



Listed Buildings Working Party

Notes of meeting held Monday 26 June 2023 at 2pm

Present – Cllr S Clarke (Chair)

Cllr J Adams

Cllr K Craze

Cllr W Davies

Cllr Mrs V Schooling

Mr A Watson (obo S Larking, Chair of New Milton Residents Association)

Mr N Saunders – New Milton Heritage Society

Ms T Elliott – Assistant Town Clerk

Apologies - Cllr B Murrow, Alan Beal (PCC).

1. Summary of previous actions and outcomes

- a) Milton Hall – *Historic England application for listing refused 22/02/21*
- b) Galleon Taxi Hut – *Historic England application for listing refused 22/02/21*
- c) The Rectory – *Historic England application for listing refused 02/03/21*
- d) Station Masters House – *Paused due other NMTC interests in building. KC advised Network Rail reassess every 3 months. NMTC project working party meeting was due 21 July to look at potential other sites (suggestions were the platform-based café or old Galleon Taxi hut)*
- e) George Business Centre – *now permitted for dwellings with minimal external change as per NFDC Conservation Team (and NMTC Planning Committee) concerns.*
- f) Church yard of St Mary Magdalen – *biodiversity project completed. Signage project paused due lack of funding (Streams dried up due dedication to COVID recovery needs).*
- g) Lloyds Bank Building – *no action to date*
- h) Wheatsheaf Public House – *discussion with owners, failed planning permission for housing, external redecoration undertaken.*
- i) Royal Mail Sorting Office – *no action to date*
- j) Cookies Corner – *no action to date*
- k) Fusee House/Milton Poor House – *no action to date*
- l) Ballard School – *no action to date*
- m) WW2 Air Raid shelter corner of Avenue Road – *discontinued due legal costs (Amenities 12/07/22)*
- n) Stanley Country House – *Historic England application for listing refused 31/03/21*

2. The Rectory - building

On 9 June, a letter to District Cllr D Tipp was sent, requesting the Rectory be considered for local listing. On the date of the meeting no response had been provided, however officers had stated that the Conservation Area designation afforded the Rectory building and mature trees the necessary protection. This is further strengthened as the Rectory is specifically mentioned in the Old Milton Green Conservation Area appraisal.

NFDC advised that there was no pre-application for any development on the site so far. TE advised that if a formal application was received NMTC will arrange a separate public meeting to discuss the application if public interest is high.

NS stated that Hampshire County Council hold records that the Rectory grounds have the least disturbed remains across Milton parish.

AP – TE to question NFDC on whether Rectory is within zone for the Moores Close housing site.

(Post meeting note – NFDC advise that the Moores Close site is not an ‘archaeological alert area’ and neither is the Rectory in terms of planning applications. NFDC have a layer within the GIS mapping system which was informed by Hampshire County Council, and operates on a traffic light system. The Conservation Area status means the Conservation Officer would always be consulted).

3. The Rectory - grounds

NS had photographed what looked like encroachment onto Rectory land from the new housing site to the south (NFDC). This is a civil matter between landowners. SC advised he was content as NFDC would be strictly applying due process.

(Post meeting notes – NFDC stated that all relevant consultations/negotiation was completed with the Diocese 18 months ago as part of the planning application process.

NFDC confirmed fencing will be erected to make secure site, contractor only recently appointed.)

NS advised a bat survey will be conducted on the Rectory grounds on 7 July, permitted by Rev Bailey. He then stated that Col.Wheeler’s grave was requiring ‘proper repair and maintenance,’ but it was not a Commonwealth War Grave as needed to be registered as one by 1924.

AP – SC to raise at next Town Council meeting, in regards potential contracting specialist works as the fabric needs repair.

AP – TE to get churchyard signage job priced again due out of date.

4. Potential other Local Listing requests

Suggestions to add to the working party ‘hit’ list were St Johns Chapel at Bashley and Coastguard Cottages in Barton. TE suggested Coastguard Cottages not be approached for a while due recent controversial planning application and resultant neighbour tensions.

SC requested that the Forum Heritage Services report from 2014 be made available at the next meeting.

AP - NS to further annotate the report

AP – TE to strengthen report with Local Distinctiveness SPD text.

Milton Hall – the tenant had made unsolicited contact with the NMTC office last week due to ‘rumours’ that the property he trades from is being listed. He had several visitors mentioning it and was concerned. He is due to retire but is currently in discussions with building owner. TE advised of process and consultations taken (with owner) in late 2020 which resulted in Historic England refusal.

AP – Blue Plaque project to be included on next agenda. TE to clarify process.

Date of next meeting – to be confirmed.

Meeting closed 3.15pm