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CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY

29 September 2009

Present:- Councillor Mrs Naylor in the Chair

Councillor Miss J Cooper

Representing Outside Bodies:-

Mr P Chatterton – Newcastle Borough Council

Mr B R Manning – North Staffs Society of Architects

Mr J Worgan – Newcastle Civic Society

374. * **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 September 2009 be agreed as a correct record.

375. * **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Mr Chatterton declared an interest in planning application 09/484/COU.

376. * **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Resolved:- (a) That the decisions on applications previously considered by this Working Party be received subject to the following comments:-

(i) 09/317/FUL Members noted the decision to grant planning permission for this extension but re-affirmed their earlier comments regarding the design of the proposed windows that differed from the overall fenestration of the building.

(ii) 09/382/FUL Having regard to the strong objections previously voiced by the Working Party, Members expressed disappointment that retrospective planning permission had been granted for the boundary wall. Concern was also expressed at what appeared to be inconsistent advice from the Highway Authority on the use of Highway land for private development.

(iii) 09/385/FUL The Working Party noted the decision to grant planning permission for this development but re-affirmed its earlier concern on the lack of detail in the plans submitted by the applicant.

(b) That the following observations be made on the applications listed below:-

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<u>App No</u>	<u>Proposed development and name of applicant</u>	<u>Comments</u>
09/422/FUL	Installation of additional ATM and surround. 46-48 High Street, Newcastle. Mr M Koliashnikoff.	No objections.
09/488/ADV	Two illuminated ATM advertisement Signs. 46-48 High Street, Newcastle. Mr M Koliashnikoff.	No objections.
09/484/COU	Change of use from offices to private day nursery. 21 London Road, Newcastle. Mrs J Bargna.	No objections.
09/486/ADV	Projecting and fascia advertisement signs. 96 High Street, Newcastle. Mr G Loughran.	No objections to fascia and projecting sign but would prefer it if the projecting sign was removed. Consider that the applicant should be requested to remove or reduce the amount of advertisements in the windows facing High Street that were considered to have a detrimental impact on the Conservation Area.

377. * ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Pigeons

Mr Worgan indicated that the matter of roosting pigeons had been discussed by the Locality Action Partnership and Environmental Issues Group following which the Council's Enforcement Team had been asked to investigate.

Resolved:- That the information be received.

(ii) Fly-Posting in the Town Centre

Mr Worgan indicated that this matter was now being investigated by the Council's Enforcement Team.

Resolved:- That the information be received.

378. * **INTERNAL/EXTERNAL ALTERATIONS AND VEHICULAR ACCESS THE OLD RECTORY, MUCKLESTONE ROAD, MUCKLESTONE MR & MRS J FRIEND. 09/463/FUL**

In accordance with a request made at the last meeting of the Working Party details were submitted of the proposed works to the former piggery building at the above property to provide an improved access into the site.

Resolved:- That the information be received.

379. * **CIVIC AWARD SCHEME**

The Conservation Officer reported that plans were now being made to hold a Civic Awards Presentation Evening at the Civic Offices on 18 November 2009.

Resolved:- That the information be received.

380. * **ENGLISH HERITAGE PARTNERSHIP SCHEME IN NEWCASTLE TOWN CENTRE PARTNERSHIP SCHEME**

It was reported that Cabinet, at its meeting on 9 September 2009 had approved £150,000 capital funding over 3 years for the above scheme and that a detailed application for match funding from English Heritage would now be submitted. The area proposed for the partnership Scheme was Bridge Street, Church Street, High Street (upper end) and the Ironmarket (up to and including Market Lane) although the precise area had still to be defined.

It was indicated that a Steering Group to manage the project would be set up in due course.

Resolved:- That the information be received.

MRS W NAYLON
Chair