

CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY

Tuesday, 27th November, 2018
Time of Commencement: 6.30 pm

Present:- Councillor Allison Gardner – in the Chair
Councillors Miss J Cooper and S. Moffat
Representing Outside Bodies Dr S Fisher, Victorian Society
Dr Chris Wakeling
Officers Head of Planning and Development - Guy Benson and
Debbie Jones- Planning Officer
Apologies Councillor(s) T. Johnson and I. Wilkes and Mr Broome

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Dr Fisher and Councillor Cooper declared an interest as members of the Watlands Park Residents Association.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 November, 2018 be agreed as a correct record.

3. PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED APPLICATIONS

Resolved: That the decisions on applications previously considered by this Working Party be received.

4. NEW APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

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

Maer Hall, Maer 18/00821/LBC

The Working Party feels that the proposed canopy over the pedestrian gate would be harmful to the setting of the Listed Hall and Gatehouse. The brick piers are simple and appropriate and as such, the canopy has a diminutive effect on the character of this simplicity and it interferes and disturbs the relationship between the buildings.

5 Woodland Avenue 18/00857/FUL

Officer informed the group that this proposal was permitted development and did not require the benefit of planning approval. The application was therefore not considered by the group.

Renford House, 24 High Street, Wolstanton 18/00024/FUL

The Working Party objects strongly to the proposal due to the poor quality and inappropriate design which will be substantially harmful to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area. The design is old fashioned and poor quality and ill thought out. The materials are unsympathetic to the Watlands Park Conservation Area which is characterised by high quality architecture with distinctive use of materials. The Working Party comments that apartments can be high quality and lower density. The roof line needs to be cleaner and consideration given to oblique views and the relationship of the site to adjacent buildings and better use of materials. The proposed houses are particularly unsympathetic and poorly designed since it is not clear what they are trying to be. Members also commented that this site is already elevated and so will be even more prominent.

5. CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE FUND

There were no applications.

6. URGENT BUSINESS

There was no Urgent Business.

COUNCILLOR ALLISON GARDNER
Chair

Meeting concluded at 7.25 pm