



NEW MILTON
T O W N C O U N C I L

Listed Buildings Working Party

Notes of remote meeting held Tues 27 April 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) Action points from last time

NFDC have advised that the potential to assess buildings for local listing (as suggested by Historic England in their refusals) and new Conservation Area using the 2014 report from Heritage Forum Services is not possible with current resources. They were unable to provide a timescale of when this will change.

AP – SC advised this issue can be worked into the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum wash up meeting with NFDC (Claire Upton-Brown)

AP – TE to write to D Swayne MP regarding the 4 refusals from Historic England, requesting assistance.

b) Stanley Country House – Historic England have refused this application with the same reasoning as the last 3 applications.

c) W heatsheaf – Contact had been made to the company that manages the site. They are currently applying for land to the west (existing car park) to be severed and sold for housing, earmarking monies to improve appearance of the building. They are happy to engage in discussions once the planning application is successful. The planning application is with NFDC and the agent has been advised that Town Council Planning Committee must deal with it in isolation from any other projects or interests. *(Post meeting note - Planning Committee 4 May placed Strong Objection Non-Delegated to the application).*

SC mentioned the George Business Centre Prior Approval application, which he and Cllr S Davies had commented on through the NFDC Planning application webpage. It details change of use from offices to residential, with insertion of new windows and light tunnels. SC and SD have requested the elevational changes be made on a full application for usual consultation. NFDC and the agent have agreed this so Town Council Planning Committee will see the application come forward in due course.

2. Next target – Cookies Corner

The Chairman and members agreed that no Historic England application should be made at this time.

3. Station Masters House update.

KC stated that there was still no update available regarding the SWR franchise review by the Dept of Transport. He also thanked Mark Jeffries and the team for their swift handling of a broken window at the premises w/e 25 April.

4. Updates on additional projects

- a) Churchyard – Rev. Bailey had advised that for low-level items such as fingerposts and small noticeboards, the cemetery is considered his garden. A variety of ideas were discussed including provision of noticeboard detailing the ‘Milton Churchyard Heritage Walk’ (displayed at meeting), planting of flowers, finger post signs for ‘Helene Stubbs’ and incorporation of poem by John Heath-Stubbs. These improvements were different to that contained in the Green Routes project with NFDC (Jill Colclough had been consulted – no response to date).

AoS questioned the accuracy of pathway shown on Heritage Walk map displayed, plus state of the brick wall between Plots B and C (*Post meeting note – map considered accurate during site visit with TE and NS on 6 May. State of wall noted for works plan.*)

AP – TE and NS to walk cemetery, marking potential works plan for location of fingerposts and noticeboard/s. Plan to be used in discussion with Rev.Bailey.

AP – KC to supply contact details of Church Warden and/or other contacts that should be consulted with Rev.Bailey.

AP – TE, SC and NS to meet with Rev.Bailey and other church representatives to discuss potential works plan.

AP – Plan and materials to be passed to AW, as potential NMRA Community Gardens team project.

AP – Plan to be passed to Amenities for information once Church representatives engaged.

- b) WW2 Air Raid Shelter – AW confirmed that NMRA will be funding this project. The meeting clerk confirmed that contact had been made with SGN but a response was still outstanding from the landowner.

AP – TE & AW to meet Mark Jeffries (advisory only) to discuss possible works on site. TE to draw up plan for use with landowner and SGN.

AP – Plan to be passed to Amenities for information once landowner engaged.

Members thanked Nick Saunders and the meeting clerk for their efforts.

Date of next meeting – to be confirmed. Due to the postponed discussion regarding Station Masters House, the Number 1 New Milton working party will be invited to this next meeting.