

CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY

Tuesday, 2nd April, 2019
Time of Commencement: 6.30 pm

Present:- Councillor Allison Gardner – in the Chair

Councillors Miss J Cooper, T. Johnson and I. Wilkes

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

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 12 March, 2019 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:-

St Andrews Church, Watlands View, Porthill 19/00093/FUL

The Working Party recognises the importance of this building as one included on the Council's Register of Locally Important Buildings. The question over the necessity of the ramp was raised, given the steps at the bottom of the pathway onto the pavement and the very steep existing pathway meaning that only accompanied disabled visitors would likely be able to utilise it.

The alterations to the porch are considered generally acceptable but questions were raised over the treatment of the rainwater goods and how water would be dealt with from the various valleys given it is not dealt with particularly well currently from the main roof. The existing tiles are not original and the Working Party suggested that terne coated stainless steel might be a better approach on the extension roof rather than matching the existing. A comment was made over the ventilation of the new toilets.

Betley Court Farm, Main Road, Newcastle 19/00183/FUL

The Working Party has no objections to the principle of the scheme if the details can be kept simple because simplicity is essential to retain the character of the existing building. The Working also supports the retention of the feeding troughs but would like the building to be properly recorded prior to any development taking place.

Horwood Energy Centre, Keele University 18/00134/ADV

The Working Party has no objections to the size and material of the signs but thinks that the lettering should be changed to a capital first letter and lower case letters to reflect the style and signage on the other buildings on campus. This uniformity is important within the University given its status as a Registered Historic Park and Garden.

5. CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE FUND

18/19005/HBG – Betley Court, Main Road, Betley

The Working Party supports the giving of this grant providing the material used on the bow window roof repairs are appropriate.

6. URGENT BUSINESS

There was no Urgent Business.

**COUNCILLOR ALLISON GARDNER
Chair**

Meeting concluded at 7.45 pm