

**LOUDWATER RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION  
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The Annual General Meeting on June 9 proved an extremely lively occasion with over 80 people attending.

In the formal business, officers of the Association were elected for 1976-77 as follows: Chairman, Jack Cagnet; Vice-Chairman, John Jarrett; Secretary, Annie Wolff; Treasurer, Cyril Brine; Committee members, Jim Watkins and John Watkiss; co-opted members, Barnaby Osborne and Derek Speight.

Two constitutional changes were put and accepted. The first deleted the out-dated references to membership being open only to residents on the Troutstream Estate so that membership is now available to all in the Loudwater "district". Second, the outdated reference to members paying an entrance fee and subscription of "ten shillings" (!) was replaced by a decision to set the following year's subscription by vote at each AGM. This year's sub is £1 (please, if you haven't paid). Lastly, approval was given to holding a cocktail party in July, from 12 noon till 2 p.m. at Greythorpes, Trout Rise (more details later). Mr H. Nicholls and a group of ladies will organise.

In the informal open session, several issues of concern were raised. The committee was asked to send to the local Council and the local police a circular protest signed by many present about the behaviour of two dogs owned by a householder in Troutstream Way. The committee was also asked to take up with the Loudwater Troutstream Estate Company the meeting's concern that no action had yet been taken about installing sleeping policemen in Troutstream Way, or about closing the gate at the top of Troutstream Way, both measures being felt vital in order to cut down the quantity and speed of traffic along that road, traffic which might well increase noticeably if Lower Plantation were to be fully developed.

Lastly, great praise was given to Jim Watkins for his work on the problem of North Orbital noise, (reported more fully below).

#### LOWER PLANTATION

After a staunch resistance by local Association and individual local residents for many years, Mr Geoffrey Rippon, in November 1974, ruled that this area was no longer Green Belt but residential. Outline permission applications for the three sections of the site were speedily put in. Permission was given to Mr G. Clutterbuck (Council ref. 8/562/74) for an outline plan for 18 houses and subsequent permission (Council ref. 8/790/75) for an access road to be built was given, subject to the powers of the Director of Technical Services. A third application for six

houses on another part of the site was refused to Mr G. Trigg.

Mr John Robert of the developing builders (J. Robert Construction, 163 High Street, Rickmansworth) sought meetings with all local Association committees and Mr Cagnet and Mr Jarrett represented you, by invitation from Loudwater Troutstream Estate, at one meeting. It transpired at that meeting that, while the developer was willing to move the debouchment of the road from the original place, the Council was not; that the development would proceed piecemeal with probably only an initial six houses being built; and that some sixty percent of the trees would be felled. The work has now started on the access road.

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## OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

Outline permissions have been granted for: detached bungalow and garage next to Aisling, T. Way (8/743/75); two houses for B. Ralph, Lynwood Heights (8/379/76); one house for A. McFarlane ditto (8/380/76); one house adjoining Rookery Wood House, L. Lane for Dr M. O'Sullivan (8/255/76); single storey extension and double garage for K. Moore, Windyridge, L. Lane (8/36/76); replacement Loudwater Garage—previously refused—(8/796/75).

## MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL NOTES

An enforcement order to be authorised against business use of Tall Pines, T. Way (Minute 484). Details of fares for proposed shopper bus service—children three-sixteen, 5p and 10p, adults, 10p and 15p—at annual cost to ratepayers of £3,918 (Minute 345). London Country buses have given notice that they wish from October to reduce 335 and 336 services to basic two-hourly service, and local organisations are invited to comment (general Council minutes).

## NORTH ORBITAL ROAD

As a result of pressure from the Association, the Director of the Eastern Road Construction Unit has agreed that a 2-metre high acoustic fence be erected from Little Lady's Wood down towards Solesbridge Lane. In the meantime, at the instigation of our MP, Geoffrey Dodsworth, a Chorleywood and District Residents A405 Co-ordinating Committee has been formed to make detailed proposals for the whole length of the road from Queen's Drive to Chandler's Cross. Your representative is Mr P. Grunthall. This committee meeting with the Director of the Eastern Road Construction Unit produced a plan calling for acoustic fencing on both sides of the road from Queen's Drive to beyond Solesbridge Lane Bridge, together with a re-surfacing of the carriageway with black asphalt to reduce noise. At the time of writing, the E.R.C.U. Director has put before Three Rivers Council proposals on Park Avenue and our own acoustic fence. To our surprise, the Council's Planning Committee had before them at their last meeting a recommendation that this plan be not accepted and that the existing timber screen fence be removed.

No vote was taken, the matter being remitted to a steering committee of representatives from both Planning and Community and Leisure Services Committees.

Mr Grunthall has speedily put before this Steering committee all the facts concerning the noise level from the road, and the value of an acoustic fence, supported by

evidence from the Southampton University department on environmental noise and the conclusions from Land Use Consultants Ltd. All residents are urged to take all possible action to ensure that the Council is well aware of how badly parts of Loudwater are affected by the ever-increasing noise.

## LOUDWATER HOUSE

Residents in and near Loudwater House were startled to receive a notice from Messrs Stimpson Lock Vince announcing that offers were invited from those wishing to purchase all or parts of the Loudwater House grounds fronting Violet Way, the owner having decided to sell. The LRA is watching the situation keenly and is ready to write assuring all concerned that the most vigorous opposition could be expected should development permission be sought for this vital environmental asset.

## MISCELLANY

☆ These newsletters and our get-together party are only the beginning of what we hope to do as a body speaking for the whole of Loudwater. Tell your neighbours about the value of joining the LRA (anyone living in the roads listed below is eligible to join) and although some letters of suggestions have started to arrive, we want more.

Loudwater Residents Association covers these roads: Armitage Close, Bridle Lane, Cherry Hill, Chess Close, Chess Hill, Chess Lane, Farm Lane, Kingfisher Lure, Ladywood Close, Loudwater Drive, Loudwater Heights, Loudwater House, Loudwater Lane, Overstream, Rooks, Violet Way, Wagon Way, Whisperwood. →

☆ Thank you Mr Watson (Overstream), Mrs Smith (Troutstream Way), and Mr Sirman (Violet Way) for volunteering to help with distribution of the newsletter. Anyone else willing to give us one hour every three months for popping newsletters through doors, please let John Jarrett know (Rick. 74225).

★ The Editor will be glad to receive items for publication—details of new arrivals in Loudwater, or of departures imminent, awards, titles, decorations for residents, weddings, activities of local good causes, small ads, etc, etc. The Chairman Jack Cognet, Broad Oaks, Trout Rise, (72306) will be grateful to hear of any matters members wish the Committee to take up.

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