

CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY

Tuesday, 4th June, 2019
Time of Commencement: 6.30 pm

Present:- Councillor Miss Julie Cooper – in the Chair

Councillors A. Gardner, T. Johnson and I. Wilkes

Representing Outside Bodies Dr Chris Wakeling, Staffs Historic Building Trust
Mr David Broome, Newcastle under Lyme Civic Society

Officers Head of Planning and Development - Guy Benson

Apologies Councillor A Lawley and Dr S Fisher

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest stated.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The officer advised of the withdrawal by Loggerheads Parish Council of their request that the Borough Council consider designating Ashley Heath as a Conservation Area and the Parish Council's thanks to the Working Party

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 24th April be agreed as a correct record subject to the following correction –that with respect to item 7 Conservation Area at Ashley Heath, Loggerheads the second sentence to read as follows “The Working Party suggested that the Parish Council should be invited to submit additional information including maps and photographs on any buildings which they considered to be of special interest within the suggested Conservation Area, and that officers make further enquiries about whether similar areas to Ashley Heath had been designated as Conservation Areas”.

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:-

Kidsgrove Heritage Trail, Kidsgrove (8 locations)

The Working Party consider that the design of the signs to be unduly complicated, as a result of the inclusion of the arms supporting the interpretation panel and the oval shape. A simpler design (as shown on the

photographs) would be more appropriate for the Conservation Areas within which these signs are proposed and would be less likely to have any adverse impact on the setting of any nearby Listed or Local Register buildings in the vicinity. The Working Party express concern that the precise location of the signage was not indicated but accepted that this matter could be dealt with by a condition. The views of the Canal and Rivers Trust on those signs within the vicinity of the Canals should be obtained by the Local Planning Authority.

24 Nantwich Road, Audley 19/00374/FUL

The Working Party has no objections.

Maer Cottage, Maer 19/00306/FUL

The Working Party has concerns about this proposal considering the proportions of the windows, the size of the extension, its relationship to windows at first floor level on the end elevation. The Working Party consider the development not to be in keeping with either the house and to be detrimental to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

7 Woodland Avenue, Wolstanton 19/00333/FUL

The Working Party consider the roof extension to be awkward and suggested that consideration should be given to whether a taller roof top extension might actually result in a more appropriate design. With respect to the balustrade this is considered to be an overcomplicated and inappropriate feature for this property and consideration should be given to reducing it in length.

5. PROPOSED ARTICLE 4 DIRECTION FOR MAER CONSERVATION AREA

Resolved :- The Working Party is supportive of the proposed Article 4 direction and its scope, which is an appropriate recognition of the contribution made by walls and boundary features to the character and appearance of this conservation area and the desirability of bringing alterations to these features within the scope of planning control

6. CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE FUND

19/200001/HBG – Betley Court, Main Road, Betley

Resolved :- The Working Party supports the giving of this grant.

7. URGENT BUSINESS

There was no Urgent Business.

**COUNCILLOR MISS JULIE COOPER
Chair**

Meeting concluded at 7.55 pm