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CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY

19 January 2010

Present:- Councillor Mrs Naylor in the Chair

Councillors Miss Cooper, Heesom and Slater

Representing Outside Bodies:-

Mr L Chatterton – Newcastle Civic Society

Mr R Manning – North Staffs Society of Architects

Mr J Worgan – Newcastle Civic Society

632. * MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meetings held on 8 September, 29 September, 20 October and 10 November 2009 be agreed as a correct record.

633. * 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>
09/679/LBC	Change of use from school rooms to form additional accommodation, alterations and ground floor rear extension and new vehicular access. The School Rooms and The Croft, Main Road, Betley. Mr & Mrs A Southall.	No objections to the changes to the front elevation. The Conservation Advisory Working Party welcomed the simplicity of design.
09/722/FUL	Retention of widened access, together with re-erection of stone pillar. Smithy Cottage, 35 Mucklestone Road Mucklestone. Mr I Phillips.	The Conservation Advisory Working Party welcomed the reinstatement of the stone pillar as it would enhance the character of the Conservation Area.
09/723/AGR	Erection of steel framed barn. Smithy Cottage,	The Conservation Advisory Working Party welcomed the restoration of the barn but

	35 Mucklestone Road, Mucklestone. Mr I Phillips.	felt that the steel framed building could harm views into the Conservation Area contrary to Policy B14. The Conservation Advisory Working Party requested that consideration be given to re-orientating the barn lengthways along the track and for a landscaping scheme to be provided.
09/724/AGR	Polytunnel for horticulture Mucklestone Nurseries, Church Farm, Eccleshall Road, Muckelstone. Mr B Watkins.	Members were advised that this application did not require consideration by the Working Party.
09/734/DEEM3	Proposed Health and Wellbeing Centre which includes a 25m swimming pool, learner pool, spectator gallery, changing facilities, climbing wall, fitness suite, children's activity zone, dance studio and multi-purpose room. Holdcroft Motor Centre, Brunswick Street, Newcastle. Newcastle Borough Council.	The Conservation Advisory Working Party felt that the design was not successful or locally distinctive with no contextual analysis and a poor design statement. The use of materials is over complicated with no dominant material. The design needs to be simpler and clearer for this important gateway into the town.
09/735/ADV	3 non-illuminated banner advertisements. Jubilee Baths, Nelson Place, Newcastle. Newcastle Borough Council.	No objections.

634. * **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

(i) Local List

The Civic Society requested an update on the Local List and offered their help in the process. The Conservation Officer informed Members that the List was still progressing.

Resolved:- That the information be received.

(ii) Partnership Scheme in Newcastle Town Centre Conservation Area

The Conservation Officer informed the Working Party that the Council had been successful in securing funding of £50,000 per year for 3 years from English Heritage and the amount would also be matched by the Borough Council. The funding for the Partnership Scheme would commence in April 2010.

A copy of the map of the Scheme would be forwarded to members of the Working Party.

Resolved:- That the information be received.

MRS W NAYLON
Chair