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CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY

14 August 2007

Present:- Councillor Mrs Naylor in the Chair

Councillors Mrs Cooper, Mrs Lench and Mrs Speed

Representing Outside Bodies:-

Mrs A Berrisford – Betley, Balterley & Wrinehill Parish Council

Mr L P Chatterton – Civic Society

Mr D Davies – Newcastle Trading Council

Mr D J Ferrington – Staffs Historic Building Trust

Professor A H Gomme – Georgian Group

Mr R Manning – North Staffs Society of Architects

Mr W A Sinnott – Madeley Parish Council

293. * 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> |
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Mrs Berrisford declared an interest in the following application (07/494/FUL) and took no part in the discussion (Secretary of Betley Cricket Club).

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| 07/494/FUL | Replacement cricket club building with implement store. Betley Cricket Club, The Butts, Church Lane, Betley. Betley Cricket Club. | Recommend approval. |
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| 07/600/FUL & 07/601/FUL | (600) Retention of new vehicular access. (601) retention of land restoration and re-profiling works. Sugar Well Farm, 52 Castle Road, Mow Cop. Mr & Mrs D Martin. | Recommend refusal and that consideration be given to the expediency of enforcement action being taken. |
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| 07/656/COU | Change of use from former retail unit to Chinese buffet style restaurant. Former Hubanks, 43-45 Merrial Street, Newcastle. Mr J Lai. | No comments with regard to the principal of the change of use of these premises to a restaurant. |
| 07/667/FUL | Change of use of school room to dwelling house with single storey rear extension. School Rooms adj The Croft, Main Road, Betley. Sausage Developments. | The Working Party objects to the sub-division of the properties with boundary walls preferring retention of the existing open aspect. |
| 07/668/FUL | Detached garage. The Clock House, Keele University, Keele. University of Keele. | Recommend refusal. The basic design of the proposed garage is totally out of keeping with, and detrimental to, the adjoining Clock House and Keele Hall Conservation Area. |
| 07/672/FUL | Car Park extension Moreton House, Church Lane, Wolstanton. Staffordshire Housing Association. | No objections. |
| 07/674/FUL | External works, including new hard paved seating areas, tensile fabric structure and fencing. Students Union Building, Keele University. University of Keele. | Although the Working Party welcomed the creative elements of the scheme, it was considered that its siting would be detrimental to the existing treescape/ landscape. In this regard concern was expressed at the siting and height of the proposed fence. It was felt that the proposal would be better sited on land to the south of Students' Union Building. |

294. * **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 were to be considered by the Planning Committee on 21 August 2007:-

(i) St John's Church, Audley

Repairs to the roof, guttering and a roof truss in the tower.

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(ii) St Thomas' Church, Mow Cop

Treatment of damp in nave and tower (Phase 1). Consolidation of repairs to tower wall and making good of plaster (Phase 2).

(iii) St Thomas' Church, Butterton

Refurbishment/repairs to church.

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

295. * **URGENT BUSINESS**

In accordance with Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council expressed the opinion that the following item should be taken as urgent business.

296. * **CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISALS AND MANAGEMENT PLANS**

(i) Newcastle Town Centre and Betley Village Conservation Area

It was reported that Consultants had been appointed to undertake Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Plans for the Newcastle Town Centre and Betley Village Conservation Areas. Work was due to start in September.

Resolved:- That the information be received.

(ii) Basford and Butterton Conservation Areas and Confirmation of Article 4 (2) Direction

It was reported that the Planning Committee was to consider a report recommending adoption of the Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Plans for these Conservation Areas and that the Article 4 (2) Direction be confirmed.

Resolved:- That the information be received.

MRS W NAYLON
Chair