

FINANCE

The General Rate for 1970-71 was 14/9d.

Sedlescombe Parish Council levied a rate of 2d last year. Its commitments included the provision of a 'Bus Shelter, the provision of equipment for the Recreation Ground, repairs to Sedlescombe Playing Field equipment and fence, repairs to the Pump House, extensive footpath repairs and a donation to the Churchyard Fund.

Details of the rating position for 1971-72 will be given in his report by the Vice-Chairman, Dr. J.R. Wright, who is also our representative on the R.D.C.

Copies of the Draft Accounts for 1970-71 and of estimates for 1971-72 will be distributed at the Parish Assembly Meeting on Tuesday, 23rd March. The audited accounts for 1969-70 will be on the table for inspection.

ROAD NAMES

Following a request from the Council, the R.D.C. has erected posts carrying road-names at Park Shaw and Gorselands.

CHILDREN'S RECREATION GROUND

Four swings from Charles Wicksteed of Kettering have been erected on the Recreation Ground, concrete pipes have been provided and a seat has been ordered from the En-Tout-Cas Co. Ltd. The grass has been cut and arrangements made for regular cutting in the coming year.

POSTING BOX ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

In July 1970 the promised Pillar-box was erected on the Village Green.

SEDLESCOMBE PLAYING FIELD TRUST

Repairs to the Playing Field equipment and to the fence were borne by the Parish Council at a cost of £56.18, which, with the £30 required for cutting the grass makes a total of £86.18. The Trust has no income other than the sum of £1 per annum from the Tennis Club.

The Parish Council, as one of the Trustees, took over responsibility for the finances of the Playing Field Trust.

At the A.G.M. the Chairman, Mr. Pugh, and the Treasurer, Mr. Allen, resigned. No members of the Committee were prepared to assume these offices and your Council then decided to apply to the Department of Education and Science for permission to administer the affairs of the Playing Field Trust. The application was made through the Council's solicitor, Mr. A. Guest, to whom the deeds and documents had been sent. The Legal Section of the Department of Education and Science ordered a meeting of the representatives of the Associations which had formed the Foundation Committee of 1955. At this meeting it was unanimously decided to make application to the Secretary of State to form a Scheme to transfer the administration of the Sedlescombe Playing Field to the Parish Council. This application has been made but the formalities have not yet been completed.

BUS SHELTER

The Bus Shelter was erected in November 1970. It has a pleasing appearance and is of value to the Village.

'BUS SERVICES

Application was made to the Maidstone & District Bus Company to extend the route covered by Service No. 34 to provide transport from Sedlescombe to Battle. The request was refused for reasons of finance.

A decision to cancel Service No. 84, which would have caused much hardship was withdrawn - and a restricted service decided on.

BREDE LANE

The work of constructing footways and widening Brede Lane has started.

FOOTPATH FROM GORSELANDS TO THE SCHOOL

Two loads of ashes have been spread over this footpath, at a cost of £27.80 and the result is considered satisfactory. Other footpaths have been repaired.

SEDLESCOMBE SCHOOL

The Council welcomes Mr. P. Furley as the new Headmaster of Sedlescombe School. Mr. Furley has already taken an active part in the life of the Village.