

MINUTES OF MEETING

Warwick District Conservation Advisory Forum

Thursday 15th July 2021
14:30 via Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

Cllr Sidney Syson
Cllr George Illingworth

Ms Ruth Bennion (Leamington Society)
Mr Gordon Cain (RICS)
Ms Cathy Kimberley (CPRE)
Mr James Mackay (20th Century Society)
Mr Mark Sullivan (RTPI)
Mr Richard Ward (RIBA)

Mr Robert Dawson (WDC)
Ms Zoe Herbert (WDC)

Apologies:

Mr Angus Kaye (The Victorian Society)
Ms Gill Smith (Warwick Society)
Dr Christine Hodgetts (Warwickshire Gardens Trust)

1. **Substitutes and New Members**

None.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

3. **Minutes of Last Meeting**

Were agreed.

4. **Planning Committee Agenda**

CAF made no comment.

5. **Planning Applications**

- 5.1 W/21/0952 | Demolition of existing single storey temple (operational in industrial shed) and two storey community centre and erection of replacement two storey temple with associated works, including 8no. parking spaces | 10B High Street, Leamington Spa, CV31 3AN

Overall, CAF were supportive of the proposed scheme, noting the use of high quality materials, and felt that the proposal would be an improvement when compared with existing buildings on the site. The Forum expressed some concern that the proposed temple appeared to be 'squeezed' too tightly into the site and questioned whether there was sufficient space for maintenance purposes.

- 5.2 W/21/0841 | Proposed erection of three storey dwelling | Rear of 93 Warwick Street, Leamington Spa, CV32 4RJ

The Forum felt that the design of the proposed dwelling would fit in extremely well with the street scene and conservation area. The scale and design were considered appropriate and it was considered sufficiently subservient to the principal building. CAF suggested that a slate roof would be more appropriate in this context.

Whilst CAF agreed that it was good to see off-road parking being provided for, some members of the Forum were concerned at the effect of making the streetscape into a row of parked cars.

- 5.3 W/21/0713 | Demolish single storey double garage, workshop and carport to be replaced by new 3 bedroom dwelling | Church Cottage, School Hill, Offchurch, Leamington Spa, CV33 9AL

CAF expressed their agreement with the comments already made by WCC Landscaping and support their objection to the proposed scheme. The Forum agreed that the proposed building was not architecturally compatible with the street scene and doesn't make any attempt to blend into its surroundings. The building does not appear as a subservient outbuilding as it should and is detrimental to the setting of the thatched cottage and the positive contribution it makes to Offchurch Conservation Area.

6. **Any Other Business**

- 6.1 Cllr Illingworth reported that the design of the vehicular opening at Abbotsford House in Kenilworth, that CAF discussed previously, has been amended and whilst not entirely in accordance with the approved plans, is considered an improvement.

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Date of next meeting: 12th August 2021.

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