

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
LICENSING (REGULATORY) COMMITTEE
14th MARCH 2006 AT 6.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mr. N.B.L. DAVIS - CHAIRMAN

Mr. P.R. Batty, Mr. C.W. Boothby, Mrs. D. Finney, Mrs. S. Francks,
Mr. K.A.J. Hunnybun, Mr. C.G. Joyce, Mr. M.R. Lay, Mr. J.E.
Stanley and Mr. D.W. Thorpe.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.4 Mr. J.F. Collins
also attended the meeting.

Officers in attendance: Mr. Mark Brymer, Ms. L. Horton, Mrs. P.I.
Pitt, Mr. T.M. Prowse and Mrs. J. Puffett.

466 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Mr. J.C. Bown.

467 MINUTES (LR3&LR5)

On the motion of Mr. Lay, seconded by Mr. Hunnybun it was

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meetings held on 15th (LR3) and 24th
(LR5) November 2005 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

468 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No interests were declared at this stage.

469 APPLICATION FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE INCREASE (LR4)

The Chairman welcomed Mrs. Tina Duane of the Hinckley and Bosworth
Taxi Association who attended for this item.

Further to minute number 278 of 15th November 2005 the Principal
Licensing Officer reported on an application by the local taxi drivers association to
increase Hackney Carriage Fare Scales. The reason put forward for this
increase was primarily due to the rising cost of living and fuel prices but
additionally the association had cited the increase in standards, running costs
and the increases in insurance premiums. It was emphasised that if approved
the proposed increases would apply to tariffs 2 and 3 only and that the flag fall for
these and tariff 1 would each be 880 yards.

As in November the Committee was requested to determine whether to
vary the current fare scales. As previously, any variations would need to be
advertised and any subsequent objections considered by this Committee.

Although generally sympathetic to this request Members considered the
benefit of reviewing charges annually and the Chairman expressed the view that
if agreed, the proposal to increase tariff 3 (relating to the Christmas and New
Year period) should be given maximum advance publicity.

On the motion of Mr. Hunnybun, seconded by Mrs. Finney it was

RESOLVED – tariffs 2 and 3 meter prices be increased as follows:-

Tariff 2 (time and a half) - £3 switch on and 880.001 to 1100 yards totalling £3.30

Tariff 3(double time) - £4 switch on and 880.001 to 1100 yards totalling £4.40.

(The meeting closed at 6.59 p.m.)