
**APPLICATION FOR WAIVER OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT
LICENCE FEES - LUBBARDS FARM, RAYLEIGH**

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1. This report invites Members to determine an application for the waiver of Public Entertainment Licence fees relating to a barn dance being organised by the Parochial Church Council of St. Nicholas Church, Rawreth. The event is due to take place on Saturday 28 October 2000 in a barn at Lubbard's Farm, Hullbridge Road, Rayleigh.
- 1.2 Public events held in farm buildings, such as barn dances, require a Public Entertainment Licence, issued by the Local Authority [Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, Schedule 1].
- 1.3 The above Act also gives the Local Authority discretion to waive all or part of the fee that would be payable for the grant of a Public Entertainment Licence where it is satisfied that the entertainment is:
 - a) of an educational or other like character **or**
 - b) is given for a charitable or other like purpose;

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Members previously decided "that in view of the small number involved, all applications for fee waivers be considered on their merits, on the basis that a decision making time frame of at least three months is available to the Council" (Minute 111/97).
- 2.2 An application for a waiver of Public Entertainment Licence fees, dated 25 January 2000, has been received from Mr R H Boyd, 9, Swayne Avenue, Hawkwell, who is Treasurer of the Parochial Church Council (see Appendix A).
- 2.3 The Parochial Church Council organised a similar event in 1999, for which a fee waiver of 100% was granted.

3 FEE WAIVER APPLICATION

- 3.1 The application states that the objective of the barn dance is to raise monies for the church renovation fund, which will be used towards the installation of toilets and a water supply at the church.
- 3.2 The application procedure requires applicants to submit a statement of their latest audited accounts. A copy of the Parochial Church Council's audited accounts for the year ending 31st December 1999 is attached at Appendix B.

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- 3.3 The application confirms that the Parochial Church Council does not receive any funding from Rochford District Council.
- 3.4 A covering letter from Mr Boyd, dated 22nd August 2000 gives further information relating to the proposed use of monies raised from this barn dance, and confirms that funds raised from last year's event have been used to pay for repairs to the church porch. A copy of this letter is attached at Appendix C. A statement of the balances in the Porch Fund, and the Building Renewal Fund, as at 30th June 2000 is attached at Appendix D.

4 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Loss of £210.00 income if a 100% fee waiver is granted

5 PARISH IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The event is being organised to provide funds to enhance the facilities at a local place of religious worship.

6 RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 It is proposed that the Sub-Committee **RECOMMENDS**:

The fee due if a Public Entertainment Licence is granted. (HHHCC)

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Background Papers:

None

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