

Chorley Liaison meeting 18 October 2017

Agenda item:

Firstly, let us make it clear the Parish Council is keen to support local businesses where possible however the financial benefit of a business should not come at a cost to the amenity of local residents.

The issue in question was the granting of a Temporary Entertainments Licence, to the Talbot pub, Balshaw Lane, Euxton for the Bank Holiday weekend evenings of 25, 26 and 27 August. Live music was performed in a marquee until 11:00pm for each of the three nights.

The Talbot is surrounded by private dwellings and little thought appeared to have been given to neighbouring properties in granting the licence. The marquee, due to the nature of its construction, did nothing to dampen the sound of the live music and we received comments from residents of all ages, but mainly elderly residents and those with young children who had 3 consecutive evenings of disturbance.

Unfortunately for music lovers, this culminated on the Sunday evening with a Robbie Williams tribute act who seemed to be the loudest of all. The original, once famously described as “the fat dancer from Take That” by one Liam Gallagher, would have been hard to stomach but this, at top volume, bordered on the tortuous and could be clearly heard as far away as Hillside Close.

We would ask in future the amenity of neighbouring residents is taken into account when licences of this nature are granted and the type of structure the events are to be held in is also considered. We would also ask the provision of noise level meters, which are set at a reasonable level and, should this be exceeded, power to the amplification system is cut, are made a condition of the granting of these licences.