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HENDON CIVIC NEWS

YOUR COUNCILLOR

An Article by

Alderman C. H. SHEILL, K.S.G., Chairman of the General Purposes Committee

The ignorance of the work and duties of a borough councillor which undoubtedly exists is a cause of embarrassment and a source of quiet amusement in council circles but it is certainly a matter of much concern for the public at large. There should be an understanding between the citizens and their elected representatives and this can be achieved only through knowledge of one another. The councillor must always maintain a close contact with the burgesses through the many channels open to him and the electors should try to get to know him personally if possible. If these ideals could be reached completely we would undoubtedly have the perfect society but in present conditions only a partial achievement can be hoped for and it is in order to assist towards this that the following lines have been penned.

What sort of person is a councillor? Is he, as some seem to suggest, the kind of man who likes the limelight or who is after his own (nefarious) ends? Has he pushed himself forward to the position he holds? Those of us who have been through the mill know how far from the truth these ideas are. In point of fact political parties find it extremely difficult to discover and persuade a candidate to come forward at election time and often it is only at the last minute that someone relaxes and accepts the nomination. This someone could be you; he is just another citizen with the same faults and virtues as the rest. He may have shown a little more interest in his party or in public affairs generally, he may be a little more willing to go to meetings but he is just such a person in the main as yourself.

Having persuaded you to elect him he comes on to the Council and probably gets the surprise of his life. The procedure and machinery of the committees and council meetings is unlike anything he has met hitherto and, if he is wise, he keeps very quiet for many months in order to assimilate what he has let himself in for. Firstly, there are some sixteen committees of the Hendon Borough Council and these, especially Education, have several sub-committees. In addition there are many outside committees related to

public life on which the Council is represented by its members. To begin with the Councillor may be lucky enough to get away with three or four of these but after serving a short apprenticeship he will find himself taking on more and more. During the five week period in which these committees meet he will be coming to the Town Hall several times a week but even when he is at home he will have to read and study mountains of paper. Gradually he will be expected to specialise, which means whilst he may drop some of the activities of the Council he will redouble his work on those he has chosen.

If you want to get to know a little about the time and effort a Councillor puts in ask his wife—or, in the case of a lady member, her husband. Hendon committees meet at 6.15 p.m. which means that two, three, or maybe four times in a week, the Councillor must come hastily from his daytime place of employment to the Town Hall without a meal. Fortunately, we have a rule in Hendon that business must finish at 10 o'clock come what may so that, at least, he may go home to his repast by about 10.30. Pity his good lady who never knows when to expect him but must be ready with sustenance whatever the hour. But even when home he is not free from his municipal duties. He has to read and answer many letters from his constituents, irrespective of party, and how few of these think to enclose a stamped-addressed envelope! The 'phone goes almost continuously and callers arrive, usually unannounced. All expect immediate attention and usually they have difficulties demanding to be solved many of which, indeed, are insoluble. Your Councillor is on a 24 hour shift seven days a week.

In addition to coming to the Town Hall for the many meetings of the Council and its committees and sub-committees the Councillor pays frequent visits in order to discuss questions with the permanent officials, the Chief Officers, without whose assistance and advice his efforts would frequently be fruitless. During the day-time he may often have to seize a

moment from his work to telephone one or other officer to get an answer to a problem or to require attention to a question raised by one of his constituents. Furthermore he is expected by the many local organisations to take an interest in their activities and

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THE ALDERMEN OF THE COUNCIL



Alderman J. L. Freedman, J.P., M.A., LL.B.

Alderman Freedman has resided in Hendon since 1932. He was elected to the Borough Council in 1946, appointed an Alderman in 1949, and was Mayor of the Borough in 1950-1951.

He has served on all the principal Committees of the Council, is at present Chairman of the Education Committee; he has also been Chairman of the Establishment, Finance, Highways and Planning Committees. He is Chairman of the Employers Side of the Middlesex Provincial Council for the A.P.T. Services, serves on the National Joint Council, and is Chairman of the Hendon Youth Employment Committee.

Alderman Freedman was appointed a Justice of the Peace for the County of Middlesex in 1951. He was appointed an Alderman of the London Borough of Barnet in 1964, and is Chairman of the Establishment Committee.

A lawyer by profession, Alderman Freedman is married and has two sons.

The Members of the Council who represent the Ratepayers of Hendon

ALDERMEN	ADDRESS	
Chainey, L. C.	41, Kings Close, N.W.4.	
Freedman, J. L., J.P., M.A., LL.B.	2, Woodward Avenue, N.W.4.	
Hills, L. A.	31, Ashley Lane, N.W.4.	
Lloyd-Taylor, W.	67, Uphill Grove, N.W.7.	
Naar, A. A., M.B.E.	12, Oakfields Road, N.W.11.	
Pamplin, K. G.	30, Flower Lane, N.W.7.	
Paul, A., J.P.	160, Montrose Avenue, Burnt Oak, Edgware.	
Sheill, C. H., K.S.G.	12, Queens Road, N.W.4.	
Simons, D. F.	17, Clarence Court, The Broadway, N.W.7.	
COUNCILLORS	ADDRESS	WARD
Champion, J. S.	19 Littlefield Road, Burnt Oak, Edgware.	Burnt Oak
Hoskins, A. A., B.Sc. (Econ.)	64, Barnfield Road, Burnt Oak, Edgware.	" "
Robinson, R.	9, Delamere Gardens, N.W.7.	" "
Baron, D. T.	132A, Brent Street, N.W.4.	Central
Farrow, K. H., A.I.B. (Scot.), A.I.B., A.C.I.S.	28, Saddlescombe Way, N.12.	" "
Scott, I. D.	90, Sunny Gardens Road, Hendon, N.W.4.	" "
Bailey, L. W.	11, Leaside Crescent, N.W.11.	Childs Hill
Mercer, A. D.	74, Parade Mansions, Watford Way, N.W.4.	" "
Young, A., LL.B.	125, Millway, Mill Hill, N.W.7.	" "
Brooks, H. R.	9, Lonsdale Close, Orchard Drive, Edgware.	Edgware
Felton, J. H., F.R.I.C.S., F.L.A.S.	27, Bullescroft Road, Edgware.	" "
Porcas, R. J. W., T.D.	14, Park Grove, Edgware.	" "
Iwi, Q. J., M.A.	12, Selvage Lane, N.W.7.	Garden Suburb
Sharman, F. A., B.Sc. (Eng.), A.C.G.I., M.I.C.E.	10, Erskine Hill, N.W.11.	" "
Young (Mrs.) P. K. H., M.B.E.	50, Willified Way, N.W.11.	" "
Davis, E. B., B.A.	22, Cumbrian Gardens, N.W.2.	Golders Green
Fiander (Mrs.) F. P.	82, Cumbrian Gardens, N.W.2.	" "
Harris, C. F.	6, Montpelier Rise, N.W.11.	" "
Fletcher, A. P.	39, Woodcroft Avenue, N.W.7.	Mill Hill
Stewart, T. C., O.B.E.	16, Limes Avenue, N.W.7.	" "
Thubrun (Mrs.) C. M., M.B.E. (Deputy Mayor)	6, Lawrence Court, N.W.7.	" "
Brown, K. R.	132B, Brent Street, Hendon, N.W.4.	Park
Cullinane (Mrs.) N. I.	35, Park View Gardens, N.W.4.	" "
Shock, J. W., J.P., M.A., F.C.A. (Mayor of Hendon)	30, Wykeham Road, N.W.4.	" "
Ashman, W. P.	6, Neeld Crescent, N.W.4.	West Hendon
McCormack, B. E.	52, Colin Gardens, Colindale, N.W.9.	" "
Tyler, F. L., B.A.	2, Corringway, N.W.11.	" "

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to attend their functions—and, needless to say, not infrequently to assist financially.

Contrary to what is believed in certain quarters he gets no pay nor expense allowance but has to bear his costs himself. It has been maintained by certain folk that he is relieved of paying his rates whilst he is serving on the Council! Possibly this is an excellent principle but it is very far from the facts. Even when sent on a conference the statutory allowance is extremely inadequate to meet the minimum expenditure. His loss of pay allowance, for example, will not cover the pay the lowest salaried councillor is likely to lose. Often he has to refuse to go although willing to serve. Why, then, does he do it? Lest I may have seemed too despondent let me hasten to add that all councillors, of all parties, get a great satisfaction from what they are doing, a satisfaction that comes from the knowledge that they are being of some service to the community in which they live. They often have goals for which they are striving and occasionally see those goals reached—they know they have done something for the good of the community. They may have been able to help individual electors in their difficulties and that too has justified their work. If occasionally they seem to do the wrong thing and arrive at a poor decision remember they are just such as you—the theme on which I started. How many of you would be prepared to take the place of your Councillor? How many indicate any thanks for what he is doing? That problems and difficulties will come his way, that he will have to listen to grievances, real and imaginary, is something for which a Councillor is prepared. If he receives a word of gratefulness, private or public, he is almost totally unprepared. Nevertheless he often runs for a second or a third term of office which can only mean he is an unselfish servant of his community. C. H. SHEILL

HOUSING PROGRESS

Situation as at 27th July, 1964

Pre-war houses and flats	1,290
Houses and flats built since war	3,242
Private dwellings purchased for Housing Pool of accom- —modation	146
Properties acquired in housing areas	284
Sundry dwellings purchased	41
TOTAL:	5,003
Garages erected since war	426
Shops erected since war	20

View of the Whitefield Housing Estate



Publicity for Planning Applications

An Article by

Councillor A. P. FLETCHER
Chairman of the Buildings and
Town Planning Committee

Acting under powers delegated by the Middlesex County Council, the Hendon Buildings and Town Planning Committee deal every month with anything between 100 and 200 applications for planning permission. If an application is refused or conditions unacceptable to the applicant are imposed, he has a right of appeal to the Minister of Housing and Local Government, but no one can appeal to the Minister against the grant of permission and permission once granted is very rarely revoked. There is therefore a natural feeling among the public that those who would be affected by the grant of permission ought to be consulted before the decision is made.

By law, applications for certain types of development, e.g., slaughter houses and dance halls, must be advertised by the applicant and every application for any type of development must be entered in a register which is open for inspection at the Town Hall. I know of at least one amenity society which inspects this register regularly, but that is clearly not a practice that can be carried out by everyone and a resident may well know nothing about an application for permission to develop land adjoining his own, unless the Committee instruct their officers to consult him.

To consult adjoining occupiers in every case would be quite impracticable—it would cause too much delay and expense—nor would it serve a useful purpose; many applications ask for permission to carry out development to which no one could object. Further, the Committee in considering an application must by law have regard to the provisions of the development plan and to all other material considerations, i.e., planning considerations and the fact that adjoining occupiers object may not in itself be a planning reason for refusal. Conversely, in other cases permission would have to be refused even though no one objected. The policy therefore of the Committee is to consult local residents only in cases where it is felt that their views could materially assist the Committee in reaching a decision. In accordance with this policy on which a statement was made in open Council last December the Committee every month defer a number of applications for

EVENING INSTITUTES IN HENDON

Enrolment during the week commencing Monday, 14th September, 1964.

BELL LANE INSTITUTE, Bell Lane School, Bell Lane, N.W.4.

Dates of enrolment: Old Students—Monday 14th September. New Students—Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th, Thursday 17th September. 6.30-8.30 p.m.

BROADFIELDS & FAIRWAY EVENING INSTITUTE, Broadfields School, Hartland Drive, Edgware and Fairway School, The Fairway, N.W.7.

Dates of enrolment: Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th September at Broadfields; Wednesday 16th September at Fairway, 7.30-9 p.m.

DEANSBROOK EVENING INSTITUTE, Deansbrook School, Hale Drive, N.W.7, and Orange Hill School, Abbots Road, Burnt Oak.

Dates of enrolment: Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th September at Deansbrook; Wednesday 16th September at Orange Hill, 7.30-9 p.m.

EDGWARE EVENING INSTITUTE, Edgware Junior School, High Street, Edgware.

Dates of enrolment: Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th September, 7-9 p.m. (Orchestra on Tuesday 15th September, 8-10 p.m.)

FRITH MANOR EVENING INSTITUTE, Frith Manor School, Lullington Garth, N.12, and Dollis School, Pursley Road, N.W.7.

Dates of enrolment: Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th September at Frith Manor; also Wednesday 16th at Dollis and St. Vincents R.C. Schools, 7.30-9 p.m.

SPUR ROAD EVENING INSTITUTE, Edgware Secondary School, Green Lane, Edgware.

Dates of enrolment: Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th September, 7-9 p.m.

ST. DAVID'S EVENING INSTITUTE (Formerly Brent Evening Institute), Sturgess Avenue, N.W.4.

Dates of enrolment: Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th September, 7-9 p.m.

WHITEFIELD EVENING INSTITUTE, Whitefield School, Claremont Road, N.W.2.

Dates of enrolment: Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th September, 7-9 p.m.

WOODCROFT EVENING INSTITUTE, Woodcroft School, Goldbeaters Grove, Burnt Oak and Barnfield School, Silkstream Road, Burnt Oak.

Dates of enrolment: Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th September at Woodcroft School for all classes, 7-9 p.m.

BELL LANE CRAFT CENTRE, Bell Lane School, Bell Lane, N.W.4.

Dates of enrolment: Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th September, 7.30-8.30 p.m.

Technical and Commercial Courses, Crafts for Men and Women, Car Maintenance, Languages, Keep Fit, Dancing, Horticulture, Choral Music, Orchestral Music, Photography, English for Foreigners and other subjects.

Prospectuses from the Borough Education Officer, Town Hall, Hendon, N.W.4.

Classes will begin week commencing Monday, 21st September, 1964.

consultation with local residents; some of these applications are for large-scale redevelopment, others only for an extension to a house, for a proposal that affects only one adjoining resident may be just as important to that resident as a proposal affecting a wider area.

If you have any constructive proposals for improving the system, I am sure that the Committee would be pleased to consider them. If you yourself are proposing to carry out some extension to your property, may I suggest that you should show your plans to your neighbour and ask him to send his comments in writing to the Town Hall; this will help the Committee and will help you to get a quick decision.

A. P. FLETCHER

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings of the Council of the Borough of Hendon will be held at the TOWN HALL, Hendon, N.W.4., at 6.15 p.m. on MONDAYS as shown below—

12th October, 1964

16th November, 1964

21st December, 1964

8th February, 1965

15th March, 1965

Members of the public are cordially invited to attend. A Public Gallery, where seats are not reserved, is set aside for those who wish to take advantage of the opportunity to hear their local representative on the Council, debating points which affect all residents.

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES FOR CENTRAL WARD



Councillor Douglas Baron

Councillor Baron is 45 years of age. A lifelong resident of Hendon, he has seen the Borough grow. He is employed by the G.P.O. as a Postal and Telegraph Officer. Elected in June, 1961, in a by-election, he is Deputy Leader of the larger minority group on the Council.

He serves on the Housing, Libraries and Museum and Public Health committees and has played a leading part in the discussions on the setting up of the new Borough of Barnet.

A leading member of Christ Church in Brent Street, he is the Choirmaster, a Parochial Church Councillor, Chairman of the Boys Club and a founder member of the Drama Group.

An active Liberal since 1945, he is Chairman of the Central ward branch and has for many years represented Hendon South at Liberal Party conferences.



Councillor Kenneth Farrow

Councillor Farrow, 40 years old, is married with three adopted children. A resident of Hendon for eleven years, he was elected as the third Liberal member for Central ward last year. A bank official, he is an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries and of the Institute of Bankers.

Committees and sub-committees on which he serves include Education (Primary and Child Welfare), Estates, Allotments, Town Planning, Finance, Local Area Health and Cemetery and Crematorium.

He is an active member of Woodside Park Ratepayers Association and a committee member of Frith Manor Primary School Parent Teachers Association.

A member of the Liberal Party for 19 years, he was Secretary of the Borough Council Liberal candidates committee in Hendon 1961/63 and has recently taken over the duties of organiser for Central ward.



Councillor Ian Scott

Councillor Scott is 36. A resident of Central ward since 1932, he was educated at St. Mary's C. of E. School. He is a bank cashier. He made local history in May, 1961, by being elected as Hendon's first Liberal Councillor.

He serves on the Highways, General Purposes, Works, Education (Works and Buildings) and Youth Committees and a number of sub-committees and panels dealing mainly with young people and traffic.

After National Service, he devoted much spare time to youth work and was Vice-Chairman of Hendon Youth Council 1949/50.

Extremely active in local politics, he has been Divisional Agent of Hendon South Liberals since 1957 and is President of Hendon South Young Liberals. He carries out the administrative work of the Liberal group on Hendon Council.

BUILDING BYELAWS

Building byelaws are made by local authorities under the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1936. Such byelaws have to be confirmed by the Ministry of Public Buildings and Works before they become operative. As the name of the act implies, they are intended to ensure that residents live in healthy and sanitary surroundings, and in suitable buildings. Byelaws do in fact prescribe a minimum standard of building materials and construction which it is necessary for a builder or developer to observe. Amongst other things, byelaws lay down minimum standards for foundations, external and load-bearing walls of buildings, protection against damp, installation of sanitary fittings, and the disposal of waste from them. There are also byelaws relating to the fire-resistance of external walls, and to the thermal insulation of buildings.

Byelaws apply to all buildings, with certain exceptions, e.g. small garden tool sheds, summer houses, conservatories, and buildings of a similar nature which are conditionally exempt from the byelaws.

Apart from these exemptions byelaw consent is generally necessary in all cases where it is proposed to erect new buildings or to make structural alterations, and/or additions to existing buildings, and any new drainage works, and action can be taken in the courts in respect of contraventions of them.

It will be seen therefore that where any alteration is to be made to a building, or any building is proposed to be erected, consent under byelaws will be required in addition to planning permission.

It is not possible in this article to give a more detailed explanation of the various ramifications of the building byelaws, but should any resident be in doubt and need guidance, enquiry can always be made at the Borough Engineer and Surveyor's Office in the Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon, London, N.W.4, when advice will willingly be given by the Chief Building Inspector and members of the Building Inspector's Section.

THE NAME

The place name HENDON derives from two Anglo-Saxon words "Heah" and "dun" which, in the form "Heandun," means "At the high down."