

APPENDIX E

How is The Parish Council able to make a decision with no consultation with all parties. We have never been notified or knew of any complaints.

Listening to the minutes of the meeting (available on line) even one of the councillors asks if The landlord of The Black Horse has been advised.

Why is a parish councillor knocking on the doors of our neighbours trying to rally support.

Exactly, how many complaints have you received, and how many of those were before the councillor started asking for support.

The pub is an integral part of the village and is 100% supported by locals as can be clearly seen by the post codes on the petition that has been signed by over three hundred local residents.

How many councillors have visited the premises to see for themselves, the accusations made against the street vendors. Again, listening to the minutes it is abundantly clear that all but one are even aware of the days and hours food is available. It is assumed by them that people are turning up at all times of night to purchase food when this is absolutely not the case.

The council have been led to believe that the bulk of the food served is for customers to take away. This is absolutely wrong. The whole idea of having them on site was to offer the pub customers a food service on site at our busiest time.

To say that people can't open their doors because of the smell is absurd. We have walked the surrounding roads and if anything can be smelt it is the faint aroma of a food, no more or less than anyone cooking or having a BBQ in their own home.

The pub has the ability and right to be open and serve food all day sending the smell of food into the local area for 12 hours. Fortunately for our neighbours we don't do this, however, If we decide to offer a BBQ from our Pub garden every Friday for four hours what would the difference be?

We offer a choice of food that is not available anywhere else in the village and would just like to make it clear that Between Buns isn't just a burger van. It sells top quality Gourmet Burgers normally only available in restaurants. Slice of Price offer completely fresh homemade Pizzas.

The pub allows one trader on a Friday evening on our private property between approximately 5.00pm and 9.00pm so it's not late, and a sea food stall on a Sunday 12.00-5.00.

All three outlets have complied with the regulations regarding street vendors and have all the necessary permits and food hygiene certification.

Customers have the ability to order their meal online and book a time slot that they wish to eat. This in turn does away with lots of people milling around outside waiting for their meal. It has been said that the vendors are creating more traffic in Orchard Road. The vast majority of their sales are to locals who are frequenting the pub. People in the village do actually drive to the pub. It has never been a concern as to traffic volumes when all the new housing in the village has taken place.

There has been an accusation of litter left behind. This statement is absolutely untrue. The opposite applies and every effort is made to clean up. If the Parish Council were to visit the pub they would see the amount of time and expense we spend on floral displays and decoration in order to make the pub as welcoming as possible. Why would we allow rubbish to be left outside to the detriment of the business. We often actually empty the bin on the common land for this very reason. Something that is not done by the local council often enough. This bin outside the pub is often over filled with everything including dog excrement.

Parking and traffic gets mentioned a lot. Parking has always been at a premium. Not just in Maple way but all around the surrounding area. Friday early evening is our busiest trading time of the week and there would be a problem if we were offering food or not.

The pub employs local people and needs to optimise every income stream available to keep it going in these very difficult times for the leisure industry.

We are helping young and new businesses develop locally creating both employment and financial opportunities for people in these extremely tough times.

I have seen two complaints that have been made and are available on line, one of which states: Our neighbours direct representations and polite protests were rebuffed. I can categorically state that at no time have we ever entered into any dialogue with anybody over this matter and that no one

has ever come to see us and raise any concerns. In fact we were completely unaware that there were any concerns at all. It has become clear through all of this that there is most definitely a personal conflict of interest in these accusations as my nearest neighbour just happens to be on the Parish Council and can be clearly heard on the audio of the minutes commenting on various aspects of this objection. She should in fact have been asked to leave the meeting during this discussion as it absolutely creates a conflict of interest and she clearly, was not.

Please come and visit the pub on a Friday before, during and after trading to see for yourselves. You would be more than welcome.