

HERITAGE GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE

2nd February 2006

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Labour Group

Councillors Southerd (Chair) and Lane (Vice-Chair).

Conservative Group

Councillors Bale and Hood.

Sharpe's Pottery Heritage and Arts Trust

Mr. J. Oake.

Made in Swadlincote Partnership

Mr. T. Freeman.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Mr. I. Philliskirk (Swadlincote Chamber of Commerce) and Mr. S. Nelson (English Heritage).

HGS/13. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th November 2005 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO SUB-COMMITTEE

HGS/14. **FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

The Heritage Grants Sub Committee Financial Summary was noted. The outstanding balance of the Heritage Economic Regeneration Scheme budget was £21,749. The outstanding balance of the Historic Buildings and Conservation Areas grant budget was £1,999.

HGS/15. **HISTORIC BUILDING IN CONSERVATION AREAS (HBCA)
SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT APPLICATION - 21 CASTLE STREET,
MELBOURNE**

It was reported that at the Meeting of the Sub Committee on 3rd June 2004, a 40% grant offer of £1,006 towards eligible costs of £2,514.05 was agreed for restoring two first floor leaded light windows at 21 Castle Street. This work was now complete and the building's appearance had been substantially improved.

During the course of the repairs, it had become clear that additional work was necessary. The top decorative section of the windows consisted of original glazed cast iron plates and the restored leaded lights sat in timber frames below. It was hoped that the additional works would be confined to the lower section, but, when lower timber lights were removed it was discovered that parts of the plate were corroded and broken and had

previously been covered with filler and paint. It was not possible to repair these in situ and they were removed to the craftman's workshop for welding, shot blasting and re-glazing and then refitted with the new leaded lights.

This two-storey early 19th Century house was located prominently on the edge of Castle Square. It was a small but arresting historic building principally because of its first floor decorative gothic windows. A carefully designed extension that respected the character of the house was recently completed on the south-east side. The owners had also restored the door and ground floor windows of the existing house to their original pattern based on old photographs without grant assistance.

This supplementary application was for additional repairs and the additional cost amounted to £940.00 (£800.00 plus £140.00 VAT), providing a 40% supplementary grant figure of £376.00.

It was confirmed that following the previous Meeting the balance of this fund was now £2,375.00. This was sufficient to make an offer of 40% for this application.

RESOLVED:-

That Mr. S. Gilmore be offered a 40% supplementary grant up to a maximum of £376.00 towards eligible costs of £940.00 (£800.00 plus £140.00 VAT), for additional works to cast iron sections of two first floor windows of 21 Castle Street, Melbourne as set out in the account from Nick Bayliss Architectural Glass Limited dated 11th October 2005, subject to the usual conditions.

HGS/16. **MEMBER'S QUESTIONS AND REPORTS**

Councillor Bale reported that Ivy Close Farm at Trusley, currently a Grade II Listed Building, was falling into significant disrepair, and requested that it be considered for inclusion on the 'Buildings at Risk' register.

RESOLVED:-

That the Design and Conservation Officer be requested to consider the inclusion of Ivy Close Farm at Trusley on the 'Buildings at Risk' register.

T. SOUTHERD

CHAIR

The Meeting terminated at 3.15 p.m.