

SWADLINCOTE HERITAGE ECONOMIC
REGENERATION SCHEME SUB-COMMITTEE

24th January 2002

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Labour Group

Councillor Brooks (Chair), Councillor Dunn (Vice-Chair) and Councillor Southerd.

Conservative Group

Councillor Mrs. Wheeler (substitute for Councillor Hood).

Made in Swadlincote Partnership

Mr. T. Freeman.

APOLOGY

An apology for absence from the Meeting was received from Mr. J. Oake (Sharpe's Pottery Heritage and Arts Trust).

SHS/8. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th September 2001 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

SHS/9. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr. T. Freeman declared a general interest in the Swadlincote Facelift Scheme.

MATTER DELEGATED TO SUB-COMMITTEE

SHS/10. **SWADLINCOTE HERITAGE ECONOMIC REGENERATION SCHEME**

Grant Application - No. 6 High Street

It was reported that this was early 20th Century two-storey building, comprising a shop and residential accommodation. The shop had been vacant for approximately one year and had recently been purchased for use as a bakers and confectioners. The property was part of an attractive row identified in the Town Centre audit as being of high townscape value.

The owner had commenced internal shopfitting and agreed to replace the front elevation joinery to provide a more sympathetic pattern, provided that it could be done within the time period allowed for the shop fitting. The eligible works were the restoration of two first-floor sash windows, a shop front of traditional design and sensitively designed signage of the shop front fascia. The joinery works were eligible for a grant of 80% and the signage at 50%. The benefits resulting from this project were reported.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) ***That Greggs of the Midlands be offered a sum of £7,023 towards the eligible costs of £17,920 as detailed in the revised tender documents, subject to the standard conditions and to the following additional conditions:-***
- (i) ***That before work starts, the precise pattern of replacement windows shall be approved by the Council.***
- (ii) ***That the restored shop front shall be painted to an approved colour scheme before the grant is paid.***
- (2) ***That, subject to receipt of further resources from English Heritage, the Design and Conservation officer be delegated authority to offer further grant assistance to Greggs of the Midlands for a total grant of up to £14,000, comprising 80% of the cost of the shop front and sash windows and 50% of the cost of the sign.***

(b) **Grant Application, No. 8 High Street**

It was reported that this property adjoined No. 6 High Street and was of the same date and style. A shop refit was planned for February and discussions were being held with the owner about potential improvements to the surviving but altered shop front.

Potential improvements included replacing the modern metal doors in timber, removing the illuminated box sign and replacing it with signage on the fascia and replacing the soffit panels. It was proposed to give permission to the owner without prejudice to any grant application to help facilitate negotiations on the improvements. The benefits of this project were reported.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) ***That Mr. H. McFadden be granted permission to start work on the shop front improvements at No. 8 High Street, without prejudice to his grant application, subject to the standard conditions and the following additional conditions:-***
- (i) ***That before work starts, the precise pattern of the improvements shall be approved by the Council.***
- (ii) ***That the restored shop front shall be painted to an approved colour scheme.***
- (2) ***That the Design and Conservation officer be delegated authority to determine the detailed scheme in negotiation with the property owner.***

L.J. BROOKS

CHAIR

The Meeting terminated at 4.05 p.m.

