

SEDLEScombe PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL REPORTING TO THE ELECTORATE OF SEDLEScombe

MARCH 1974

FINANCE

The General Rate (domestic) for 1973-74 was 35p.

Sedlescombe Parish Council asked for and received a Precept of £400 last year. The Council's commitments included the provision of a seat for East View Terrace, equipment for the Recreation Ground, repairs to the equipment of the Children's Playing Field, donations to the Tennis Club, the Village Hall, the Churchyard Fund and the Keep Britain Tidy Group, the provision of two litter-baskets, repairs to the Village Pump and Noticeboard and repainting of the Village sign.

Details of the rating position for 1974-75, will be given by Dr. J. R. Wright - lately our representative on the R.D.C. who retired in January of this year. The Council is most grateful to Dr. Wright for the many years in which he has served our interests. He has kept us in touch with the various departments at Battle, and has stated our case on many occasions when we have needed his help and guidance.

Copies of the Draft Accounts for 1973-74 and of estimates for 1974-75 will be distributed at the Parish Assembly on Tuesday 26th March. The audited accounts for 1972-73 will be on the table for inspection.

RESIGNATION

The resignation of Mr. A. Hodsoll from the Office of Chairman of the Parish Council was received with deep regret by the Councillors present when it was announced at the meeting held on the 12th February.

Mr. Hodsoll had held office for six years. During that period much has been accomplished - largely due to his efforts - to increase the amenities of the Village. These include a Sports Field Pavilion, Children's Recreation Ground, an alteration to the lay-out of the Village Green, the widening of Brede Lane, the erection of the Bus Shelter near the Coach and Horses, a Postbox on the Village Green, the taking over by the Parish Council of the administration of the affairs of the Playing Field Trust, the erection of a seat in Brede Lane and the establishment of the ownership of the Village Green. Mr. Hodsoll has shown much interest and given active help in the repairs of footpaths and the erection of stiles and footbridges. The Council is happy that Mr. Hodsoll will continue to serve as a Councillor. Mr. Drury was unanimously elected as Chairman until the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in May.

FOOTPATHS

Details of a new Footpath Maintenance Scheme was submitted by the County Council, some of which proposals your Council decided to adopt. From July onwards Mrs. Salkeld has conducted parties on weekly walks which have proved a great success, as many as 30 persons having taken part in each walk. Directional Discs have been purchased as intermediate signposts, which will be affixed under Mrs. Salkeld's direction.

The footpath between Gorselands and the School which is in frequent use has been cleared and the bridges repaired by Mr. F. W. Wood of Park Shaw, whose public-spirited action is much appreciated by the Council.

When the winter is over, efforts will be made to improve the surface of the footpath between Balcombe Green and Churchlands Lane.

HURST LANE BUS SHELTER

This shelter has again been damaged by impact from a passing car. It has been repaired and the Commercial Union Assurance Company has settled your Council's claim.

EQUIPMENT IN RECREATION GROUND

A Rocking Rockette was purchased from Charles Wicksteed & Co. and erected by Dennis Thomas. This firm also inspected and repaired the equipment of the Children's Playing Field which was originally supplied by them.

SEAT IN EAST VIEW TERRACE

A seat has been erected in East View Terrace.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Your Council proposes to enter once again for this competition. The report last year was favourable on the whole, as the buildings and open spaces were "Well Kept" or "Very Well Kept", but the Village lost on "wisky" hedges and unkempt verges.

POST OFFICE LETTERBOX

The Head Postmaster of Hastings has promised to erect a larger Posting Box at East View Terrace on the estate side of Brede Lane.

PARISH ASSEMBLY at the Village Hall on Tuesday 26th March 1974 at 8 p.m.