

CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL REPORTING TO THE ELECTORATE OF SEDLESCOMBE

MARCH 1973

FINANCE:

The General Rate (domestic) for 1972-73 was 86p.

Sedlescombe Parish Council asked for and received a Precept of £300 last year. The Council's commitments included repairs to the Playing Field's fence, the provision of a seat and litter-basket on Brede Lane, the provision of a mower for the Sports Field, footpath repairs, and donations to the Youth Club, the Churchyard Fund and the Scout Hut Fund.

Details of the rating position for 1973-74 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 1972-73 and of estimates for 1973-74 will be distributed at the Parish Assembly on Tuesday, 27th March. The audited accounts for 1971-72 will be on the table for inspection.

RESIGNATIONS

Mr. P.A.W. Howe, the Rev. P.M. Barry and Mrs. D.K. Tizard had left the Village and had therefore resigned as Councillors. Mr. Salkeld had also resigned. The following were co-opted:- Mr. M. Drury in place of Mr. Howe, Mrs. M. Stubberfield in place of Mrs. Tizard and Mrs. Salkeld in place of Mr. Salkeld. The Council is grateful to the resigning Councillors for their work and advice while in office.

THE VILLAGE GREEN

East Sussex County Council had referred the question of the ownership of Sedlescombe Village Green to the Commons Commissioners. On the 20th November the Chairman and the Clerk attended a Hearing in Lewes before the Chief Commons Commissioner, Mr. G.S. Squib Q.C. It is now established that the Village Green is the undoubted property of the Parish Council. The document will be on the table for inspection.

WEIGHT LIMIT FOR FOREIGN VEHICLES

It had been proposed to raise the British Weight Limit of 32 tons for Road Vehicles to the 41 tons urged by France and Italy. The Sussex Association of Parish Councils advised its members to protest to their Member of Parliament, to the Ministry of Environment and to Monsieur Albert Coppé, EEC Commissioner of transport in Brussels. Your Council followed the Association's advice.

FOOTPATHS

Twelve signposts were supplied by the County Council and erected. Two foot-bridges were constructed on footpath No. 17c at a cost of £64, which was refunded by the County Council. The surface of Short Lane was repaired. Minor repairs of many other footpaths were undertaken during the year.

GAS LECTURE

A lecture on Natural Gas was arranged to be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 24th October. It was attended by over 70 persons. Two excellent films were shown and questions were answered. Conversion took place in the week starting on the 4th December.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANISATION BILL

The Bill received the Royal Assent on the 26th October and most of the new provisions will come into force on the 1st April 1974. Parish Councils will, in future, have the legal right to be notified by the District Council of all outline planning applications which fall within their area. Elections for the District and Parish Council will be held on the 7th June this year and the notice of Election will be exhibited on the 3rd May.

DEVELOPMENT IN BREDE LANE

In December last a plan was received from Mr. Jay - East Sussex County Planning Officer - showing the site for the new C.E. Primary School, together with additional land for access and visibility splays. More recent plans show an R.D.C. Car Park, public conveniences, and an area for residential development. The plans will be on the table for inspection at the Parish Assembly.

PARISH ASSEMBLY - at the Village Hall on TUESDAY, 27TH MARCH, 1973 AT 8 p.m.