

HERITAGE GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE

28th August 2007

**PRESENT:-**

**District Council Representatives**

Conservative Group  
Councillor Bale.

Labour Group  
Councillors Lane and Southerd.

County Council Representatives  
Councillors Mrs. Lauro and Jones.

HGS/1 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

**RESOLVED:-**

***That Councillor T. Southerd be appointed Chairman of the Heritage Grants Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.***

The Chairman advised that it would be necessary to review the Sub-Committee's Constitution. Derbyshire County Council contributed £10,000 to the Swadlincote Heritage Economic Regeneration Scheme (HERS) and had nominated two representatives to serve on this Sub-Committee. Accordingly, the County Council's Members should be able to participate fully in the Sub-Committee's decisions on such grant applications.

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from District Councillor Hewlett and Mr. T. Freeman (Made In Swadlincote Partnership).

HGS/2 **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

**RESOLVED:-**

***That Councillor Lane be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Heritage Grants Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.***

HGS/3 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd March 2007 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**MATTER DELEGATED TO SUB-COMMITTEE**

HGS/4 **HISTORIC BUILDING AND CONSERVATION AREA GRANT APPLICATION – 38 MAIN STREET, TICKNALL**

The Design and Conservation Officer confirmed the funding available for the current financial year. It was noted that because of an accountancy change in the way that accruals were treated, it had not been possible to carry forward some of last year's funds to meet known commitments. Therefore,

the balance available for Historic Buildings and Conservation Area Grants stood at £10,610.

It was reported that this property was a brick and stone cottage on Main Street in the Ticknall Conservation Area. Its appearance had been spoiled by unsympathetic window alterations. The situation was very similar to that at the neighbouring property. With the help of a Conservation Area Grant in 2004, it had been transformed by the restoration of its joinery to a historic pattern, based on the originals. The excellent results had inspired this applicant to do likewise. It was planned to change the existing joinery and to restore the original pattern to match the adjacent property. The eligible works included four windows at the front of the property, the front door and frame and four windows to the rear. Planning permission had already been given for these changes.

The cost of the eligible works, based on the lower of competitive estimates was £7,265 and a 40% grant would equate to £2,906. The cost of the new joinery for the front elevation was £4,100 and a 40% grant would amount to £1,640. A grant of £2,000 was given in respect of the neighbouring property. As restoration, these works fell into a priority category for grant aid.

The works to the front elevation would have a substantial impact on the character of the Conservation Area, particularly in combination with the previous grant aided restoration works, at the adjacent property. It was hoped that together they would inspire other property owners in the vicinity to do likewise. Whilst the works to the rear of the property would have little impact on the character of the Conservation Area, it would nonetheless enhance the character of this historic cottage.

The Chairman questioned whether it might be possible to offer further grant funding in respect of this property, for the restoration of its stonework. The Officer explained the previous precedent, where an additional grant had been provided, if funding permitted.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That the applicant be offered a flat rate grant of £2,000 towards the restoration of windows and doors at the front and rear of No. 38 Main Street, Ticknall, based on the estimate submitted by Winters Joinery dated 21st March 2007, subject to the usual conditions and to the following additional conditions:-***

- (i) That external ironmongery be approved before the work starts.***
- (ii) That the joinery be painted before the grant is paid and that the external colour scheme be agreed.***

In closing the Meeting, the Chairman made reference to the additional funding secured for the current year and he recognised the assistance of County Council colleagues in securing that Authority's contribution to the Swadlincote Conservation Area Partnership Grant Scheme.

T. SOUTHERD

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 8.15pm