



NEW MILTON  
TOWN COUNCIL

## Listed Buildings Working Party

Notes of remote meeting held Tues 16 March 2021

Present – Cllr S Clarke (Chair)

Cllr B Murrow

Cllr Mrs V Schooling

Mr A Watson – Chairman of New Milton Residents Association

Mr N Saunders – New Milton Heritage Society

Ms T Elliott – Assistant Town Clerk

In attendance – Cllr K Craze, D Hawkins and A o’ Sullivan (Number 1 New Milton WP)

Apologies - Cllr A Reid.

### 1. Brief update

- a) Milton Hall
- b) Galleon Taxi Hut
- c) The Rectory

Historic England had recently responded to all three of the above applications, stating that they

*‘did not fall into any of the three categories used by the Department for Digital, Culture Media and Sport to prioritise designation resources on those sites that are most in need of protection. Those categories are*

*Threat – any candidate for designation demonstrably under serious threat of demolition or major alteration;*

*Strategic Priority – any candidate for designation of a type that is a strategic designation priority under the Historic England Action Plan, Historic England’s programme of strategic work;*

*Evident Significance – any building or site that possesses evident significance that makes it obviously worthy of inclusion on the National Heritage List for England.’*

The notifications continue that should the situation on the sites change, a new application can be made. They also suggest contacting the local authority to investigate local designations instead.

Members were obviously very disappointed with the responses.

It was agreed that an application for Stanley Country House should go ahead regardless.

**AP – TE to contact NFDC Conservation Officer regarding local designation possibilities.**

**AP – TE to contact NFDC with 2014 Heritage report for the north end of Station Road, and request if a new Conservation Area can be reconsidered.**

**AP – TE to apply for Stanley Country House**

2. Next target - Wheatsheaf

Members requested that the owners be contacted to see if they had any plans for this building, as it was within the Conservation Area and looked very tired. NS had already completed a report on the history of the building.

***AP – TE to write to owners, making offer of historic texts and photos to go inside building free of charge.***

3. Station Masters House update.

Cllr Craze advised the working party of the current situation. The rail franchise was under discussion with Dept of Transport as the current contract to South Western Railways was due to end on 31 March 2021. It was hoped the result would be known by mid-April. As regards the building NMTC had been successful in gaining half the refurbishment costs that were expected when the project started 4 years ago. However there had been much deterioration since with water ingress being a particular issue. Previous updates had stated that contingency funding were being investigated by Network Rail. Further information was contained in Planning minutes from 14 January and 11 February 2021, plus Amenities minutes. Members agreed there could be no decisions on this site until the outcome of DoT contract was known.

4. Updates on additional projects

- a) Churchyard – NS advised that there are likely to be approx. 3000 graves in Section A of the church yard, some dating back to 1654. NS advised that there are several places that would clearly benefit from information boards highlighting tombstones of interest, being locally important people. NMRA may well assist with this works.

TE highlighted that the Churchyard was detailed in the Green Routes project with NFDC, marked as Walk 1. VS highlighted that a historical walks leaflet which included the cemetery, was already available via the Milton Heritage Society.

(Post meeting note – Town Clerk was content that this project run under Planning, not Amenities).

***AP – Seek info on what the spoke group for Green Routes has planned for churchyard to ensure no conflict. Remind working group/NFDC of history walks leaflet existence.***

***AP – TE to contact parochial church council to gain permission for suggested works.***

***AP – Historical info once provided to be added to NMTC website (plus others such as Go New Milton ?) with link to Milton Heritage Society***

- b) WW2 Air Raid Shelter – NS was working on details to be contained within an information board. AW stated that the NMRA community gardening group were likely to be happy to assist with tidy up, and that NMRA may well fund the board.

***AP – AW to confirm NMRA funding interpretation board and providing gardening services.***

***AP – TE to contact electricity company for i) possible internal site visit ii) agreement for community tidy up of land iii) interpretation board highlighting building importance, fit to north east facing wall***

***(Post meeting note – NMTC Heritage design board must be used)***

**Date of next meeting** – Tuesday 27 April 2021 – 10am. Due to the postponed discussion regarding Station Masters House, the Number 1 New Milton working party will be invited to this next meeting.