

Warwick Local Joint Pitch Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Warwick LJPC
Held on 13th May 2006

PRESENT: Neil Pateman, NJPC
Huw Williams, Warwick Racecourse
Peter Mace, NAB
John Rosewell, RBA

1. Previous Minutes

The previous minutes were confirmed to be a true and accurate record.

2. Matters Arising

HW stated that he would confirm the opening times for bank holiday fixtures.

3. Tattersalls Betting Ring – Health and Safety

HW explained and showed the meeting plans of the redevelopment of Warwick Racecourse. This included a new restaurant where the stable lad's canteen is currently located.

Health and Safety have concerns about the third line of tattersalls bookmakers, in that there is no access for emergency vehicles from one end of the course to the other. Having discussed this matter in detail, the most probable outcome is to extend lines one and two when the redevelopment is completed in July 2007. This is to be discussed further at the next meeting. NP stated that the cost of supplying and fitting of the anchorage points would have to be at Warwick Racecourse's expense. HW agreed.

4. Rails Designated Numbers

NP distributed a letter he had received from Alan Carter, a rails bookmaker, asking for an increase in designated numbers to 8 since the Health and Safety issue has now been resolved. After discussing its contents and some figures NP had produced on the number of successful opt ins, JR stated that he would be against an increase in the designated number, as the business on the rails did not warrant it and it would be detrimental to their business.

PM also agreed that the number should remain at 6, due to the fact that tattersalls business and crowd figures had decreased significantly over the last few years. To increase the number of rails bookmakers who serve tattersalls punters, since it is all one enclosure, would be unfair and upset the tattersalls bookmakers. PM also pointed out that tattersalls never fills its allocation of bookmakers. HW agreed that crowd figures had decreased recently. HW said he would review the situation at the end of the year.

NP confirmed that if the number were to increase to 8 it would be at the expense of Warwick Racecourse. HW acknowledged this.

5. Bookmakers Security

NP explained the recent incidents concerning bookmaker's safety when leaving racecourses. HW confirmed a new badge box and car park that will have extra security and cctv will be provided by 19th June 2006.

6. Any Other Business

The notice board in the Silver Ring is to be moved to the new badge box.