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CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY

Tuesday, 24th March, 2015

Present:- Councillor Ian Wilkes – in the Chair

Representing Mr C Wakeling, Staffordshire Historic Buildings Trust
Outside Bodies Mr J Whieldon , Newcastle Civic Society

Apologies were received from Councillor(s) Allport, Miss Cooper and Mrs Naylor

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest stated.

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Resolved: That, the minutes of the meeting held on 5 March, 2015 be agreed as a correct record subject to the word 'engineering' being removed from the Comments column for application 15/00102/FUL.

3. **PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED APPLICATIONS**

Resolved:- That the decisions on applications previously considered by this Working Party be received.

4. **NEW APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

Resolved:- That the following observations be made on the applications listed below:-

<u>App No</u>	<u>Proposed development and name of applicant</u>	<u>Comments</u>
14/00971/FUL	27 Hardingswood Road, Kidsgrove	Objects to the demolition of the building to create a gap site because this building forms part of the townscape character of the Conservation Area. It retains the building line as the land rises up and curves away and makes an important contribution to the historic character and

setting of the Area. No 28 (applicant) already has the largest garden plot in the vicinity, not characteristic of this Conservation Area.

15/00166/FUL

Jubilee Baths, Nelson Place, Newcastle

The Working Party welcomes a contemporary building of ideally a mixed use but objects to the scale and uninventive use of materials. The height will alter the building height to road/width ratios which were planned and may create a microclimate and wind tunnel. The Working Party feels that the design should be more sympathetic to this significant part of late Georgian expansion of the town and Conservation Area. The taller elements should ideally step back away from the street level.

15/00175/FUL

Former telephone exchange, Blore Road, Hales

The Working Party feels that this application is enterprising but feels that the design could have reflected the architecture of the building more and the glass elements could have been less obtrusive.

5. URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

COUNCILLOR IAN WILKES
Chair

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Applications for Financial Assistance from the Conservation and Heritage Fund for, Mow Cop Community Hall, Mow Cop Road, Mow Cop (Ref: 15/16001/HBG) and Blackbrook milestone (near Swan with two necks) (Ref: 15/16002/HBG)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Working Party indicates its views on proposals going to the Planning Committee:-

- 1. £1,008 for the repairs to the roof of Mow Cop Community Hall (former School to St Thomas Church), subject to the appropriate standard conditions**
- 2. £206 for the repair of the Blackbrook milestone, subject to the appropriate standard conditions**

Purpose of report

To inform the Working Party of two applications for financial assistance and to give the Working Party an opportunity to express its views on those application.

The views of the Working Party will be reported to the Planning Committee.

1. Mow Cop Community Hall

This building is a Grade II Listed Building and has been managed by a local community group since 2011. The hall is the former school to St Thomas Church. The group have refurbished the building and improved the facilities and have had previous small grants from the Conservation and Heritage Fund totalling £1,357. The roof is leaking and the group have received 2 quotations to repair the roof. The work is urgent so that the damp penetration does not undo all of the positive work which has been undertaken to refurbish the building.

The total cost of the current work to the roof is £5,040 including VAT. The works are eligible for grant up to 20% of the total costs which comes to £1,008. This is the recommended grant

2. Blackbrook Milestone

This project by the Milestone Society is by a volunteer organisation wishing to repair and reinstate highway heritage by looking after milestones in Staffordshire. Dating from 1894, the milestone is a Grade II Listed Building adjacent to the well-known road junction on the A51. It is made from cast iron but its fragments have been badly damaged and it has been recovered by a milestone society volunteer. Repair of the milestone will be undertaken by specialist blacksmiths and the painting and decorating will be undertaken by volunteers of the society at a cost of £60.

The quotation for the work is £1,032 including VAT. The work is eligible for grant up to 20% of the total cost which comes to £206. This is the recommended grant.

Financial Implications

There is sufficient funding to meet both grant applications with £32,000 in the Fund allowing for commitments.