

TELEPHONE KIOSK and LETTER BOX, THE WICK

We wrote to the Post Office last August asking for the provision of a letter box and telephone kiosk for the residents of The Wick and Desborough Close area. On the 21st November they replied saying that authority had been given for a letter box. Subject to the approval of the Local Authority this will be sited on the grass verge by No.73 The Wick. The Post Office has asked if we have any comments to make?

A representative called on us regarding the telephone kiosk and indicated that they were unable to recommend meeting our request as a telephone kiosk already existed about half a mile away and it was felt that the demand would not justify the capital outlay and maintenance. However, they would consider the matter in more detail if we were prepared to press it.

BUS STOP, COWPER CRESCENT

We have been in correspondence with London Transport concerning an additional bus stop along Cowper Crescent. We have been informed by London Transport "that provided no objections are raised by Hertford Borough Council an additional eastbound stop for route 333 will be provided on the lamp standard forty yards east of Peel Crescent. This will be used for alighting purposes only".

We duly took the matter up with the Town Clerk and he has replied " I think you may safely assume that the Council will approve the proposed bus stop".

BUS TIMINGS

We have also been in correspondence with London Transport concerning the timing of the last bus from the bus station to Ware Park Hospital (22.17 hours). From 3rd February, the time of departure is 22.32 hours Mon-Sat. which cinema-goers will find is late enough to see the end of the programme.

CLAYDON FISH VAN

We regret that Mr. Claydon found it impossible to commence the service of a foundsman visiting the estate once a week because of staff difficulties. There would be no point of starting such a service if it could not be relied upon. However, they are willing to take orders and to deliver on Thursdays. Telephone No. Hertford 2632.

FOOTPATH, DESBOROUGH CLOSE - Satisfactorily concluded.

EVENING CLASSES

As the keep fit class is proving to be so popular we have raised the question of further classes with Ware College of Further Education. They have stated that they will certainly look into the possibility of organising evening classes in Bengoe during the 1968/69 session. Please will you let us know if you are interested in any of the following subjects - please do not delay. Hair Care and Make Up (6 weeks), Fencing, Art, Pottery, Woodcraft, Law and the family, French Conversation, Car Maintenance for the Beginner, Flower Arrangement, Cookery, Wine Making.

If you are interested telephone Hertford 4885 (Mrs. Strudwick) or drop a note through the door of No. 11 Lys Hill Gardens.

PLAY SPACE

We are still battling with this problem.

Our latest information is that the Borough Engineer and Surveyor has been instructed to endeavour to submit prices for the repair or replacement of the playground equipment at Hartham to the next meeting of the Highways and Utilities Committee.

We are pressing for better equipment at Hartham, including toddlers swings. Parents with young children may be interested to know that the nearest toddlers swings are at Ware Priory Grounds (next to the swimming pool). With regard to a piece of land adjacent to The Wick (approx. 3 acres) this has not yet been bought by the Council because of lack of funds.

INADEQUATE LIGHTING AND POOR FOOTPATH ON SACOMBE ROAD

We have written to the Borough Council on this matter and this is their reply.

"The Borough Engineer and Surveyor informed the committee that an item for making up this footpath had been included in the County Road estimates for 1968/69 submitted to the Hertfordshire County Council, and he expected their reply by next April or later. An item covering lighting had not, however, been included in such estimates.

The Highways and Utilities Committee resolved - "That consideration of the question of the making up of the footpath be deferred until the decision of the County Council is received, but that in connection with the question of the

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lighting the Borough Engineer and Surveyor be instructed to obtain estimates for consideration at the next meeting of the committee.

#### REPLACING TREES ON GREENS

The Council has told us that they are not prepared to allocate funds for this purpose but they have no objection to the Association replacing trees at our own expense. We intend to do this and would appreciate any comments.

#### CYCLING ON FOOTPATHS EITHER SIDE OF THE GREEN, LYS HILL GARDENS

The Council has the power to make Byelaws prohibiting cycling on footpaths other than footpaths alongside highways. The Town Clerk is preparing Draft Byelaws prohibiting cycling on certain footpaths in the Borough, including the one mentioned by us, for consideration at the next Highways and Utilities Meeting.

#### NURSERY SCHOOL

Although the liason between the Nursery School Committee and ourselves has not been as close as we had hoped, we frequently write about nursery school matters, and the following is an extract from a letter received from the Nursery School Secretary.

"Our Management Committee are pleased to note the support within your Association. We apologise for the apparent lack of advertisement. We did in fact advertise in the Hertfordshire Mercury - a height to which we had not previously risen."  
(This refers to the absence of public notices for their first A.G.M.)

"We have not, as yet, finalised our Constitution - it is still with the County Council Law Department. We hope to have it ready for discussion at our next A.G.M. in June. I will most certainly notify you of this and other General Meetings when the dates are known to me.

We are still doing our best to find premises in Bengoe and will return the school there when it is possible".

#### OPEN FORUM

Having noted the comments which members made during last years canvass, and read the correspondence columns of the local press, we believed that most of you would welcome the chance of questioning those people concerned with shopping facilities, parking, planning and local government. We delivered two notices of the meeting to everyone on the estate, but less than a dozen turned up on the night. Councillor Bentley of the Borough Council, Mr. Hill from the County Planning Department and Messrs. Mansfield and Dale from the Chamber of Commerce gave us a lively and interesting evening.

#### FEDERATION

After our last general meeting, the secretary wrote to the other associations in Hertford. The Sadlers Farm Residents Association replied to say that they were conducting a similar exercise and suggested that we left them to call the first meeting. We agreed at the time, but have since discovered that this was a mistake. The type of association proposed by Sadlers Farm is a great deal different from that which our members proposed at our last A.G.M. and it is unlikely that we shall join the Federation until the matter has been referred back to the membership at the next A.G.M. All the details of the negotiations will be given to anyone who contacts the committee.

The next newsletter will be in April

NOTICE OF THE  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MOLEWOOD ESTATE RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on Tuesday, 21st May, 1968 at the new Genreo Junior School hall, Sacombe Road. The meeting will commence promptly at 8.00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of last Annual General Meeting
2. Matters Arising
3. Annual Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Revised Rules

6. This meeting endorses the action of the committee in joining the Federation of Hertford Residents, Ratepayers and Tenants Associations.  
7. Election of Officers and Committee. 8. Election of Auditors. 9. Any Other Business.  
Revised Rules Molewood Estate Ratepayers Association

- TITLE 1. The title of the Association shall be the Molewood Residents Association.
- OBJECTS 2 The objects of the Association shall be generally to further and protect the interests of the Molewood ratepayers and residents.
- AFFILIATION 3 The Association shall be independent of all political parties.
- MEMBERSHIP 4 Membership shall be open to:-  
(a) Ratepayers or their accredited representatives.  
(b) Residents of the Molewood area on application and payment of the appropriate subscription.
- 5 Membership shall cease should the subscription not be paid within six months of the date due.
- SUBSCRIPTIONS 6 The subscriptions shall be 5/- per annum for ordinary members and 10/- per annum for trading members.
- 7 The subscriptions shall become due and payable on the first day of April each year.
- OFFICERS 8 The Officers of the Association shall be a Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer who shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.
- MANAGEMENT 9 The management of the Association shall be the responsibility of a committee which shall consist of:-  
(a) The Officers.  
(b) Nine other members of the Association who shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.
- POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE 10 No business shall be transacted by the Committee unless five Committee members are present, one of whom being an Officer.
- 11 The Committee shall have the power to fill vacancies among the Officers which may occur during its term of office.
- 12 The Committee shall have the power to co-opt members onto the Committee; such co-opted members not at any time to constitute a majority of the Committee nor a majority at any meeting of the committee.
- 13 The Committee may appoint a Vice-Chairman, an Assistant Secretary and an Assistant Treasurer and such sub-committees as it thinks fit but such sub-committees shall only be advisory to the Committee.
- FUNDS 14 The time between committee meetings shall not exceed 10 weeks.
- 15 The funds of the Association shall be deposited with Westminster Bank, Fore Street, Hertford.
- 16 All drawings on the funds must be signed by at least two of the Officers of the Association.
- GENERAL MEETINGS 17 The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held in the Second Quarter of each year.
- 18 A Special General Meeting may be called by the Committee at any time and must be called by the Secretary on a requisition in writing signed by at least 5% of the membership; such meeting shall be called within 21 days of the receipt of the request.
- 19 The Agenda of any General Meeting shall be circulated not less than 10 days before the meeting. Business transacted at a Special General Meeting shall be confined to matters stated on the Agenda.
- 20 Nominations for the office of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, for members of the Committee and for the Auditors shall be in writing signed by the proposer and seconder and by the nominee and shall be handed to the Secretary before the Annual General Meeting. If no such nomination is received for a particular post nominations for that post may be received from the floor at the meeting.

- 21 The Accounts of the Association shall be made up to the 31st March in each year and shall be audited annually by two Auditors who shall not be members of the Committee. Such Auditors shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting. A Balance Sheet and Statement of income and expenditure for the past year shall be circulated with the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting.

AMENDMENTS 22

These rules shall be amended only at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting called for such a purpose. Notice of proposed alterations of the rules shall be made in writing to the Secretary 21 days before such meeting.

In accordance with the resolution passed at last years Annual General Meeting the Association has joined with Brickendon Lane Residents Association, Horns Mill Tenants Association and Sadlers Farm Residents Association in forming the Federation of Hertford Ratepayers, Residents and Tenants Associations; a copy of the Constitution follows. We hope that this Federation will eventually be enlarged to cover all similar Associations in Hertford. At its first formal meeting the General Committee made the following resolution.

That this Federation approaches the Hertford Borough Council with a view to est ablishing the principle that every estate and future development of housing within the Borough shall be provided with adequate recreational facilities for its child populations.

COUNTY DAY Whit Monday, 3rd June, 1968

At the request of the Organising Committee the newly-formed Federation is sponsoring a Dance at the swimming pool from 8.30 p.m. to 12.00 p.m. There will be music from a 5-piece band with a vocalist, a floodlit Water Ballet and also, it is hoped, a water polo match. Guests will be able to swim in the pool and there will be a Bar and Barbecue Supper. Tickets, price 15/- each, will be available from Mrs. Flach, 8 Lys Hill Gardens, Tel. 4880.

A driving competition is being organised as part of County Day on Hartham Common. This Association has been asked if it can enter one or more teams of four cars. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Flach.

FEDERATION OF HERTFORD RESIDENTS, RATEPAYERS & TENANTS ASSOCIATIONS

Revised Draft Constitution Submitted by Sadlers Farm Residents Association

1. NAME - As per heading
2. OBJECTS - (a) To promote friendly co-operation and extend the spirit of citizenship among the residents of Hertford.  
(b) To promote an active interest in the affairs of the Hertford district  
(c) To organise united action in matters of civic concern and to represent the views of Ratepayers and Residents to Members of Parliament, Government Departments, Local Authorities, Public Corporations and other bodies and persons  
(d) To co-operate with and seek the recruitment of similar organisations to the Federation.
3. MEMBERSHIP - All non-party political Ratepayers', Residents', Tenants and kindred Associations in the District shall be eligible for membership, subject to approval by majority vote at a General Meeting of the Federation.
4. SUBSCRIPTIONS -  
(a) Each member organisation shall pay an annual subscription of 3 pns. this sum to be subject to annual review.  
(b) This subscription shall be due on 1st December - if subscription is not paid within six months membership shall be regarded as terminated.  
(c) Should the need arise, the General Committee shall be empowered to call upon members for additional funds i.e. over and above the annual subscription, to a sum agreed by a majority of 2/3rds of the committee.
5. FINANCIAL YEAR - The Financial year shall commence on the 1st December to the 30th November.
6. GENERAL MEETINGS  
(a) Management of the Federation is vested in General Meetings, consisting of the Federation Officers and two delegates from each affiliated association. A limit of two officers from any one member organisation will apply.  
(b) General Meetings shall be held during January - March - June September.  
(c) The Annual General Meeting shall be held in November/December.  
(d) An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened by the General Secretary at the request of the Steering Committee or not less than a quarter of the member associations. Fourteen days notice must be given. Only such business shall be transacted as has been set out in the notice of such a meeting.

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7. QUORUM - General Meetings shall not take place unless one-third of the affiliated associations are represented.
8. VOTING (a) Voting at General Meetings shall normally be by show of hands.  
(b) Decisions on matters of procedure or Federation business shall be taken by a clear majority of those present and voting.  
(c) Decisions on resolutions relating to public policy shall be taken by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.
9. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS  
(a) All meetings shall conform to the normal rules of debate.  
(b) A Steering Committee, comprising the General Secretary, and a delegate from each member organisation, shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting, to meet as necessary and to recommend how and in what order any resolutions submitted by affiliated associations should be considered and dealt with at General Meetings, with the provision that as membership to Federation grows, the number of delegates to the Steering Committee shall be reviewed. Any report and recommendations of the committee shall be dealt with at each General Meeting immediately after the Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising therefrom. The Steering Committee shall also be vested with executive authority to act on behalf of the Federation, subject to ratification by the next General Meeting.
10. PUBLICITY  
(a) Representatives of the press, members of member organisations and members of the general public may be invited to General Meetings at the discretion of the Committee. Two additional members of the Committee of member organisations may attend any General Meeting in addition to official delegates as non participating observers.  
(b) For the private discussion of any particular matter, the Chairman may rule or a General Meeting resolve, that the Meeting shall go into "Private Session".
11. MINUTES Copies of the Minutes of General Meetings shall be circulated to all delegates and Association Secretaries.
12. OFFICERS The following officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting Chairman, General Secretary, Treasurer. Provision also to be made as the need should occur for additional officers, namely Assistant Secretary - Local Government Secretary - Travelling Facilities Secretary - Social Secretary - Publicity Secretary.  
The four last-named officers shall act as Secretaries of Standing Committees referred to in Rule 13. The Standing Chairman General Secretary and Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of all Standing Committees.  
Casual vacancies among these officers may be filled by a General Meeting.  
Correspondence on matters of policy shall be written by the General Secretary.
13. STANDING COMMITTEES - When required the following Committees shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting, to meet as necessary, to have powers of co-opton and to submit written reports to the following General Meeting:-
  - (a) LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE - to consider Council Minutes and local government policies.
  - (b) TRAVELLING FACILITIES COMMITTEE - to consider public transport, highways, footpaths and road safety.
  - (c) SOCIAL COMMITTEE - to organise the Annual Dinner and any other social function.
  - (d) PUBLICITY COMMITTEE - to arrange exhibitions, publications and press relations.
  - (e) GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
14. AUDITORS - Two auditors shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
15. MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS
  - (a) shall be responsible for (i) advising the Federation General Secretary, the names and addresses of Officers and Delegates, (ii) paying subscriptions to the Federation Treasurer when due, (iii) submitting in writing to the Federation General Secretary any items proposed for inclusion on the Agenda of a General Meeting, plus any matters requiring immediate action.
  - (b) shall be quite independent in internal matters and free to express views on any matter, but shall not act in any way that may bring discredit upon the Federation.
  - (c) Can submit to the Federation any purely local matter, upon which they have first done all in their power and failed to obtain satisfaction. This submission must be accompanied by a concise statement of the steps already taken.
16. REPRESENTATION OF FEDERATION
  - (a) The Federation (or, in emergency, the Steering Committee) may, in such cases as it deems appropriate, delegate one or more persons to represent the Federation.

16. (b) Production of a copy of the Minute appointing such Delegate(s) duly certified by the General Secretary for the time being, shall be conclusive evidence of the appointment of such delegate(s) and the term of appointment.

17. DISSOLUTION AND WINDING UP

- (a) The Federation can only be dissolved by resolution of an Extraordinary General Meeting, carried by a two-thirds majority of those present entitled to vote and voting.  
(b) Upon dissolution, unless the winding-up resolution shall otherwise determine, the net assets of the Federation shall be distributed to member associations, in proportion to subscriptions paid by those associations in the preceding subscription period.

18. ALTERATION OF RULES This Constitution can be amended at the Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting, on a proposal from the Steering Committee or any Member Association:-

- (a) submitted in writing to the General Secretary.  
(b) circulated to all associations at least 28 days prior to the meeting. and  
(c) approved by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting

As a result of disagreements over Federation Mr. Barnes has resigned the Chairmanship.