

CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY

Tuesday, 3rd November, 2020
Time of Commencement: 7.00 pm

Present:- Councillor Julie Cooper – in the Chair
Councillors Trevor Johnson and June Walklate
Representing Outside Bodies Dr Chris Wakeling, Staffs Historic Building Trust
Dr S Fisher, Victorian Society,
David Broome, Newcastle under Lyme Civic Society
Officers Louise Wallace

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest stated.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 October, 2020 be agreed as a correct record.

4. PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED APPLICATIONS

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

5. NEW APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

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

Playing Fields, off Manor Road, Madeley 20/00747/FUL

The Working Party were concerned over the height of the proposed fence and its adjacency to the listed wall and well head. It was inappropriate in terms of its materials design and height. Practically access would be needed to maintain both the wall and the hedge and the details did not show the exact location of the fence. Concern was also raised regarding retention of the hedge which was essential to help to preserve the rural setting of the site. They recommended that if essential the fence should be timber and much lower than the proposed for this part of the playing fields.

10 King Street, Newcastle 20/00858/COU & 20/00859/LBC

The Working Party felt that overall this was an encouraging scheme which lends itself well to residential conversion. Some members felt that the upper floors would make a larger more desirable flat if taken together rather than 3 one bedroom flats on each floor. It was regrettable that the main entrance was not the main entrance into the building anymore given the car park and rear access and comments were raised over lack of disabled access and that the rear stepped access might be ramped. The existing internal doorways to be blocked up should be revealed, including architraves to show the original plan.

6. CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE FUND

There were no applications

7. URGENT BUSINESS

The following item was considered urgent due to the timescales involved for a decision to be reached on the Planning application.

Linen Cottage, Main Road, Betley 20/00751/FUL & 20/00788/LBC

The Working Party was extremely disappointed with this proposal - the plans were not accurate enough. The new lean-to roof would interfere with the timber frame and the decorative gutter brackets. The structure would harm the integrity of the existing building and would probably present breathability and drainage issues given the irregular plane of the walls at the rear elevation. They felt that more thought and sensitivity to the practicality of this proposal was required by an architect not an interior designer.

COUNCILLOR JULIE COOPER
Chair

Meeting concluded at 7.40 pm