

**CAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**

District of South Cambridgeshire

COUNCIL MEETING 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

	<b>FROM</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>
<b>18.1</b>	Larry Grey & Sons Funfairs	Regarding return dates for this year's funfair.
<b>18.2</b>	Cllr Riley, Licensing Committee Chairman, South Cambs District Council	Regarding the granting of Taxi Licences.

# AGENDA ITEM No 18.1

From: Natalie rose Gray circusmadness@icloud.com  
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Clerk to cambourme parish council

L gray & sons funfairs  
Rose farm london road  
Wymondham  
Nr189 sl

To/ parish clerk and councillors of cambourme,

11/1/17

Please find the dates with your approval that we would like to book for your annual funfair,

We would like to arrive 9/07/17 and set up ready for Wednesday evening 6 pm start,

As other years opening each evening until 9.30 pm ,

Our last night will be Saturday 15th and all generators will be off by 11.30 pm,

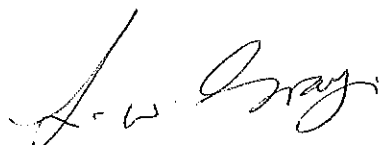
As allways with your help the litter will be cleared each evening and this year I will remain on site until all vehicles have moved on an do my usual ground check on Sunday.

Please pass on our regards to all who know us and we look forward to your reply and the cheque along with this years insurance will be sent soon .

Kind regards

L w gray

Sent from my iPad



Dear Members

As you may be aware there have been media reports this week on taxi licensing that have given the impression that South Cambs is very lax in the way it gives out licences to taxi drivers.

This follows a Freedom of information request to all authorities in the East for information on the number of taxi licences granted over recent years by either a Licensing Hearings Panel or Magistrates Court.

The media articles made specific mention of those with serious convictions, including murderers and violent or sexual offenders, being allowed by ourselves to drive taxis. There is absolutely no truth in these claims.

I want to reassure all members that our policies in South Cambs are very robust and in line with national guidelines. Officers in the Licensing team, as well as all members of the Licensing Hearings Panel, are fully aware that the sole licensing objective is the protection of the public.

Officers and members undertake regular training.

Applicants have to make a detailed statement about any past offences, and are also subjected to an enhanced DBS (this used to be called CRB) check which will show any previous convictions/cautions or warnings irrespective of how old they may be.

It can happen that an applicant has committed offences in the past, but they will only be granted a licence if they are deemed to be a "fit and proper person". If there is any doubt the case will go to a Hearings Panel drawn from members of the Licensing Committee.

Should any applicant be refused a licence they have the right of appeal to the Magistrates' Court. I believe our robustness of decision making is reflected in the fact that we have only lost one appeal in the Magistrates Court over the last 2 yrs.

Should you wish to look at our current policy on convictions it is available via the following link :-

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/taxi-licences>

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Myles Bebbington in Environmental Health and Licensing

Yours Faithfully

Cllr Riley

Licensing Committee Chairman