

Aston by Budworth Parish Council Wednesday 23rd March 2017

Minutes following extraordinary meeting to discuss **the Application from Arley Hall & Gardens to vary a premises Licence Licensing Act 2003**. The proposal is to increase the capacity of the estate including parklands for specific events /festivals from 5,999 to 14,999 and to amend the opening hours to 09:00 to 18:00hrs everyday including bank holiday. To extend period open of Arley Park and Gardens as a visitors attraction all year round (except Christmas day New Year's day and a period between 25th Dec to 2nd January.)

The majority of the council met following receipt of several complaints against the application of Arley Hall & Garden who wish to vary the premises licence as described above.

The main concerns being the impact on the approaching roads and single road entering the estate that they are not adequate to cope with the increasing traffic; leading to immense problems for the local residents and access for the emergency services.

Details of some of the complaints were against an event last year 'Dog fest' when the whole of the Arley and a 5-mile radius became grid locked causing chaos to many businesses and residents; including damage to road verges and intrusion to many locals being asked by visitors stuck in traffic to use their bathrooms.

Several areas were discussed -:

- A traffic plan is required from Arley estate to share with the parish council
- Confirm if these planned events are within the '28-day rule'
- Emergency access – is there a plan.
- Discussed comparison to Cheshire show and their traffic control.

The conclusion and decision was to object the application; but due to severe time constraints it was suggested Counsellor Phillip Acton contacted Cheshire East and inform them of the decision as soon as possible preferably first thing the following morning.

A letter would be posted to Cheshire East Council via first class to confirm the decision of the meeting in writing.

Meeting closed at 9pm

Next meeting April 10th 2017

