

## **CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY**

Tuesday, 12th March, 2019  
Time of Commencement: 6.30 pm

**Present:-** Councillor Allison Gardner – in the Chair  
  
Councillors Miss J Cooper & T. Johnson  
  
Representing Outside Bodies Dr S Fisher, Victorian Society  
Dr Chris Wakeling, Staffs Historic Building Trust  
Mr David Broome, Newcastle under Lyme Civic Society

Officers Louise Wallace

Apologies Councillor(s) S. Moffat and I. Wilkes

### **1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest stated.

### **2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 February, 2019 be agreed as a correct record.

### **3. PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED APPLICATIONS**

The officer presented one application which had been previously considered by the Chair. 19/00003/FUL - 60 Ironmarket was considered by the Chair on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019. She concluded she had no objections to the proposal. The group accepted her recommendations.

**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:-

Newcastle under Lyme School, Newcastle, adjacent to Victoria Road, 19/00042/FUL

Working Party accepts that the clean and modern approach is the best way to mitigate the impact of the large building. The simpler the building the more invisible it will become. The issue of the rainwater goods was raised and the assumption made that they must be internal as well as the importance of dealing with run off, especially on the timber elevation. The issue of signage and directions for the new facility was also raised which could have an impact on the Conservation Area.

23 and 11 Bridge Street, Newcastle 19/00105/FUL

The Working Party has no objections.

Weaverlea House, Izaak Walton Way, Madeley 19/00101/FUL

The Working Party has no objections.

Land adjacent to Mayfield, Church Lane, Betley 19/00080/FUL

The Working Party strongly objects to the design, layout and scale of the proposal, which is directly adjacent to Betley Conservation Area, as harmful to the historic village setting. The plot is set at a high level and any development should be more recessive and honest. The design is inappropriately ostentatious and unlike a late 18<sup>th</sup> Century house which it purports to mimic. The other adjacent buildings within the Conservation Area are more recessive and it represents a poor contextual approach and will have an oppressive presence in the village. Pastiche on this grandiose scale is an inappropriate imposition on the Conservation Area.

Old Vicarage, Haddon Lane, Maer 18/00705/FUL & 18/00706/LBC

The Working Party accepted that some improvements had been made to the proposal by centralising the doors, reducing the size and simplifying the joinery details. The Working Party still feels that the roof lantern needs to sit lower to make this acceptable.

**5. CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE FUND**

18/19004/HBG – The Beehive, Main Road, Betley

The Working Party fully supports the giving of this grant. Cruck framed buildings are rare within this Borough and of great significance and therefore the conservation of such buildings are important.

**6. URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no Urgent Business.

**COUNCILLOR ALLISON GARDNER**  
**Chair**

Meeting concluded at 7.30 pm