

# Taunton Local Joint Pitch Council

Thursday, 09<sup>th</sup> November, 2006

## Meeting Minutes

### Present:

Mr. J. Hills – Racecourse.

Mr. J. Williams – N.A.B.

Mr. W. Sherwood – N.J.P.C.

### Minutes of Previous Meeting (08.12.05)

Mr. Sherwood read the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 08<sup>th</sup> December, 2005, which were noted.

### Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

### The Future Administration

Mr. Sherwood stated that the future of the N.J.P.C., beyond August, 2007, was in doubt and it was not known how, or by whom matters would be administered. Mr. Hills observed that he was looking into the provisions of the new Gambling Act. This was noted.

### Designated Numbers – 2007

It was unanimously agreed that the numbers, where possible, should be continued on a meeting for meeting basis as in previous years. The new Sunday fixture on 23<sup>rd</sup> March was considered separately. Numbers were unanimously agreed as on the attached schedule. Mr. Hills stated that the 'Tote' would be operating in the Centre of the Course on both Sunday fixtures. Item approved and noted.

### Betting Ring Layout

No member sought any change to the Ring Layout. This was noted.

### Ring Improvement Grants/Maintenance

Mr. Sherwood reminded members that there would be no funding from the N.J.P.C., and that any changes or maintenance would have to be funded by the Racecourse. This was noted.

### Crowd Behaviour/Ring Security

Mr. Sherwood stated that to his knowledge there had been no problems during the past year. This was noted.

### Date of Next Meeting

Due to the uncertain future, no date was set. This was noted.

### Any other Business

O.F.T. Mr. Sherwood stated that the investigation had not been concluded, due to the uncertain future. This was noted.

Bookmakers Security. Mr. Sherwood stated that during the past year there had been 3 major crimes committed against bookmakers, whilst Taunton is not a high profile course, bookmakers and racecourse staff need to remain vigilant. This was noted.

Centre of Course Procedure. Mr. Sherwood sought confirmation that the procedure and concession should remain on going. This was agreed by Mr. Hills. Item noted.

Parking of Cars. Mr. Williams stated that it had been brought to his attention, by a bookmaker, that prior to the Christmas meeting last year, cars were obstructing the Betting Area in the Centre of the Course. Mr. Hills undertook to ensure that the area would be kept free this year. This was noted.