

HERITAGE GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE

30th September 2009

**PRESENT:-**

**District Council Representatives**

Conservative Group

Councillors Bale (Vice-Chairman) and Hewlett.

Labour Group

Councillors Lane and Mrs. Lane (substitute for Councillor Southerd (Chairman)).

**County Council Representative**

Councillor Jones.

**Sharpe's Pottery Heritage and Arts Trust**

Mr. J. Oake.

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillor Southerd (Chairman) (District Council Representative) and Mrs. Farrington (County Council Representative).

HGS/9. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th June 2009, were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

HGS/10. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Lane and Mrs. Lane (District Council Representatives) declared personal interests in the application for No. 34 Church Street, Swadlincote (Minute No. HGS/11(c)), since they held a Building Society account at the premises.

**MATTERS DELEGATED TO SUB-COMMITTEE**

HGS/11. **SWADLINCOTE CONSERVATION AREA PARTNERSHIP SCHEME (PSiCA)**

(a) No. 18/18A High Street, Swadlincote

The background to this property was provided and it was noted that the owner wished to restore the appearance of the building by providing an appropriately detailed new shop front, including restoration of the pedestrian door alongside. The cost of the eligible works was £35,556.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That the applicant be offered a grant of £28,444.80 towards the eligible works, as detailed in the report, based on the estimate received from Harvey and Clark Limited dated 14th August 2009, subject to the usual conditions and the following additional conditions:-***

- (i) The joinery shall be pre-treated by an agreed method and shall be painted with an agreed paint system, coating all surfaces, before fixing.***
  - (ii) That a sample of the glazed brick for the stall riser be approved before work starts.***
  - (iii) That a lime mortar be used and the specification and a sample panel be approved before the brickwork is generally executed.***
  - (iv) That details of the new fascia sign for the shop front be agreed prior to installation.***
  - (v) That the precise patterns for the ironmongery for the new door and shop front shall be agreed prior to installation.***
- (b) No. 25 Church Street, Swadlincote**

Members were reminded that, under Minute No. HGS/7(b) of 25th June 2009, a grant of £3,090 had previously been offered towards the restoration of first-floor windows, including brickwork and lintels and the front door, to match the originals, at the above property. A grant had been offered in respect of the lowest of the three quotations obtained for the works. It had subsequently been noted that there was a very large difference between the lowest and highest quotation and it had transpired that the reason for the discrepancy was that only the highest quotation had included the costs of manufacturing the ornamental heads and sills on the front elevation, together with tiling of the entrance lobby. Consequently, the additional eligible cost of the aforementioned works, prepared by Hardwick, Coleman and Whotton, who had submitted the initial lowest quotation, amounting to £4,292.30.

In view of the discrepancy, it was suggested that a more detailed and itemised specification of the works required could be attached to correspondence when grant applications were being prepared in future, in an attempt to avoid the recurrence of such a situation. It was noted that, where quotations received were disproportionately far apart, this was usually queried by Officers.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That the applicant be offered a supplementary grant of £3,081 towards the additional eligible works, as detailed in the report, based on the supplementary estimate received from Hardwick, Coleman and Whotton, dated 28th September 2009, subject to the usual conditions and the following additional condition:-***

- (i) ***That samples of the floor tiles for the front entrance lobby shall be submitted to the Design and Conservation Officer for approval prior to installation.***

- (c) No. 34 Church Street, Swadlincote

The background to this property was provided and it was noted that the owner wished to undertake repairs to the above property, together with the replacement of the unsympathetically detailed brick wall fronting Church Street. The cost of the eligible works was £13,108.

In considering this matter, discussion was undertaken regarding continued maintenance of the replacement cast iron rainwater goods and it was noted that the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings had published a leaflet providing details of good housekeeping practice.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (1) ***That the applicant be offered a grant of £9,002 towards the eligible works, as detailed in the report, based on the estimate received from A.J.H. Property Maintenance Limited dated 22nd September 2009, subject to the usual conditions and the following additional conditions:-***

- (i) ***That the new rainwater goods be painted prior to installation.***
- (ii) ***That samples of the red cant bricks and red clay saddleback copings for the new wall shall be submitted for approval prior to installation, and that the stone return and end copings shall be cut to a profile matching the clay copings.***
- (iii) ***That samples of the bricks proposed for brick replacement shall be submitted for approval.***
- (iv) ***That a lime mortar be used and the specification and a sample panel be approved before the brickwork is generally executed.***

- (2) ***That the applicant's attention be drawn to the vulnerability of the guttering on the building and the need to maintain it effectively.***

(Councillors Lane and Mrs. Lane declared personal interests in this application since they held a Building Society account at the premises).

HGS/12. **FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

Following the above decisions, the current financial summary is attached at Annexe 'A' to these Minutes.

M.J.P. BALE

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 3.40 p.m.