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## **CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY**

**30 November 2010**

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

Councillor Heesom

Representing Outside Bodies:-

Mr Downs – Urban Vision North Staffs

Mr R Manning – North Staffs Society of Architects

Mr J Worgan – Civic Society

Apologies were received from Councillor Miss Cooper, Mr P Chatterton, Mr A Ferrington and Dr M Nixon

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

**Resolved:-** That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 November 2010 be agreed as a correct record.

### 463. \* **MATTERS ARISING**

Members requested that once approved, this Working Party's terms of reference be circulated to all Members.

The Conservation Officer suggested that the Working Party may like to be informed of the details of past decisions which they had been involved in. It was agreed that she would take photographs and either bring them to future meetings or post them on the web site.

### 464. \* **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>
10/485/ADV & 10/629/FUL	(485) Installation of RAL Coated 30mm folded aluminium fascia panel illuminated by a cornice concealed trough fluorescent light. (629) Installation of new timber shop front 49 High Street, Newcastle.	The Conservation Advisory Working Party welcomed the slight improvement to the shop's appearance but were disappointed at the lost opportunity to get a better detailed quality shop front. Members requested that further detailed design

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	Wrights Pies Ltd.	features be discussed with the applicant.
10/594/FUL	Erection of an agricultural building to house cattle. New Harecastle Farm, Newcastle Road, Talke. Mr A Huxley	No objections.
10/611/COU	Change of use of ground floor from commercial to residential use. 159 High Street, Wolstanton. Mr M Naeem.	No objections.
10/613/FUL	New boiler house for bio mass plant equipment and pellet storage. The Old Vicarage, Vicarage Lane, Madeley. Mr & Mrs Goodwin	The Working Party accepted and recognised that the applicant was paying attention to detail with materials so it would not detract from the character of this important house and the Conservation Area.
10/616/LBC	Internal alterations to University Chapel to form toilet accommodation. The Chapel, Keele University. University of Keele.	No objections.
10/617/FUL	Change of use to restaurant with managers accommodation over and alterations to shop front, rear fire escape and ground floor rear extension. 50-54 Church Street, Audley. Mr F Boon.	The Working Party raised concerns over the treatment of the frontage by introducing blockwork. The proposal should reflect the original plans that were agreed as sympathetic to this building which has important historical associations. Members recommended that enforcement would be appropriate.
10/619/FUL	Proposed rebuilding of the boathouse sited on Lake Number One. Keele University, Whitmore Road, Keele. University of Keele.	The Working Party welcomed the proposals but suggested that the detail should carefully reflect the evidence shown in the photographs so that the reconstruction was as authentic as possible. If this could not be achieved, the applicant should consider an alternative approach by way

		of modern interpretation of the building that would be in keeping with the Conservation Area and provide a gem of design for the future.
10/621/FUL	Two detached bungalows with attached office accommodation. Butterton Nurseries, Park Road, Butterton. Mr & Mrs J N Leath.	The Conservation Area Working Party regretted the lost opportunity to provide a quality and interesting development in this historic walled garden. Members hoped that the Conservation Officer could influence the design of the glass structure and quality of the materials.
10/628/FUL	Proposed temporary siting of a portakabin to the rear lower level car park. Marsh Trees House, Marsh Parade, Newcastle. Richard Baker Harrison Ltd.	No objections provided it is a temporary permission that is enforced.

465. \* **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- (i) Members raised with the group if the Civic Awards were likely to proceed next year.

The Conservation Officer indicated that she was meeting with members of the Civic Society on Monday to discuss the way forward.

- (ii) Maxims

The Conservation Officer gave the group an update on Maxims. It was unlikely that the Council would be considering extending the Conservation Area boundary since this boundary had recently been reviewed.

The Conservation Officer indicated that she had a meeting with the owner on 7 December 2010 and would ask if he was willing to contribute towards the costs of a survey and feasibility study.

- (iii) Mr Worgan expressed his thanks to the Conservation Officer and the Chair for their contribution to the Committee and formulation of the carefully recorded minutes.

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