

MARCH 1972

FINANCE

The General Rate (domestic) for 1971-72 was 76p.

Sedlescombe Parish Council asked for and received a Precept of £100 last year. The Council's commitments included repairs to the Pump House and the Hurst Lane 'bus shelter, the provision of equipment for the Recreation Ground, the replacement of a litter-basket at the end of the Village Green, extensive footpath repairs and donations to the Youth Club and Churchyard Fund. The sum of £5.90 was paid as Tithe Redemption on land sold by the Hastings Corporation to the Sedlescombe Playing Field Trust in 1954.

Details of the rating position for 1972-73 will be given in his report by the Vice-Chairman, Dr. J.R. Wright who is our representative on the R.D.C.

Copies of the Draft Accounts for 1971-72 and of estimates for 1972-73 will be distributed at the Parish Assembly Meeting on Tuesday, 21st March. The audited accounts for 1970-71 will be on the table for inspection.

CHILDREN'S RECREATION GROUND

A slide supplied by Charles Wickstead of Kettering has been erected on the Recreation Ground. This firm undertakes a yearly inspection of the equipment supplied by it to the Recreation Ground and the Sedlescombe Playing Fields.

A seat from the En-Tout-Cas Co. and a litter basket from R.A. Lister & Co. were also erected.

BREDE LANE

The widening of Brede Lane and much of the construction of footways has been completed satisfactorily and the appearance of the road much enhanced thereby.

FOOTPATHS

The Hastings Ramblers Club has assisted the Footpaths Committee by walking paths and reporting a misleading notice. A stile has been erected on Footpath No.10; others have been repaired and a fence provided on part of the Gorselands to Balcombe Green path.

TREES ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

A rumour circulated round the Village concerning the wish of some persons to have the oak tree on the Village Green removed. In reply to your Council's request for a Preservation Order, Mr. Field - Surveyor to the R.D.C. - stated that, as the trees are owned by the Parish Council, no such order was necessary.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL

Your Council has written to the Secretary of State for the Environment and to our Member of Parliament to ask that - in the Committee Stage of the Local Government Bill now in progress - the matter of Planning Notification be raised. It will now be more than ever necessary because of the sparsity of the new rural representation. It is a matter on which the majority of your Council has always held strong views.

Mr. Godman Irvine in his reply stated that it had been arranged for the matter to be raised in the Local Government Bill Committee.

SEDLESCOMBE PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

The Department of Education and Science has established a Scheme for the administration of the Sedlescombe Playing Field Association by the Parish Council.

SPORTS FIELD PROPOSALS

For some time there have been difficulties connected with the maintenance of the Sports Field particularly during the Cricket Season. The Cricket Club offered to undertake the mowing of the outfield if the Parish Council would supply the mower. Mr. Allen, acting for the Pestalozzi Trust, agreed to this proposal and to a reduction of rent from £150 to £100 per annum. A meeting of the Parish Council was attended by the four Officers of the Cricket Club and it was agreed that the Council should purchase the mower and the Cricket Club maintain the field.

PARISH ASSEMBLY - at the Village Hall on Tuesday, 21st March 1972, at 8 p.m.