpe and prevent it happening again?

Cllr Everington Chairman - outlined the concerns as above

Alan Batty – During the Lockdown Period, with good weather and very reduced premises selling alcohol Gunthorpe did become a victim of circumstances. However Tom Brown's were only doing what their licence allowed them to do, they were legally able to sell alcohol in open containers to be consumed away from the premises. (copy of the licence is available as a public document it was issued in 2005)

Cllr Jeffreys Quoted from the Industry Guidance that she said had been breached by allowing people to buy alcohol in open containers and then drink it on the riverbank.

Alan Batty - Noted that the document was not law but guidance and had been written by Licence Officers in Nottinghamshire.
Both the Police and NSDC officials visited Gunthorpe during the daytimes of the hot and sunny weekends and did not witness any anti social behavior. It was extremely busy and people were consuming alcohol on the riverside both brought with them alongside picnics and BBQ's and beer purchased from Tom Brown's who seemed to have a well managed operation in progress.
The problems in Gunthorpe alongside other riverside sites were discussed between NSDC Officers and the Police and Community Protection Officers informally including the huge numbers of visitors, traffic and rubbish.

Cllr Milward - Pointed out that the issues of anti social behavior were taking place later on in the evenings (TB's finished at 8.30pm)

Alan Batty - **Options for the future could be a PSPO, however these are not easy to put in place and are really aimed at city/town centres, they do not stop the drinking or selling of alcohol but do stop anti social behaviour in a public space.**
A PSPO would probably take six months to put in place , A formal letter from GPC to NSDC requesting the order giving reasons and evidence of recent incidents, the request would be advertised for 28 days, NSDC would consult with the Police and Police Licensing authorities if there is a consensus it would go before the next Licensing Committee meeting (meets quarterly - Nov) They would make a decision. It is then subject to review if no issues reported to the police in a period of time the order would be removed. Whilst the Police and NSDC Community protection Officers can enforce the order they have to be on patrol in the area when incidents take place.

GPC could ask for a review of TB's Licence to bring it line with the Unicorn (managed house) however many licencees will hold the same licence as TB's has.

This would involve an eight page written submission with current evidence and after consultations with the same bodies as above an appearance in front of the Licensing sub committee who would then make a decision.

Cllr Jackson Good weather and a riverside setting with pubs, restaurants and ice creams means that Gunthorpe will always have masses of visitors descending on a small village with limited parking. It would be better for the GPC to get together with the businesses in the village and look for a solution rather than fall out.

Signed ----- Date -----