

## **REPORT TO PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL**

**7<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

### **AGENDA ITEM 8.2 To consider the submission of a Licence Application in respect of Wine Club meetings at the Village Hall**

#### **1 Background**

- 1.1 It has become apparent that Pickmere Wine Club will require some form of alcohol licence. The definition of the sale of alcohol now includes functions where for instance alcohol is included in the ticket price. This applies even to membership clubs or any event where alcohol is supplied or sold on non-licensed premises: even a school cheese and wine evening for which tickets are sold is a licensed activity. As the Village Hall is not currently licensed, there are three options: a Personal Licence, a Temporary Events Notice, or a Premises Licence.

#### **2 Report**

- 2.1 During 2017 the Wine Club intends some tastings to be led by someone with a personal licence but this will not always be the case, as some members will lead a tasting themselves. A Temporary Events Notice is not an ideal option as this is limited to five events per annum for the Village Hall. Representatives of the Wine Club together with your Clerk have considered and have concluded that the most appropriate type of licence would be a Premises Licence. The licence application fee is £100 (payable once) and the annual licence fee is £70. These sums would be funded by the Wine Club. The licence application could include activities such as plays, music, the showing of films – none of which activities currently occur at the Village Hall – or the application could be restricted simply to the Wine Club use. Council is asked to advise on which approach should be taken.

#### **2 Recommendation**

- 2.1 That your Clerk be authorised to submit an application for a Premises Licence, the application fee and licence fee being funded by Pickmere Wine Club.

**Jack Steel**  
**Clerk to Parish Council**