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## **CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY**

**14 April 2009**

**Present:-** Councillor Mrs Naylor in the Chair

Councillors Miss Cooper, Heesom, Richards and Mrs Williams

Representing Outside Bodies:-

Mr L Chatterton – Newcastle Civic Society

Mr R Manning – North Staffs Society of Architects

Mr J Worgan – Newcastle Civic Society

Mr D McNair-Lewis – McNair Lewis Design

Apologies were received from Mr B Sinnott.

### 818. \* **CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER**

A request had been made by Mr Drydon McNair-Lewis to be co-opted onto this Working Party.

**Resolved:-** That Mr McNair Lewis be co-opted as a member of the Conservation Advisory Working Party.

### 819. \* **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**Resolved:-** That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 24 March 2009 be agreed as a correct record.

### 820. \* **MATTERS ARISING**

09/102/ADV. Morston House, the Midway. Members would like some follow-up information on the progress of this application.

09/106/FUL. Old Brown Jug, Bridge Street. The applicant has come back to the Council with a 'brick' design. Officers are awaiting further information.

**Resolved:-** That the information be received.

### 821. \* **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>
09/114/FUL	Ground floor link extension. Turner House, Main Road, Betley. Mr A Sumner.	No objections subject to careful control over materials and detailing to match existing in accordance with Policies B9 and B10 of the Newcastle-under-Lyme Local Plan. Request that conditions be attached in relation to this.
09/143/FUL	Single storey rear extension. Keele Lodge, Keele University. Prof M Andrews.	The Conservation Advisory Working Party strongly objected to the proposed extension in its current form, for the reasons outlined in Policy B6 of the Newcastle-under-Lyme Local Plan.  Members welcomed the applicant's attempt to improve the property by removing the brick extensions with a 'quality' approach. However, it was felt that the proposal did not fit in with the design of the Victorian building. Request that further discussions be entered into to retain the quality of this very important building.
09/157/FUL	Access track. Bridge Farm, London Road, Knighton. Nuon UK Ltd.	Members stood by their comments made on application 08/360/FUL at the meeting held on 10 June 2008 – "No comments".

822. \* **BUTTERTON CHURCH**

At a previous meeting of this Working Party, concerns had been raised regarding damp inside the Church. The Chair had corresponded with representatives from the Church and a response had been received. This had been passed to the Council's Conservation Officer who would report her findings to the next meeting of this Working Party.

**Resolved:-** That the information be received.

**823. \* LAND REAR OF ST LUKE’S CHURCH, SILVERDALE**

Members were advised that this application had been approved at Planning Committee. A condition had been attached to retain the platforms and a suggestion made to take down and restore the signal posts/arms and relocate them near to the platforms.

There appeared to be several unresolved issues, one of which was that of the tarmac surfacing material being used down to Crown Street. This Working Party had requested the use of a ‘sensibly designed’ finish and not tarmac. The Chair would approach Planning Officers to discuss these matters.

**Resolved:-** That the information be received.

**824. \* HOME FARM, KEELE**

The Council’s Conservation Officer had met with representatives of Home Farm on 25 March. More information was required in relation to the Listed Building Consent and health and safety issues.

A further meeting needed to be arranged with structural engineers from Home Farm and English Heritage.

**Resolved:-** That the information be received.

**825. \* BUILDING AT RISK SURVEY**

Due to a downturn in planning applications received, Planning Officers had been allocated Parishes in the Borough and over the coming months would survey the Borough’s Listed Buildings to draw up a Buildings at Risk Register. This register would be updated on a five-yearly basis.

**Resolved:-** That the information be received.

**826. \* NEXT MEETING**

Members were advised that, at this point in time, there were no applications for the meeting due to be held on 5 May 2009. The closing date for applications to this meeting would be next week.

**Resolved:-** (a) That subject to no applications being received, the 5 May meeting be cancelled.

(b) That, should any urgent item be received, the Conservation Officer liaise with the Chair.

**827. \* CONSERVATION GRANT SCHEME**

The Council had got through the first stage of the scheme. The Conservation Officer would submit a report to Cabinet in respect of match funding.

**Resolved:-** That the information be received.

**828. \* TOWN CENTRE MARKET STALLS**

A consultant, Mr Andy Spracklen, had been carrying out works in relation to the redesigning of the market stalls with the deadline set for the end of April. Mr Spracklen was keen to develop the position of a 'Town Centre Manager'.

**Resolved:-** That the information be received.

**MRS W NAYLON**  
**Chair**