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# WOODSIDE PARK

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 16th September 8 p.m.

## Woodside Park

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# News and Views

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WOODSIDE PARK RATEPAYERS' AND RESIDENTS'  
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## EDITORIAL

THE seven-week gap between meetings of the London Borough of Barnet Council would seem to be too large, but it is now known that the summer recess will last fourteen weeks, during which time one can assume that a vast amount of work will accumulate.

Over the past two years this Association has covered every aspect of the formation of this new London Borough through the columns of this magazine and we are fully appreciative of the enormous amount of work to be done before the new Chief Officers and their staff can be expected to get the machinery working really smoothly. But we now ask the question, is this going to be an excuse for inactivity by the Council? In Woodside Park there are many outstanding items now before the Council on which we would like prompt action. An age-old request to the former Hendon Council to remake the footpath between Lullington Garth and Southover was side-tracked time and time again until eventually last autumn we were promised action this spring. Our guess is that it will be nearer next spring before a pick-axe is thrown at the path.

One of the last actions of the Hendon Council was to replace the out-of-date and, in some cases, non-existent street name plates. A job requested by the Association and efficiently carried out, but now three plates have been damaged and removed, when will they be replaced? We have been made recommendations concerning traffic matters at Sussex Ring, and elsewhere in this issue the Council's reply can be seen. We shall wait with bated breath the man with the can of white paint.

The standing joke of Woodside Park, the proposed public library, though not a joke with some of us, is still at the bottom of the pile of Council matters. We are given to understand, however, that the following items are now before the Council for urgent consideration—the purchase of 17,500 24" x 18" blotters in the shape of the new Barnet Borough map for staff; the purchase of 10 unofficial official robes for those Councillors who refuse to wear the official official robes; the acquisition of a piece of land 50 x 10 yards in Golders

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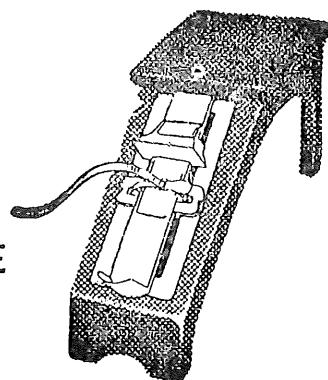
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This year's Annual Meeting will be held in September and it might appeal to our members if the Association arranges for the Borough Treasurer or one of our Ward Councillors to speak on the subject of rates. No matter what is said we still have to pay them but a detailed explanation straight from the horse's mouth might help to soften the blow. The agenda and full details of the meeting will be given in the next issue.

### Paving Stones

The prices of broken paving slabs obtained from the Council are given elsewhere in this issue but the following information may be of use to any residents proposing to make use of them.

Unbroken paving stones or paving flags are formed of granite aggregate and cement and are hydraulically pressed under terrific pressure to make them dense enough to withstand damage by frost. They are all made 2 feet wide and 1 ft. 6 ins., 2 ft., 2 ft. 6 ins. and 3 ft. long by 2 ins. thick. The weight of any rectangular piece of concrete can be found by multiplying the thickness by the width in inches. This will give the weight in pounds for a length of one foot. For example, a 2 ft. x 2 ft. x 2 ins. thick slab will weigh 24 ins. x 2 ins. = 48 lbs. for a foot length or 96 lbs. for 2 feet length or 4 square feet. A ton will therefore cover about 80-90 square feet. Broken pavings may cover a little more because there will be more joints.

Broken paving should be laid in fairly large pieces and the appearance is improved by introducing pieces of broken red tile or brick at intervals. About 4 inches of well-rolled gravel is a good foundation. A weak lime:sand mortar brushed dry into the joints, tamped down with an old, long, flat file and left to air-set would suffice.

A small earth retaining wall can be built easily by laying the slabs flat and exposing the broken edges as the wall face, with a broken bond.

Sometimes new paving is laid around a house without checking to see if the new level is above the damp-proof course and dry rot can be started in this way.

Breaking or cutting a slab neatly requires some practice but if a straight cut on the top surface is made with a sharp, heavy chisel and a 3 lb. hammer and if the slab is then supported on a straight piece of timber to one side of the chisel cut, the unsupported piece can be firmly tapped with the hammer to break it off along a fairly straight, even line.

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## Federation of Ratepayers' Associations of Barnet

**I**T was decided at a meeting on the 31st May to refer to Local Ratepayers' Associations on the question of whether opinion was in favour of the Local Authority granting rate relief to private tennis clubs. At a meeting on the 3rd June, the members of your Committee voted against the proposal: three members voted for rate relief, one abstained and six voted against. This will be reported to F.O.R.A.B. at the next meeting.

At the F.O.R.A.B. meeting various opinions were heard on the subject of increasing revenue so that the Treasurer could have a "float" of at least £50; among suggestions was one that some associations, which were not members of F.O.R.A.B. should be asked to join. Mr. Jones of Totteridge thought that a sliding scale would be appropriate—over 2,000 members in one Association would attract a subscription of 4 guineas, 1,500 to 2,000—3½ guineas, up to 1,500—3 guineas, up to 1,000—2½ guineas and up to 700—2 guineas. It was finally proposed that Mr. Lawson of Mill Hill, Mr. Jones of Totteridge and the Treasurer, Mr. Holden, should meet and discuss the matter.

Further discussion took place concerning an Underground Railway line that was due to be opened just before the war, from Highgate through Muswell Hill to Alexandra Park, but much of the track has been lifted and it was decided to press for a new line from East Finchley to Finsbury Park and Broad Street.

Road Safety Areas were discussed. Mr. J. N. Burke was nominated as Road Safety representative for Barnet Northern (Barnet and East Barnet).

Mr. Neighbour was proposed to represent Barnet Central (Finchley and Friern Barnet). Mr. English, of course already represents Barnet Western (Hendon). These names are being sent to the Town Clerk so that official communications can be received by F.O.R.A.B. through the representatives.

Regarding the rise in rates which, on the average for London, amounts to 20%, Mr. Harley said that he had received ten letters asking if there was going to be a protest meeting, such as Richmond, Wembley and Hornsey Chamber of Commerce had held. It was decided to refer this question to the local Associations and then bring the matter up again at the next meeting of F.O.R.A.B.

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**London Borough of Barnet Council Minutes**

AMONG items of interest the following points were noted:—

A sports pavilion, costing £58,023, is to be erected in **Mill Hill Park** to cater for bowling and other clubs that use the park for recreation.

A new lease is proposed to be negotiated between **Finchley Golf Club** and Barnet Council. The present lease expires in 1968.

**Finchley Football Club** pitch is to be inspected together with the players' accommodation and the grandstand with a view to possible reinstatement and rebuilding.

Barnet Council are urging the London Transport to augment Bus route 240A via Pursley Road so that **Copthall Sports Stadium** can be served by public transport. Hendon Council did this on a number of previous occasions but the London Transport Board refused to provide a service along the Great North Way at this point.

*"The Borough Engineer and Surveyor reported (on 26th April, 1965 to the Estates Committee) that, since making provisional bookings to use Copthall Stadium on the 26th June and 3rd July, 1965, for their meetings, the Southern Counties Amateur Athletic Association had been negotiating with the London Transport Board without success, regarding the possibility of providing extra buses to convey the large number of people expected to attend the Stadium on these days. In the circumstances, the Association had withdrawn their applications for the use of the Stadium and were making other arrangements elsewhere."*

The Borough's Swimming Pools all opened on the 1st May. Judging from the present weather, they are, no doubt, filled to overflowing.

**Country Lanes — Dumping of Rubbish.**

The Town Clerk submitted a letter from a resident of Grants Close, Mill Hill, N.W.7, regarding the dumping of rubbish generally and requesting, in particular, that the Council institute a service to remove periodically various paraphernalia deposited in country lanes, verges and riverside walks. The letter had also been considered by the Estates Committee (on the 26th April) who were recommending the Council to take no action thereon.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

(i) *that the Borough Engineer and Surveyor be instructed to take action as may be necessary from time to time for the removal of rubbish from verges and the display of permanent notices regarding the penalties for dumping.*

(ii) *that the Town Clerk be instructed to seek the co-operation of the Police in regard to this matter and to inform the resident of the action being taken."*

**Comment.**

This is certainly not before time and it is hoped that early removal of the tons of rubbish, including wrecks of burnt out cars, dismembered vans, builders' rubbish, old discarded tiled fireplaces, brick and plaster rubble and old tin cans will be removed from the junction of Burtonhole Lane and Partingdale Lane. This point has been a disgrace for the past ten years and the writer was gratified to see a police constable recently questioning two people in a car. The Council's scheme for collection of household junk, at the following rates will, no doubt, help to minimise the spoilation of the countryside around Woodside Park.

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**Education Committee, 10th March, 1965**

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

(iii) That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Hon. Secretary of the Finchley and Friern Barnet and Hendon Area Associations for the Advancement of State Education that the Association's request to be specfically represented on the Edu-  
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### **Woodside Park Ratepayers' and Residents' Association Committee Meeting**

Mr. Claydon, the Secretary, reported to the Meeting on the 22nd June that he had received letters from the Occupiers of 2 Walmington Fold and 13 Chanctonbury Way expressing concern over the proposal to restrict cars from parking close to the corners of Sussex Ring; they feel that this will drive car-parking to positions outside their own houses and we have sympathy with this point of view. It is a difficult problem.

The following is a letter the Secretary received from the Town Clerk on the 29th March:

*"The Council were in agreement with the views of the Borough Engineer and Surveyor regarding the unsuitability of providing central refuges at the entrances to Chanctonbury Way and Walmington Fold in view of the insufficient width of the carriageways and that the proposed new position for the footpath was inadvisable due to its proximity to the junction with Chanctonbury Way."*

This is a reference to the proposal to divert Brookside Walk away from the Brook at this point to a point in the Boundary Fence nearer the house in Southover. The letter goes on to say

*"On the recommendation of the Committee the Council has decided to take no action on the request for the resiting of the footpath and for the provision of central refuges at the entrances to the aforementioned roads."*

*"The Council has, however, instructed the Borough Engineer and Surveyor to arrange for the painting of a broken white line across the carriageway of Chanctonbury Way at its junction with Southover and has instructed me on the conclusion of the Borough Engineer and Surveyor's consultations with the Ministry of Transport on the question of the parking restrictions and the Association's request for the provision of pedestrian guard rails at the Southover entrances to Brookside Walk to the attention of the Barnet London Borough Council."*

On the question of the proposed new Public Library, we have received from the Council an acknowledgement only.

The Secretary was asked to write to the Council expressing our disappointment at the decision not to include the repair to the footpath in Brookside Walk in the 1965/66 estimates. Even the little piece of tarmac laid by the new pedestrian gate in Lullington Garth allowed pram wheels to sink into it. It was laid direct on the earth, with barely an inch or so of ashes as a foundation.

Two Committee members, Mr. S. T. K. Hester and Mr.  
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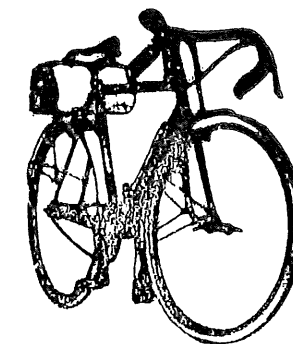
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B. J. H. Strachan, offered their resignations as they were moving shortly from the district. Their cheerful presence at Meetings and their co-operation will be missed. Three Area Road Safety Committees are to be set up as mentioned in the report of the F.O.R.A.B. meeting in this issue. The Federation of Ratepayers' Associations of Barnet (F.O.R.A.B.) has affiliated with the London Ratepayers' Alliance (L.R.A.). Reports were received on proposed developments in Holden Road and at Frith Manor Orchard. An addition and some amendments to our Association's Rules make reprinting necessary. Several residents had complained to us about dogs being allowed to foul grass verges, particularly in Singleton Scarp. The Advertisement Manager was asked to obtain additional advertisements for the Journal to replace those not renewed at recent expiry dates. Some discussion took place about letters received from residents on the siting of the proposed library, traffic conditions at the junction of Southover and Chanctonbury Way, overhanging shrubbery along the Brookside Walk and the position regarding the lighting of bonfires. Further discussion took place on new but empty office blocks and the lack of rate revenue from them. Some tree branches or bushes were thought to be obstructing pavements and would benefit from a little trimming by residents. Mr. English, the Road Safety Officer for Barnet Western (Hendon) remarked on the reverse camber which exists on the bend of Lullington Garth near the last house towards Frith Manor on the north side and referred to a recent accident there.

You may have noticed in the wire refuse basket by the westbound bus stop at Cissbury Ring South a very old and tired ice-cream cone among other debris. At the time of writing, these items had been there for five weeks (July 14th). It might help if we had little enamelled metal plates indicating the time and date of the next collection. Seriously though . . .

### Storage of Apples and Pears

When Woodside Park was laid out as a housing estate, there was not a single fruit tree to be seen, but at the present time, there is hardly a garden that has not an apple tree or a pear tree. Some householders, however, do seem to let the fruit rot on the trees or on the ground and this seems a pity. The following notes might help everyone who wonders how they can be stored.

The store should be more or less dark, cool, well ventilated and proof against rats or mice, so that the process of decay, which is inevitable, may be retarded. Generally, a heavy soil, such as we have, makes fruit last longer when picked but a lot of rain during the

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latter part of the summer and lack of sun counteracts this. Fruit should be picked at the right time. If picked too soon they will shrivel. The right time for picking is when each fruit is mature, that is, when an apple is lifted gently, its stalk should come away gently from its branch. The stalk should be left on the apple. The fruit on the outside of the tree will mature first and a second or even a third picking may be necessary. Pecked or damaged apples should be kept separate or they will infect sound apples in store.

Very late maturing varieties of apples such as "Sturmer Pippin," "D'Arcy Spice," "Winston" and "Wagener" should be left until quite late before picking.

Each apple should be wrapped in a square of newspaper, which allows them to breathe (but preferably not in polythene, which is impermeable). The roof space of the house is good for storage, though rather dry for apples. Some degree of humidity is necessary especially with apples but not so much with pears. A certain amount of frost does no immediate harm provided the apples are not handled when frozen. Fruit should be checked over once during the winter to pick out the fruit which may have become rotten. It is hardly necessary to say "Store away from boilers", but contact with onions, creosote or paraffin will taint the fruit.

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*cation Committee is not granted, but that they will have equal opportunity with other interested parties to submit nominations for the appointment of Co-opted Members within the constitution as now approved by the Council.*

The London Transport Board are to repair the **Holden Road Railway Bridge**.

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Road gulleys will be emptied three times a year.

A relief surface water sewer is to be constructed from West Hill Way in Totteridge Lane to discharge into Dollis Brook.

Coloured maps of the New London Borough of Barnet will be available to the public from the Borough Engineer and Surveyor at £1 each. It is understood that they cost 6/4d. each. The Geographers Company Limited sell maps of the Borough in colour to a scale of 3 inches to 1 mile at 7/6d. each.

There is a Bill before Parliament to rescind the powers of the Local Authority to stipulate which early closing day for shops shall operate. If this is passed, shopkeepers will be able to select their own day for early closing.

The Council have agreed to make a Tree Preservation Order in respect of 97 Holden Road.



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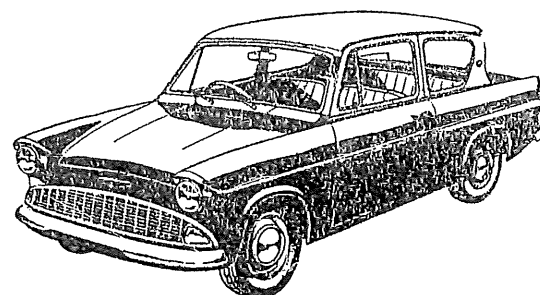
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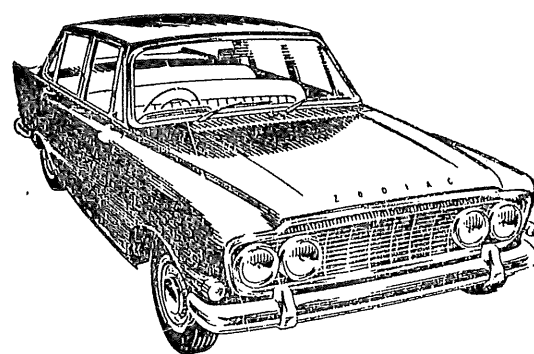
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