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CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY

8 September 2009

Present:- Councillor Mrs Naylor in the Chair
Councillors Miss Cooper, Heesom and Slater

Representing Outside Bodies:-

Mr P Chatterton – Newcastle Civic Society
Mr D Ferrington – Staffs Historic Buildings Trust
Mr D McNair-Lewis – McNair, Lewis Design
Mr J Worgan – Newcastle Civic Society
Mr B Sinnott – Madeley Parish Council
Mr I Webb – Whitmore Parish Council

Apologies were received from Mr R Manning

322. * MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meetings held on 16 June, 7 July, 28 July and 18 August 2009 be agreed as a correct record.

323. * 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>
09/433/COU	Change of use from A1 (retail) to A2 use (financial and professional services). 67-69 High Street, Newcastle. Instant Cash Loans Ltd.	No objections. The Conservation Advisory Working Party welcomed the re-occupation of the building.
09/424/FUL	Two single storey dwellings with attached office accommodation. Butterton Nurseries, Park Road, Butterton. Butterton Nurseries.	The Conservation Advisory Working Party strongly objected to the overdevelopment of this historic walled garden. The development would detract from the walled garden's character in accordance with Policies B9 and B10 of the Newcastle-under-Lyme Local Plan.

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09/450/ADV	Eight advertisement signs. New Look, Castle Walk, Newcastle. New Look Group plc.	No objections.
09/359/FUL	Installation of two air condenser units to the rear (retrospective application). 5-6 Ironmarket, Newcastle. Done Brothers (Cash Betting Ltd).	No objections.
09/444/FUL	Side extension forming a sitting area with two bedrooms above. Spring Cottage, The Holborn, Madeley. Mr D Speakman.	The Conservation Advisory Working Party raised strong objections to this proposal in accordance with Policy B10 of the Newcastle-under- Lyme Local Plan. The proposed alterations to the dormer windows would be out of proportion with the other windows on this elevation of the building.
09/464/LBC	Demolition of two storey north corner section of existing dwelling. Woodshutts Farm, Second Avenue, Kidsgrove. Mr J Wood.	Despite initial concerns, the Conservation Advisory Working Party cautiously welcomed the proposal if the result was sympathetic to the fabric of this historic building in accordance with Policies B4 and B11 of the Newcastle-under-Lyme Local plan.
09/466/DEEM3	Alterations and additions to include two new air conditioning condensing units. Kidsgrove Town Hall, Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove. Newcastle Borough Council.	No objections.
09/463/FUL	Internal and external alterations to vehicular access. The Old Rectory, Mucklestone Road, Mucklestone. Mr & Mrs J Friend.	The Conservation Advisory Working Party welcomed the internal alterations which would help to return the building to its original character. Members requested that the Conservation Officer keep a close observation of the alterations in relation to materials and detailing. With respect to the alterations to the access, the photographs and plans did not tie in with each other. Therefore, Members were uncertain as to

which access was to be altered and requested that the issue be clarified and brought back to the next meeting of this Working Party.

324. * CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE FUND APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Details were submitted of the undermentioned applications for financial assistance from the Conservation and Heritage Fund that would be considered by the Planning Committee:-

- (i) Pitfield House, Brampton Road, Newcastle (Ref: 09/10002/HBG)

Replacement windows.

- (ii) Newcastle Congregational Church, King Street, Newcastle (Ref: 09/10003/HBG)

Repairs to stonework and re-pointing works.

Resolved:- That the applications, as set out in the officer's report, be submitted by the Working Party and the Planning Committee be advised accordingly.

325. * ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (i) Maxims. Lower Street, Newcastle

Members enquired as to the current situation of this building. The building had stood empty for many years, briefly re-opening as a disco approximately five years ago. There had been discussions to convert the building into offices.

Resolved:- That the information be received and any further progress be reported back to this Working Party.

- (ii) Pigeons

The issue relating to the roosting pigeons, raised at the meeting of 7 July 2009 had been raised by the Greater Town Centre and Poolfields LAP.

Resolved:- That the information be received.

- (iii) Fly-posting in the Town Centre

It was reported that there had been fly-posting issues on the former Castle Hotel and the former Bookland building. The matter had been passed to the Council's Head of Operations.

Resolved:- That the information be received.

**MRS W NAYLON
Chair**