

HERITAGE GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE

11th December 2008

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Conservative Group

Councillors Hewlett and Murray (substitute for Councillor Bale).

Labour Group

Councillors Southerd (Chairman) and Lane.

County Council Representative

Councillor Jones.

HGS/12. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 23rd June 2008, were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

HGS/13. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Jones (County Council representative) declared a personal interest in the application for Cain Brothers, Alexandra Road, Swadlincote (Minute No. HGS/14(a)) as he was a member of the management committee in the process of negotiating the tenancy of the adjacent building. He also declared a prejudicial interest in the application for Nos. 46-48 Grove Street, Swadlincote (Minute No. HGS/14(c)), as he was the County Council representative on the South Derbyshire CVS Committee.

Councillor Hewlett (District Council representative) declared a personal interest in the application for Nos. 46-48 Grove Street, Swadlincote (Minute No. HGS/14(c)) in his capacity as member of the Board of the Citizen's Advice Bureau which was a tenant of the property.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO SUB-COMMITTEE

HGS/14. **SWADLINCOTE CONSERVATION AREA PARTNERSHIP SCHEME (PSiCA)**

(a) Cain Brothers, Alexandra Road, Swadlincote

Under Minute No. HGS/10(b) of 23rd June 2008, a provisional grant offer of £38,978 was confirmed and an additional grant of £25,468 offered in respect of this property.

An application had now been received for a grant towards supplementary joinery works comprising additional re-pointing, brickwork repair and cleaning to improve the condition and appearance of the west elevation facing Alexandra Road. These works had not been grant funded previously, due to concerns raised regarding security of the property due to boarding over of the windows. This matter had since been investigated with the applicant who had confirmed that there were unlikely to be security problems as a result of the proposed works. The applicant's architect had advised that vertical bars

would be included on the windows which would contain 6mm glass. It was considered that any ambiguity regarding the use of the building would be removed once the boarded windows had been restored. It was intended to install bars internally to improve security for the tenants. The cost of the additional eligible works was £31,000.

RESOLVED:-

That the applicant be offered a grant of £9,446 towards the eligible works, as detailed in the report, based on the estimate received from S. Whitaker Limited dated 12th May 2008, subject to the usual conditions and the following additional conditions:-

- (i) That a hydraulic lime mortar be used for the brickwork repair and re-pointing and a specification and sample panel be approved before the work is generally executed.***
- (ii) That the cleaning works be carried out by an agreed specialist cleaning company following the preparation of a sample panel and a written specification for the works be approved.***
- (iii) That the repaired and replacement windows be painted before the grant is paid and that the colour scheme be agreed.***

(Councillor Jones declared a personal interest in this application as he was a member of the management committee in the process of negotiating the tenancy of the adjacent building).

- (b) Swadlincote Constitutional Club, Midland Road, Swadlincote

Under Minute No. HGS/10(a) of 23rd June 2008, a provisional grant of £64,541 had been offered towards eligible works for the above property. A supplementary grant application had now been received for unforeseen additional costs in respect of the provision of additional bricks, rebuilding of the brickwork and the provision of new foundations.

RESOLVED:-

That the applicant be offered a supplementary grant of £5,214 towards the additional eligible works, as detailed in the report, based on the estimate received from Littleover Building Services, subject to the usual conditions.

- (c) Nos. 46-48 Grove Street, Swadlincote

The background to this property was provided and it was noted that the owner wished to restore a stone plinth at the base of the property's trellised open porch. The cost of the eligible works was £578.20 (excluding VAT).

RESOLVED:-

That the applicant be offered a grant of £463.00 towards the eligible works, as detailed in the report, based on the estimate received from Building Solutions dated 10th November 2008, subject to the usual conditions and the following additional conditions:-

- (i) ***That the tooling pattern on the stone be agreed and that a lime mortar to an agreed specification be used for the jointing.***
- (ii) ***That the colour scheme for the trelliswork be agreed and the repair works to the porch as a whole be completed before the grant is paid.***

(Councillor Jones declared a prejudicial interest in this application as he was the County Council representative on the Swadlincote CVS Committee and took no part in the voting thereon. Councillor Hewlett declared a personal interest in this application in his capacity as member of the Board of the Citizen's Advice Bureau which was a tenant of the property.

(d) No. 1 Midland Road, Swadlincote

The background to this property was provided and it was noted that the owner wished to remove the existing ugly sign outside the property and replace with one of an improved design to enhance the appearance of the frontage. The cost of the eligible works was £332.45 (including VAT). Illustrations of the proposed signage were circulated at the Meeting.

RESOLVED:-

That the applicant be offered a grant of £166 towards the eligible works, as detailed in the report, based on the estimate received from Hardy Signs dated 10th November 2008, subject to the usual conditions.

(e) Nos. 51-53 High Street, Swadlincote

The background to the two properties was reported and it was noted that the owner intended to undertake restoration works to the two first-floor windows on the front elevation, to match the restored elevation works at No. 49 High Street. The eligible works included the reinstatement of stone cills and replacement of modern casement windows with authentically detailed sliding sash windows. The lead flashing would also be removed and replaced in a more aesthetically pleasing position, subject to Officers' approval.

The cost of the eligible works was £5034.60 (including VAT). Should any additional grant funding be required towards the cost of the works to the lead flashing, consideration was given to the offer of matched funding at a later stage.

RESOLVED:-

(1) That the applicant be offered a grant of £4,028 towards the eligible works, as detailed in the report, based on the estimates received from Hardwick Coleman and Whooton dated 24th November 2008 and Mr. J. Taylor dated 27th November 2008, subject to confirmation from the District Council's Quantity Surveyor that the costs are reasonable and to the usual conditions and the following additional conditions:-

- (i) ***That the replacement windows and cills are a replica of the first-floor windows to No 49 High Street.***

- (ii) That the windows be painted before the grant is paid and that the colour scheme be agreed.*
- (2) That Officers be authorised to approve the location for the replacement of the lead flashing.*
- (3) That approval be given to match fund any additional grant application in respect of the removal of the existing and replacement of repositioned lead flashing.*

T. SOUTHERD

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 3.15 p.m.