

CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY

Tuesday, 18th October, 2016
Time of Commencement: 7.00pm

Present:- Councillor Wenslie Naylor – in the Chair

Councillors Miss J Cooper, Johnson, and Wright

Representing Outside Bodies Mr D Broome – Newcastle-under-Lyme Civic Society
Mr C Wakeling – Staffordshire Historic Buildings Trust
Mr J Whieldon – Newcastle-under-Lyme Civic Society

Officers Louise Wallace

Apologies Councillor Gardner and Dr Fisher

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest stated.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 27th September 2016 be agreed as a correct record subject to typing errors and attendees being properly represented.

3. NEW APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Resolved:- That the following observations be made on the application listed below:-

1 Nelson Place, Newcastle 16/00771/FUL & 16/00772/LBC

The Working Party is generally very supportive of the refurbishment of the building but raises a number of concerns with regard to the internal alterations to the property and the separation of the units and wants as much original fabric to be retained as possible. This includes fire safety and plumbing implications. This scheme should ensure that the building is repaired to ensure its long term future. Balconies should be checked for safety and refurbished. The Working Party also recommend that as the front door is not historic that the opportunity is taken to get a new one which will deal with some of the insulation and noise issues.

Specsavers, Unit 9, Castle Walk, Newcastle 16/00765/ADV

No objections.

Schoolroom adj to The Croft, Main Road, Betley 16/00792/LBC

No objections to the proposal but regrets the loss of the deeper reveal on the openings to the rear of the building.

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Schoolroom adj to The Croft, Main Road, Betley 16/00794/FUL

The unit highlighted for use in the brochure is over 1.3metres and the wall to the stairs is less than 1 metre high as built (plans show wall height of 980mm). The Working Party has reservations about how the extension to the wall will provide the appropriate screening. They also raised a technical issue and felt that the unit will require more air space around it than is shown on the plans. If the unit can be completely concealed behind the brick wall as shown on the plans including the height and width, they find the scheme acceptable.

Orchard House, Chamberlain Court, Main Road, Betley 16/00731/FUL

The building has a sense of symmetry at present which will be lost with this scheme. The Working Party regrets this loss but the lack of visibility into the garden means that there will be no harmful impact on the character or appearance of Betley Conservation Area.

Betley Court Farm, Main Road, Betley 16/00756/COU

The existing historic door on the barn has character and reflects the agricultural use of the building. The proposed door has little quality and character and should be amended to reflect more of the original character. The fanlight should be retained.

4. REGISTER OF LOCALLY IMPORTANT BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES IN NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME - 2016 REVIEW

Resolved: That the Planning Committee be advised that the Working Party supports the additions to the Register as set out in the report and commends them for approval.

5. URGENT BUSINESS

The Conservation Officer informed the group about a 90 consultation from BT which has been sent to the Council with regard to removing 38 payphone kiosks within the Borough. 8 have been identified as red K6 style and the parish councils will be consulted about potentially adopting them. In addition the Conservation Officer will consider if any of them are eligible for listing.

COUNCILLOR WENSLIE NAYLON
Chair

Meeting concluded at 8.00 pm