



Sedlescombe Parish Council

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Please give us your feedback and share your thoughts.....

BREDE LANE CAR PARK and TOILETS - QUESTIONNAIRE

Due to government funding constraints Rother District Council (RDC) has decided to devolve responsibility of the financial costs associated with the running and maintenance of the Brede Lane car park and toilets to Sedlescombe Parish Council. RDC will not be reducing their element of your council tax to reflect any savings they make if the Parish Council takes over.

If the village decides not to take on the financial responsibility then RDC may close the facilities and possibly put the land on the open market. Both the car park and toilets are for the use of non residents as well as residents.

Parish Council's precept (the tax charged on each property in your parish to fund the activities that your parish council undertakes for the benefit of your community) for 2017/18 is £46,344.

We have undertaken extensive research as to the cost of securing these assets for the present and also the future running costs to the village.

.....Just before going to press we have been advised by NALC that they have been able to secure an amendment to the Local Government Finance Bill which seeks to end the 'toilet tax' by providing 100% mandatory rate relief for public conveniences. While the Bill enables principal councils to grant discretionary relief for local authority public toilets, NALC have been pressing the government to go further with mandatory relief. The amendment has been put forward by the Local Democracy APPG co-chairman Scott Mann MP and will be debated during the Bill's Report Stage, date to be announced. If approved this would reduce the running and maintenance costs of the toilets below by around £1,600 but that has not been confirmed as yet.

Toilets	
The approximate cost of running and maintaining the toilets would be per annum	£15,000
RDC are offering the Parish Council a one off maintenance payment for the toilets	£4,500
Your precept (Parish Council element) for running and maintaining the toilets for a Band D	£22.97
Council Tax Payer per year (based on 2016/17 Council Tax Base - 653.15)* would increase by	33.3%

Car Park	
The approximate cost of securing and maintaining the car park per annum would be	£5,000
RDC are offering the Parish Council a one off maintenance payment for the car park	£3,500
Your precept (parish council payment) for securing and maintaining the car park for a Band D	£7.66
Council Tax Payer per year (based on 2016/17 Council Tax Base - 653.15)* would increase by	11.1%

***Due to the associated costs outlined above the recommendation of your Parish Council is:
Secure and retain the car park but say no to taking over the running and maintenance of the toilets.***

Do you agree with this decision (circle yes or no)? **YES** **NO**

If NO would you prefer to (please tick):

- 1. ***Not retain the car park and the associated costs?***
- 2. ***Take responsibility for both the car park and toilets and pay the associated costs***
- 3. ***Take responsibility of the toilets and pay the associated costs?***
- 4. ***Other (please specify in the comments below)***

Comments			
Signed		Date	
Address			

• *Other Council Band associated costs are shown overleaf*

PLEASE RETURN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE TO THE YELLOW BOX IN THE VILLAGE SHOP BY 28th APRIL 2017

Increase per annum per Tax Band - Parish Council element only

Tax Band	Toilets	Car Park	Combined
Band A	£15.31	£5.11	£20.42
Band B	£17.87	£5.96	£23.83
Band C	£20.42	£6.81	£27.23
Band D	£22.97	£7.66	£30.63
Band E	£28.07	£9.36	£37.43
Band F	£33.18	£11.06	£44.24
Band G	£38.28	£12.77	£51.05
Band H	£45.94	£15.32	£61.26