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CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY

8 February 2011

Present:- Councillor Mrs Naylor in the Chair

Councillors Miss Cooper, Heesom, Wemyss and Mrs Williams

Representing Outside Bodies:-

Mr R Manning – North Staffs Society of Architects

Dr M Nixon – CBA

Mr J Worgan – Civic Society

Apologies were received from Mr P Chatterton.

589. * **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 December 2010 be agreed as a correct record, subject to the following amendments:-

- (i) Councillor Wemyss requested that his apologies be recorded for the meeting held on 21 December 2010.
- (ii) Item (iii) (Civic Awards) Mr Worgan confirmed that this would be 'matched' by the Civic Society.

590. * **CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL AND MANAGEMENT PLANS AND THE CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

Consideration was given to a report determining a programme for the preparation of a Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan for Conservation Areas in the Borough.

The recommendations to the Planning Committee were:-

- (a) That the programme for the preparation of Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plans for the Conservation Areas of the Borough, as set out in Table 3 of this report be approved.
- (b) That the revised proposals with respect to the preparation of a Conservation and Heritage Supplementary Planning Document as set out in the report be approved.

Resolved:- That the following views be provided to the Planning Committee:

The Conservation Advisory Working Party supported the recommendations in principle commenting that the Supplementary Planning Document would add status to the planning process. Under 6.2 of the report, the ranking table needed clarification as it was confusing.

The Working Party registered concerns over the resource demanding process and length of time that it would take to complete the whole programme. The Working Party urged ways of seeking external funding, for example HLF, through community involvement and consider whether the reports should not be as long. In addition, ways should be sought to reduce the process. Members wished to be kept involved in the programming of the reports.

591. * **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

(b) 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>
10/768/FUL	Single storey oak framed garden building. 123 Smithy Lane, Knighton. Prime Oak Buildings Ltd.	The Working Party felt that the proposal would not harm the setting of the Listed Building but raised concerns over the size of the building.

592. * **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

(i) Maxims

Members were informed that the Staffordshire Historic Buildings Trust were happy to consider this building as a potential project. The Group was updated on the latest progress at Maxims with a meeting arranged for 10 February. The Council also agreed to fund an archaeological and repairs survey which would be costed for the building. This would take place as soon as access into the building could be arranged with the owner. The survey would inform the next course of action.

Councillor Wemyss requested that the minutes of the Working Party be sent to all Members.

Mr Manning informed the Group that Mr Heeks had passed away.

The Council's Conservation Officer would ask Mr Ferrington if he wished to remain on the Group. Also, Mr Tribbeck should be removed from the mailing list as he had missed many meetings.

MRS W NAYLON
Chair