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24 APRIL 2007



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ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PARISH MEETING OF SEDLESCOMBE

TO ALL RESIDENTS OF SEDLESCOMBE

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF
THE PARISH MEETING OF SEDLESCOMBE TO BE HELD IN
SEDLESCOMBE VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY 24 APRIL 2007 AT 7PM FOR 7.30PM**

The table displays by local organisations and businesses will be open
from 7pm.

AGENDA

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks.
2. Minutes of the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting of Sedlescombe held on 25 April 2006 (included in this Report).
3. Report by County Councillor Peter Jones.
4. Report by District Councillor Matthew Wilson.
5. Sedlescombe Parish Council Report.
6. Any other business.

The table displays will remain open after the meeting when you will be
welcome to stay for tea or coffee.

CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION



Lord Lytton presenting the Annual Report of 2006 certificate to the Chairman and Clerk

Last year, the Parish Council produced its first combined Annual Report and Directory.

Not only does this seem to have been generally approved, but comments have been made about how easy it now is to contact local organisations and businesses. Your support for these businesses will help to show our appreciation for their donations, which largely pay for our printing costs.

The award to the Parish of the runners-up certificate in the competition for the Annual Report for 2006, sponsored by The Co-operative Bank, was a tremendous achievement, particularly as we were beaten only by a Town Council that is fifteen times larger than we are.

My last report to you pointed out the Council's decision not to renew the agreement with the Police Authority in regard to the employment of the Community Support Officer, cost being the main issue. Now that there are more PCSOs, we had hoped to be better served by them. However, our pre-budget survey in 2006 showed that more residents were dissatisfied with the PCSO's performance than any other issue, claiming that the PCSO is seldom, or never, seen. The Council will continue to negotiate with Sussex Police in the hope of making considerable improvements in the service.

The village is immensely grateful to all of the wonderful people here who help to establish, and keep our community running smoothly. 2006 was a very sad year for the village with the loss of so many stalwarts who will be hard to replace. Perhaps the most valuable of these was the late John F Cook whose labours on behalf of us all were truly monumental. He worked right up to being taken to hospital, although he was obviously not well. During his last months, John built for us a set of display shelves in the entrance to the village hall. He also, at this time, re-painted our village sign, and it is a fitting memorial to John's skill and all round helpfulness that this stands so prominently on the village green.

Finally, may I commend to you the Parish website to be found at www.sedlescombe.org.uk. If you have internet access, this makes it easy to keep up with what the Parish Council is doing.

Valerie Wright

Chairman, Sedlescombe Parish Council
March 2007

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PARISH MEETING OF SEDLESCOMBE, TUESDAY 25 APRIL 2006 IN SEDLESCOMBE VILLAGE HALL, 19:30 TO 20:50

PRESENT:

Cllr Mrs V Wright (Chairman of Sedlescombe Parish Council in the chair)

Cllr A Rand (Vice-Chairman of Sedlescombe Parish Council)

Parish Councillors W Cameron, R Dellow, N Foord, Mrs M Irwin,
Mrs J Mitchell, P Martin.

Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer: Mrs P Raymond

County Councillor Peter Jones, District Councillor Matthew Wilson

82 members of the public

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS. Cllr Mrs Wright welcomed everyone present. The Parish Council tries to give a Welcome Pack to people moving into the parish but needs everyone's help in letting the Council know about these movements. She thanked the many volunteers who work for our community. In brief those mentioned particularly were:

- 17 volunteers who deliver the quarterly Bulletin and Annual Report. More help always needed.
- Those running the Village Library, Tuesday afternoons, 13:30 to 15:30, in committee room 2.
- The litter-pickers, set up by John Roberts who has recently retired from the job.



- The Playground Team headed by Robert Dudman is hoping to get a huge grant to refurbish the Riverside Playground.
- Sylvia Cook who is booking clerk for the Hall, writes Village Voice and edits Parish News. Please buy the Parish News to help it continue.
- John Cook who does odd jobs in the Village and is the Hall caretaker.
- Those running the Fete who need support and participation in the

procession and other activities.

- Sedlescombe Players who are to stage an entertainment by the younger members, followed by tea.
- The tea ladies who will be providing light refreshments at the end of the meeting.

There were fourteen displays around the hall arranged by:

- The Parish Council. Parish Maps, Footpaths Booklets, Tennis Tickets and Fete DVDs for sale. Volunteers being sought.

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- Pestalozzi International Village. They have hands-on woodcraft event and Estate walk in May.
- Royal British Legion. In 2004, the Sedlescombe branch had 13 members and now, thanks largely to Ernie Burgess, membership stands at 53.
- Sedlescombe Rangers Junior Football Club. Membership now at 160 with 10 teams. Celebrating their 25th Anniversary of junior football coaching in Sedlescombe this year. Congratulations to David & Jenny Mitchell and others involved.
- Sedlescombe School. They are thrilled with their new building. Village invited to grand opening on 30 June. On 12 May there will be a May Ball in the Brickwall Hotel. Always looking for people to listen to children reading. This year they have had great sporting success and the Walking Bus has been very successful too.
- Sedlescombe WI meets on third Wednesday of the month in the afternoon and always has very interesting speakers. Welcomes new members.
- John & Jenny Mainwood from the Sedlescombe Stores who, along with their staff, are doing well despite the all the building works going on around them.
- The Flower Club meets on the second Wednesday of the month in the evening and has good demonstrations of flower arranging. Always welcomes new members.
- Sedlescombe Garden Society has over 200 members and has meetings, outings and Summer and Autumn Shows. Moneymaker tomato plants on sale on the Garden Society table.
- Junior Diabetes Association raising funds to find a cure for this serious illness.
- Neighbourhood Watch. Co-ordinators still required in Gregory Walk and The Street (Clockhouse to Gregory Walk and Balcombe Green to the Village Hall). Peter Crotch the new Sedlescombe PCSO in attendance.
- Small Change Project. This environment project assists people to make simple changes which can help to reduce bills, cut waste and improve the local area. Currently being run in Sedlescombe.
- Thursday Club meeting on the first Thursday of the month in the morning in the Hall.
- Trading Standards. East Sussex County Council's Louise Baxter brought along information on consumer rights and protection. A free musical "Trickster" to be staged at the Battle Memorial Hall tomorrow morning.



2. MINUTES. Prior to the meeting, volunteers had delivered the Annual Report containing the Minutes of the Meeting of the 2005 Annual Assembly of the

Sedlescombe Parish Meeting held on 26/04/05. It was moved by Ernie Burgess, seconded by Sally Brown and **RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the 2005 Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting held on 26 April 2005 are signed as a correct record.**

3. COUNTY COUNCILLOR PETER JONES. Cllr Jones was welcomed to his first Sedlescombe Assembly since his election last May; he congratulated the Parish Council on being a genuine Quality Council. He said he was delighted that the Sedlescombe School extensions are complete and quashed any rumour that East Sussex County Council wants to close Village schools. Cllr Jones spoke about the difficulties the County Council has experienced with Council Tax bills particularly because of the low level of Government grant awarded to all councils in the south of England. Savings had been made and he hoped more would follow by improving efficiency throughout all departments. Officers and members are talking to Districts and Boroughs to find savings in amalgamated administrative functions. This will mean that some employees will need to retrain and move to providing direct services.

4. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR MATTHEW WILSON. Cllr Wilson reported a relatively quiet year at Rother. The Rother District Local Plan is expected to be implemented later this year. Next year, waste recycling will be changing and everyone will have wheelie bins and boxes. Again, budget setting has not been easy, the increase being kept to just below the maximum allowed by Government.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH CLLR JONES AND CLLR WILSON

a) Local residents expressed concern about the huge rises in Council Tax, around 62% since the year 2000 with pensions only rising by 17½% during that time. It was suggested that both District and County Council officers were “laid-back” rather than dynamic and lacked cost consciousness.

Cllr Jones said that it had been the Government’s policy to support the Midlands and the North of England that had caused the cash problems in East Sussex and which had resulted in substantial cuts in services. It had been made clear to County Council Managers that they must keep within their budgets.

Cllr Wilson said that the District Council had to respond to a host of Government targets and additional responsibilities such as becoming the Licensing Authority.

b) A person who had lived, since 1974, in various places between Tunbridge Wells and Sedlescombe, had become increasingly distressed about the number of fatal accidents occurring on the A21. He wanted to know why no improvements are being made to one of the most dangerous roads in the country.

The A21 is a Highway Agency responsibility rather than a County Council one. Cllr Jones reported that there are plans for a series of alterations to be made to the A21 but probably not for about ten years. He was, however, pleased to report that, across the whole of Sussex, the number road deaths and casualties (and crime overall) has declined.

5. SEDLESCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL 2005-6 ANNUAL REPORT.

Every house in the parish had received the Council's Annual Report. An income and expenditure report of the Parish Council's 2005-6 accounts was on the seats in the Hall. The Clerk, who is also the Council's Responsible Financial Officer, gave her report which showed how important the work of volunteers is in keeping the Parish Council Tax at a reasonable level.

She spoke of the five projects mentioned last year. Lowering of the kerb to the Pumphouse had been completed at the cost of £949, the Red Barn Field Management Plan had been reviewed and some archived photographs transferred to DVDs. The other two projects had been carried forward to 2006-7 and will need substantial outside funding to be successful. These are refurbishment of the Riverside Playground and replacement of the sports pavilion. The Parish Council is not undertaking either project but is actively involved and will be contributing financially. Other costs were £990 for resurfacing the Pumphouse paths and other general maintenance costs. Dog bin emptying costs had increased by 40% last year and now cost nearly £550 a year. £16,667 had been paid to the Sussex Police Authority for additional Police Community Support Officer hours over the last twenty months, £5000 of which had come from the Parish Council Tax. The Societies Association was thanked for its useful grant for footpath maintenance work and purchase of daffodil bulbs for the village hall grounds. For 2006-7, it is proposed that the Village sign on the Green will be repainted and the fence at the Kickabout Area replaced. Other projects are 3-years' herbicide treatment of giant hogweed in association with other landowners, construction of a new path at the Queen's Head and contributions towards refurbishment of the East View small children's playground. It was reported that the new-style Annual Report and its distribution cost £500, £450 of which came from local business advertising. The cost to the Council Taxpayer was therefore only £50.

The Chairman additionally reported as follows:

- Proposed pedestrian path at the Queen's Head. The Council would like as many people as possible to write saying how useful the path would be. The letters would give support to an application for grant aid.
- Car Lift Scheme. The Council intends to build a list of those willing to give lifts to people needing to attend medical appointments.
- Speed Indicator Device (SID). The Council intends to take up the County Council's offer of the free use of a SID for a week if enough volunteers are found to man the Device.

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- Directory. Please use businesses advertising in the Directory and remember to tell them that you saw them there.
- Thanks to volunteers such as Ralph & Jean Dellow, Reg & Pauline Glew, Pat Martin and Anthony Rand and other councillors who have helped keep the Council Tax down by undertaking voluntary work.
- PCSO Sharon Eldridge has moved to another area and Peter Crotch has taken over. Brian Wakeford of St Leonards Motors was thanked for helping with a car for the PCSO.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS



- **REGENERATION OF PESTALOZZI INTERNATIONAL VILLAGE.** As a trustee of the PIVT and chair of its Regeneration Committee, Richard Maidment gave a report on the current proposals for changes at Pestalozzi.

- **SEDLESCOMBE STORES AND POST OFFICE.** Mr John Mainwood reported to the Assembly that changes at the shop are currently proceeding quickly and it is planned that the new enlarged shop will be open by the end of June or beginning of July. He apologised for any inconvenience caused during the work and put on record his thanks to his long-suffering staff. Although it is the intention of Mr and Mrs Mainwood to remain independent, there will be the opportunity, with a larger store, to link with a buying group to bring added benefits to customers. The Department of Work & Pensions' threat to cancel the Post Office Card Account in 2010 is worrying and a petition is available for signature.
- **THANKS.** Cllr Rand, Vice-Chairman of Sedlescombe Parish Council, congratulated the Chairman on the meeting and thanked her and the Clerk for their work for the Council. Cllr Mrs Wright, Chairman of Sedlescombe Parish Council, thanked all the Parish Councillors and the Clerk for their work for the community and closed the meeting at 20:50.

Tea, coffee and biscuits were served and people stayed to view the display tables, talk to neighbours and friends and to put informal questions to the representatives of the three Councils.

REGULATION OF BUSINESS

The following have been adopted by Sedlescombe Parish Council:

- Standing Orders, Assets Register
- Code of Conduct for Members, 2002
- Code of Practice on handling complaints
- Tender Procedure, Planning Procedure
- Race Relations Policy, 2002
- Registration under the Data Protection Act 1998
- Model Publication Scheme under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
- Management of Information policy, September 2004
- Health and Safety Policy, March 2006
- Child/Young Person Protection policy, May 2006
- Equal Opportunities policy, July 2006
- Terms of Reference for Parish Council committees

RECENT QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

The Parish Council, through the Clerk (01424 870508), is able to offer assistance to residents by answering their general questions. Following is a selection of recent questions: Answers to questions are posted on the www.sedlescombe.org.uk website under the Parish Council section.

QUESTION: I have just moved into the Village and would like to have an allotment. Are there any and, if there are, how could I get one?

ANSWER: Yes we have several private allotments at the rear of The Green. They belong to Paul Thomas whose contact number is 01424 870494.

QUESTION: Why doesn't the Parish Council collect the grass when it cuts the grass verges in the Village.

ANSWER: The Parish Council does not cut grass verges in Sedlescombe, apart from at the Brede Lane Car Park which it does on behalf of Rother District Council. All other grass verge cutting is undertaken by East Sussex County Council who can be contacted on 01424 220022.

The Parish Council does, however, as well as the Brede Lane car park, cut grass on the Village Green and at the playgrounds. Standards which are reviewed regularly by the Parish Council, vary in the different areas.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS SUMMARY

The Parish Council's accounts are prepared in accordance with the Accounts & Audit Regulations 2003 and are subject to internal audit and external audit. Every year, local government electors are given an opportunity to examine the Council's accounts and financial records. The 2006-7 accounts and records are expected to be available for inspection from 18 July 2007 by appointment with the Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer.

2006-7 Financial Year. At the 2006 Annual Assembly, the Responsible Financial officer reported that the various projects were planned for the 2006/7 financial year:





- ✓ Refurbishment of Riverside Playground
- ✓ Work to village sign on village green
- ✓ Repair of chainlink fence at the East View Kickabout Area
- ✓ Removal of giant hogweed in association with landowners
- Sportsfield pavilion replacement (Sports Association project)

All have been completed, apart from replacement of the pavilion, which the Sports Association expects to finish in the 2007/8 financial year:

In addition, general maintenance and administration has continued, the computer has been upgraded, a mower has been purchased for the churchyard and materials and labour provided so that a leaflet rack could be installed in the foyer of the hall.

2007-8 Financial Year. For the first time, the Parish Council has, through a pre-budget survey, asked residents whether they would support increased expenditure in the forthcoming financial year. By far and away the majority wished to see no change. The Parish Council has, therefore, held the precept at the same level for the third year which will cost each Band D Sedlescombe Council Taxpayer about £43 for the year. Unless grant aid is obtained, or balances used, it is expected that most of the Council's work will be low key including purchase of new litter bins, refurbishment of litter bins, weedkilling, including the second year of giant hogweed treatment, refurbishment of the noticeboard, mowing, strimming, hedgecutting etc. The Parish Council maintains funds so that money will be available for certain purposes when it is required. Funds include a Sportsfield Fund, Tennis Courts Fund and Clerk's Gratuity Fund. General reserves, and the Funds, totalled £63155 at the end of the 2005/6 financial year. A similar sum is expected to be in hand at 31 March 2007.



Pauline Raymond, January 2007,
Responsible Financial Officer, Sedlescombe Parish Council

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Wednesday 13:30-17:00



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A d v i c e	<p>BEXHILL & ROTHER CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU</p> <p>T: 01424 215055 & 734549</p> <p><i>Citizens Advice Bureaux offer free advice and information on matters like debt, housing and legal proceedings.</i></p>	A n t i - s o c i a l	<p>ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR Rother Anti-social Behaviour Co-ordinator, Robert Perry T: 01424 456160 E: robert.perry@sussex.pnn.police.uk</p> <p><i>ASBO forms are available from the Parish Council 870508 or from Mr and Mrs Dellow on 870223.</i></p> <p><i>Alternatively, ring Crimestoppers with information on 0800 555 111 anonymously</i></p>
S e d l e s c o m b e	<p>SEDLESCOMBE CHURCH BELLRINGERS</p> <p>Every Wednesday in Parish Church, 7.30pm</p> <p>Contact: Jane Blanford, Carpenters Barn Farm, Kent Street, Sedlescombe</p> <p>T: 01424 751298</p>	C h i l d r e n	<p>SEDLESCOMBE PRESCHOOL Childcare for 2 to 5 year olds MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY 09:15-15:00 Sedlescombe Village Hall</p> <p><i>Come and visit our friendly team and see the children work and play</i></p> <p>Call Marnie on 07922 043397 (Answerphone is available out of hours)</p>
C h i l d r e n	<p>JELLYBEANS A Parent/Carer & Toddler Group run by Mums. We meet every Tuesday from 10:00 to 12:00 in the Village Hall. £1.50 per family</p>  <p>Contact: Caitlin Wheatley T: 01424 870162</p> <p><i>A friendly and welcoming group. We have lots of toys.</i></p>	C l i n i c	<p>CHILD WELFARE CLINIC 2nd Thursday in the month Sedlescombe Village Hall Committee Room 2, side entrance, 1.30-3.30pm (no appointment needed). Established before 1954. Contact: Mrs M Irwin, "The Anchorage", Hawkhurst Road, Sedlescombe 01424 870570</p> <p><i>The Clinic provides a venue for mothers and babies to seek advice and help from a qualified Health Visitor, to meet other mothers and to record the child's growth and progress (two-year-old tests are carried out by the Health Visitor and recorded)</i></p>

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SUNDAYS at 10am – Parish Communion, Junior & Youth Church

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Contact: Helen Ormrod 01424 772473

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**THE FRIENDS OF
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CHURCH HERITAGE TRUST**

This charitable trust was established by the late Beryl Lucey for the purpose of assisting in maintenance and restoration of our beautiful 12th century Parish Church and its Churchyard. It provides a means for anyone in the community to contribute to ensuring the long-term survival of this historic building. Several fund-raising events are organised throughout the year. To become a "Friend", contact:

Mrs S J Brown, 01580 830813

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Services: SUNDAYS at 10:30am

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WEDNESDAYS 10:30 to
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**Contact: Mrs Margaret
Smith, 15 Gorselands,
Sedlescombe**

T: 01424 870431

E: msmith15@fish.co.uk

Minister: Rev.Roy Cole

T: 01424 850961

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THURSDAY CLUB

1st Thursday in month
Sedlescombe Village Hall
10am to 12 noon

CONTACT: Mr G Pexton

T: 01424 870483

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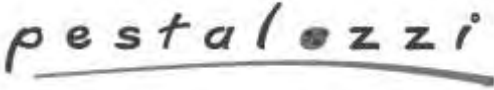
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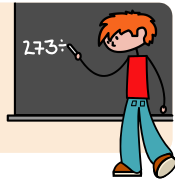

D i s a b l e d	<p align="center">EAST SUSSEX DISABILITY ASSOCIATION (ESDA), Sedlescombe & Westfield Branch established 1970 No subscription (25 members) £3 towards lunch.</p> <p><i>Monthly lunch outings 2nd Thursday in the month to pubs and restaurants and also an annual coffee morning in April. Collection by specially adapted coach. East Sussex Disability Association is a registered charity which provides a wide range of services to disabled people in the area including help with benefit claims, employment and holidays. There is a permanent display of disability equipment and an occupational therapist at our head office in Eastbourne www.esda.org.uk. If you are interested in joining our group or helping please contact: Delia Box, Woodstock, Churchland Lane, Sedlescombe, 01424 870945, delia.box@tiscali.co.uk</i></p>	
D r a m a	 <p>DRAMA - THE SEDLESCOMBE PLAYERS, Mondays 7.30-9.30pm in Sedlescombe Village Hall, when rehearsing. Subscription £5 p.a. Contact: Sue Whitehead, 16 High Beech Close, St Leonards T: 01424 850335</p> <p><i>The Players are a friendly group of people who meet to read plays and rehearse for performances. We put on one-act plays, reviews and pantomimes. The price of the ticket includes tea and cakes at matinees and a glass of wine and a buffet supper at evening performances.</i></p> <p><i>After expenses have been met, donations have been made to the Village Hall Fund for improvements and equipment and to St Michael's Hospice.</i></p> <p><i>We now have a lively group of youngsters and would be delighted to welcome new members of all ages. You don't have to act. We need help in all sorts of ways and everyone has their own individual talent.</i></p>	
E m e r g e n c y	<p align="center">SEDLESCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL EMERGENCY PLAN</p> <p align="center">Contacts:</p> <p>Bill Cameron, 01424 870013 - south end of Village (to also liaise with Pestalozzi)</p> <p>Pat Martin, 01424 870353, Jonathon Vine-Hall 07800 831629, John Reynolds 01424 870956 - north end of Village</p> <p>Jenny Mitchell, 01424 870707, Sylvia Beaney, 01424 870688 - east end of Village (both village hall keyholders)</p> <p>Anthony Rand, 01424 870722 - west end of Village</p>	<p align="center">F i r e w o r k s</p> <p align="center">PLEASE REMEMBER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is an offence to let off fireworks in a public place or alter them without a licence from HSE. • Subject to exceptions, no fireworks to be set off between 23:00 and 07:00. • On New Year's Eve, Chinese New Year and Diwali displays can continue until 01:00. • On 5 November, fireworks can be let off until midnight. • Retailers selling fireworks all year round must apply for a licence. • It is an offence for anyone under 18 to possess adult fireworks in public

F i s h i n g	<p style="text-align: center;">HASTINGS FLY FISHERS' CLUB LTD Powdermill (Great Sanders) Reservoir, Reservoir Lane, Sedlescombe TN33 0PL T: 01424 870498 (09:30 to 10:30am) E: mail@hastingsflyfishers.co.uk W: www.hastingsflyfishers.co.uk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Secretary: Mrs M Stacey T: 01424 439633</p>	F l o w e r s	<p style="text-align: center;">SEDLESCOMBE FLOWER CLUB</p>  <p>Usually 7.30pm 2nd Wednesday in month, Sedlescombe Village Hall Established November 1979 Subscription £15, members £1, visitors £3 on door (approximately 36 members) Contact: Hon.Secretary, Mrs Caroline Gibbins, Ash House, 1 Fen Court, St Leonards on Sea, TN38 9TT T: 01424 203900 <i>Visitors and new members will be warmly welcomed. The flower arrangements are always raffled at the end of the evening.</i></p>
G a r d e n i n g	<p style="text-align: center;">SEDLESCOMBE & DISTRICT GARDEN SOCIETY</p> <p>See noticeboard on shop frontage for dates and times of events. Sedlescombe Village Hall for meetings. Contact: Secretary, Fay Rose, 8 Gorselands, Sedlescombe T: 01424 870765 Membership Secretary, Bob Harris, 4 Streetlands, Sedlescombe T: 01424 871415 <i>Speakers, outings, shows, plant market etc. Anyone with an interest in plants is welcome to join.</i> <i>Discounts on purchases for gardening items available to members.</i></p>	H a i i H i r e	<p style="text-align: center;">SEDLESCOMBE SCOUT HUT East View Terrace, Sedlescombe</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please note that the Scout Hut has closed</p>
H a i i H i r e	<p style="text-align: center;">SEDLESCOMBE VILLAGE HALL</p> <p>Established originally 1920 and completely rebuilt in 2001, this superb facility is available for hire. The hall has a fully-equipped stage and two committee rooms. Excellent kitchen facilities and car parking are also available.</p> <p>Contact for further information and bookings: Mrs Jacqui Post, 01424 870350, jacqui_post@tesco.net. Secretary: Reg Glew, 01424 870258</p>	H a i i H i r e	<p style="text-align: center;">CHAPEL HILL CHURCH Contact: Mrs Margaret Smith T: 01424 870431 E: msmith15@fish.co.uk</p> <p>The well-heated comfortable, multifunction chapel, seating 45, and the smaller meeting room, are available for use by other village groups, under certain conditions. Includes toilet and basic kitchen, also overhead projector and fixed screen. Please contact the Secretary above for details.</p>


Hospice	<p>SEDLESCOMBE HOSPICE SUPPORT GROUP Contact: Mrs S Beaney, 11 East View Terrace, Sedlescombe T: 01424 870688</p> <p><i>The Hospice Support Group has been supporting St Michael's Hospice from its groundroots to the present day. Over the year, the Group has raised well over £1,000 annually. We have 3-4 events each year and are always grateful for any help. This group of six volunteers, with the help of the Village, will go on supporting the Hospice in the future.</i></p>	Library	<p>MOBILE LIBRARY  Every other Thursday at Park Shaw, 10.55-11.35 <i>Books for adults and children, DVDs and videos, talking books and reference materials. Housebound delivery service. Based at Hastings</i> T: 01424 420501 See mobiles website for a full timetable on www.eastsussex.gov.uk/libraries</p>
Library	<p>SEDLESCOMBE VILLAGE LIBRARY Established 1953. Tuesdays, Village Hall, Committee Room 2, side entrance 1.30-3.30pm, Contact: Mrs S Bonney, Highfield Cottage, Church Hill, Sedlescombe, Tel: 01424 870517</p> <p><i>A number of books are exchanged approximately each month at Battle Library to keep stocks updated. Open to all. Talking books and large print books also available.</i></p>	Library	<p>BATTLE LIBRARY Opposite Fire Station Closed Sunday & Monday T&F: 01424 772250 library.battle@eastsussex.gov.uk</p> <p>Books for loan/reference DVDs, videos, talking books Local history material Free Internet & computer access Rhymetime Disabled Access Photocopier</p>
Lunches	<p>SEDLESCOMBE LUNCH CLUB Established 2001. Meets 12 noon on last Tuesday of each month at The Queen's Head Public House T: 01424 870228 & at 12 noon on the second Thursday of the month at The Clockhouse Bistro T: 01424 870047 £6.50 for two-course meal and a hot drink Contact: Ron Sunderland T: 01424 870801</p> <p><i>The Lunch Club gives people the opportunity to have a meal in pleasant company in friendly surroundings. Anyone over 60 may join and transport can be arranged. There is always room so please ring if you would like to join or know of anyone who may be interested.</i></p>	N.H.W.	<p>SEDLESCOMBE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH BY E-MAIL</p> <p>The e-mail system is complementary to traditional NHW Schemes. to join, simply e-mail hastingsandrothernw@sussex.pnn.police.uk</p>

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N · H · W ·	<p style="text-align: center;">SEDLESCOMBE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH</p> <p>NHW provides a focus for matters concerning crime & safety. We try to address crime prevention by offering Home Security advice including providing & fitting basic security items such as door chains and window locks, free of charge. In particular, we offer support for those people living in the Parish who have suffered the effects of crime.</p> <p>If you need help, or would like to help, contact: Mrs Jean Dellow, 01424 870223 or any member of the NHW committee</p>	N e w s	<p style="text-align: center;">LOCAL NEWS</p> <p>The Parish News, price 20p weekly from Sedlescombe Stores. Leave items for inclusion in Parish News in the Stores by 12 noon on Wednesdays.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Noticeboards at School and Shop</p>
P e s t a l o z z i	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div> <p>The Trust promotes education for sustainable development and international understanding by helping to educate in UK able, highly motivated young people, aged 16-20, from low-income families in Africa and Asia. They come to Pestalozzi International Village to study for the 2-year International Baccalaureate Diploma. They live in a multicultural, multi-faith boarding house; studying and living alongside people from all over the world, they share their ideas, customs, skills and knowledge with each other and with the wider community.</p> <p>A number of events, open to the general public, are held at the Pestalozzi International Village. Speakers are also available to give talks on the Trust.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">T: 01424 870444 E: information@pestalozzi.org.uk W: www.pestalozzi.org.uk</p> </div> </div>		
P e s t a l o z z i	<p style="text-align: center;">FRIENDS OF THE PESTALOZZI ESTATE</p> <p>See noticeboard for dates and times of events. Subscription £5 individuals, £10 families. Committee chaired by Patrick Roper.</p> <p>Contact: Pestalozzi International Village Trust, Sedlescombe, 01424 870444. The Pestalozzi Estate consists of about 70 hectares of predominantly woodland and pasture in the High Weald. The land is managed for the benefit of conservation, informal recreation and landscape value and we wish to invite local people to participate in furthering these objectives.</p>	P e s t a l o z z i	<p style="text-align: center;">PESTALOZZI INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION CENTRE</p> <p>PIDEC is part of a network of development education centres recognised by the Development Education Association; it acts as an educational link between the Pestalozzi International Village Trust and the wider community, catering to local schools, companies and special needs and community groups, reaching more than 7,000 people/year. PIDEDEC aims to promote development and environmental education and international understanding. It has a Resources Centre, a walled garden and access to the estate and can offer a range of courses and activities.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">T:01424 870444, pidec@pestalozzi.org.uk</p>

R - B - L -	<p>THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SEDLESCOMBE BRANCH Established 17-11-1930 Meetings 3rd Wednesday each month, 10:30-12:00 in Queen's Head Public House Contact: Chairman, Mr E Burgess T: 01424 870219 <i>The Legion looks after the welfare of ex- service personnel and dependents. Membership is open to all who wish to support the R.B.L. Annual subscription is £12 which includes £1.50 for branch funds. If you would like to become a Poppy Appeal collector, your help would be very much appreciated</i></p>	R e c y c l i n g	<p>Bins, Brede Lane car park. Paper, glass, books, textiles, cans, plastic (01,02,03 on base). White telephone directories. Special arrangements for collection of Yellow Pages in 2007 in Sedlescombe planned. Look out in May for details.</p> <p>Mountfield Waste Recycling Site (managed on behalf of East Sussex County Council). Household rubbish brought to the site by the householder is accepted free of charge. Vans need free entry permit, phone 01273 482153. No trade waste.</p>
	S c h o o l		<p> SEDLESCOMBE C E PRIMARY SCHOOL Gammons Way, Sedlescombe, Battle, East Sussex Headteacher: Mrs Marian Ham, 01424 870585 E: office@sedlescombecep.e-sussex.sch.uk W: www.sedlescombecep.e-sussex.sch.uk There are 174 children on roll, aged 4-11 years. The school has 6 classes and is built in a beautiful, peaceful location within the village. <i>All staff firmly believe, and work hard to achieve the vision: Every child matters ~ Together we enjoy learning ~ Together we achieve ~ Together we succeed.</i> <i>We have high standards, and are particularly noted for our music, sport and art achievements, and for our forward thinking developments in 'Brain based learning' and "Makaton" sign language. We believe in the 'whole development' of every child. We welcome parent/carer helpers, and helpers from the local community. We are an active, exciting, hard-working school with bright, stimulating learning environments, and with a warm, caring ethos. Visits to our school are always welcomed.</i></p>
S c h o o l		<p> SEDLESCOMBE ICT SUITE <i>The village school has a high quality ICT Suite for use by children of the school and local community. Courses are run in the evenings for the adults of the village. It was opened in February 2004, and is a great asset to the school and village.</i> <i>For further details please contact:</i> Mrs Ham, Headteacher T: 01424 870585 E: head@sedlescombecep.e-sussex.sch.uk.</p>	S p o r t s

<p>S P O R T S</p>	<p>SEDLESCOMBE VILLAGE HALL SPORTS & RECREATION CLUB Established 2001</p> <p>Contacts: Chairman Geoff Balaam T: 01424 870075 Secretary: Shirley Davies T: 01424 870475 Treasurer: Marion Foord T: 01424 870385 <i>Sports Co-ordinators</i> <i>Badminton - Shirley 01424 870475</i> <i>Short Mat Bowls – Colin Clark 871441</i></p>	<p>S P O R T S</p>	<p>SEDLESCOMBE SPORTS ASSOCIATION Established in the 1970s Contact: Jenny Mitchell, 16 East View Terrace, Sedlescombe T: 01424 870707</p> <p><i>An umbrella organisation that promotes sport and manages provision of facilities for sport in Sedlescombe. The membership comes from the clubs that use the sportsfield.</i></p>
<p>S P O R T S</p>	 <p>SEDLESCOMBE CRICKET CLUB Established 1768 2.30pm Sundays, Sedlescombe Sportsfield for home games Playing members' £15 seniors, £5 juniors Contact: Geoff Hillier, 3 Maudlin Court, De Cham, Road, St Leonards on Sea. T: 01424 422107</p> <p><i>The Club plays its main matches on Sunday afternoons during the season and maintains the traditions of amateur sport by engaging in friendly matches (rather than league matches). It does however play in the local indoor league during the winter months. It welcomes new players. Potential recruits T: John Cornford, 01424 753457</i></p>	<p>S P O R T S</p>	<p>SEDLESCOMBE RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB Established 1980 Training: Saturday mornings (winter training at Claremont School on all-weather surface) Matches on Sundays Subscription £20 including accident and medical insurance and affiliation to league and county football associations (160 members). Contact: David Mitchell, 16 East View Terrace, Sedlescombe T: 01424 870707 <i>Provides football for boys and girls from 5 years of age upwards.</i></p>
<p>S P O R T S</p>	<p>SEDLESCOMBE STOOLBALL CLUB (LADIES) & MIXED STOOLBALL CLUB Established 1970 Matches at Sedlescombe Sportsfield: Tuesday evenings ladies; Thursday evenings mixed. Weekly winter indoor matches at Claverham on Tuesday evenings. Weekend tournaments in different villages Subscription £10 adults, £5 juniors (about 25 members) Contact: Catherine Apps, 28 Githa Road, Hastings T: 01424 445765. <i>We play in the friendly league against other villages both outdoor in summer and indoor in winter.</i></p>	<p>S P O R T S</p>	<p>SEDLESCOMBE TENNIS COURTS</p> <p>Two hard tennis courts next to Bridge Garage Antiques will be free for the 2007 season. Please make plenty of use of the courts.</p> 

S P O R T S	<p>SEDLESCOMBE TENNIS CLUB Established 1955 Sunday afternoon club play at Sedlescombe Golf Club Tennis Courts. Use of courts at other times. Subscription Family £150, Single £95 (60-70 members) Contact: Sally Henderson, The Mill House, Whatlington T: 01424 775130</p> <p><i>Tennis members enjoy all facilities of the Golf Club. The Club promotes tennis generally in the Village and particularly family tennis. Takes part in the Wealden League matches.</i></p>	S P O R T S	 <p>TAI CHI & QI GONG Sedlescombe Village Hall Tuesdays 5.45pm to 7.15pm Beginners welcome £5/session. <i>Benefits include improved balance and posture, mind and body awareness and co-ordination skills.</i> <i>Wear loose comfortable clothing and soft shoes.</i> CONTACT: Rose Baldry M: 07766 666313</p>
T R A N S P O R T	<p>BUY WITH CONFIDENCE APPROVED TRADER LIST The Buy with Confidence scheme puts consumers in touch with approved traders who have agreed to provide high standards of customer service, including dealing promptly with any complaints. Only if businesses pass stringent checks can they display the Buy with Confidence Logo. See www.eastsussex.gov.uk for details</p>	T R A N S P O R T	<p>BATTLE AREA COMMUNITY TRANSPORT</p> <p>Purpose built vehicle to carry 16 passengers. Wheelchairs can be accommodated if pre-booked. The bus can divert to pick up passengers with mobility difficulties who live up to half a mile off route. When not on scheduled service, bus may be hired by local voluntary organisations etc. T: 01424 772001</p>
W e b s i t e	<p>SEDLESCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE www.sedlescombe.org.uk</p> <p>New website launched by the Parish Council in September 2006. Full of information about the Council and its work in Sedlescombe</p>	W o m e n s I n s t i t u t e	<p>SEDLESCOMBE WI 3rd Wednesday in month at 2pm Sedlescombe Village Hall Sub. £26 (including monthly magazine) <i>At our meetings, we have a very wide range of speakers for all interests, and have craft, cookery and gardening classes throughout the year. We participate in County and Group events and cater for light lunches and teas for parties visiting the Village.</i> Contact: Mrs J Cornish, Wendymill House, Chapel Hill, Sedlescombe TN33 0QX T: 01424 870319</p>

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W o m e n . I n s t i t u t e	<p>SEDLESCOMBE GREEN WI Established 1975 4th Wednesday in month in Sedlescombe Village Hall at 7.30pm Subscription £26 (25-30 members) Contact: Mrs S Beaney, 11 East View Terrace, Sedlescombe T: 01424 870688</p> <p><i>We are a friendly group meeting monthly with a speaker or some other activity. We join in craft classes and County Events and take part in Group activities and meetings. In addition, we supply tea to visiting Groups.</i></p>	Y o u t h	<p>ROTARACT – 1066 ROTARACT CLUB Rotaract is part of the Rotary organisation for people aged 17-25; the Club operates under the aegis of the Rotary Club of Battle. New members are very welcome.</p> <p>Regular meetings are held at the Pestalozzi International Village on Saturday mornings (using 11:30am but subject to change) from Sept. to June. Contact: Rotaract President 01424 871192 (evenings & weekends only) or the Student Programme Co- ordinator on 01424 870444 (office hours)</p>
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HELP IN AN EMERGENCY	
To summon help at the time of an emergency	For police, fire service, ambulance or coastguard dial 999 or 112 (the new European Union emergency service number)
To report non-emergency crimes	0845 6070 999 Incidents, crimes, abandoned vehicles etc. can also be reported online through the Sussex Police website www.sussex.police.uk
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111 – to report crimes etc. anonymously
Nearest Police Station	Battle – North Trade Road TN33 0EX. Open Mon-Fri 10:00-20:00, Sat 10:00-18:00. Bank Holidays 10:00-18:00. Closed Sundays, Christmas Day and Boxing Day
Floodline	0845 988 1188 Quick dial for Sedlescombe – ext.01245
Sussex Emergencies	Help for residents and businesses before and at the time of emergencies 01444 445960 or www.sussexemergency.info/

KNOW YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

The following councillors have served the Parish Council during the 2006/7 year:

CLLR VALERIE WRIGHT, 01424 870220 (Chairman)

CLLR ANTHONY RAND, 01424 870722 (Vice-Chairman)

CLLR PAT MARTIN, 01424 870353

CLLR RALPH DELLOW, 01424 870223

CLLR BILL CAMERON, 01424 870013

CLLR MRS MARY IRWIN, 01424 870570

CLLR NICK FOORD, 01424 870385

CLLR PAULINE GLEW, 01424 870258

CLLR JENNY MITCHELL, 01424 870707

KNOW YOUR PARISH CLERK/RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER: MRS PAULINE RAYMOND, 01424 870508



Pauline Raymond started working with the Parish Council as Deputy Clerk in April 1975 and became its Clerk the following year. She is a qualified Clerk holding the AQA Certificate in Local Council Administration and is the Clerk's Responsible Financial Officer.

In 2006, Pauline and her husband Colin built a new website for the Parish Council. As well as her normal workload, Pauline is responsible for maintaining the website, for the design of the Annual Report/Directory and "Waste Not" leaflet and for the Council's Powerpoint Presentations. Outside Council work, Pauline and Colin like to travel worldwide to photograph wildlife. Pauline & Colin have three grandsons, all born in 2006.

ANNUAL REPORT – BASED ON SEDLESCOMBE PARISH PLAN

REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2006/7 AIM NO.1: TO ACHIEVE AN INFORMED AND PARTICIPATING SEDLESCOMBE COMMUNITY

Sedlescombe Parish Council has continued to improve the way it keeps its residents informed. It is always pleased to welcome anyone who wishes to be involved in local council business.

- Website. Local residents have welcomed the new improved website that was launched in September 2006. In addition, the Council has been informed of its usefulness to people across the world who want to keep in touch with Sedlescombe or to research their family histories.
- Welcome Packs have been delivered to more people following regular inclusion of this subject on Council Agendas.
- Open Forum prior to Council Meetings for residents to raise matters of concern or interest or to question the Council. A group of teenagers attended the November 2006 Open Forum bringing with them a list of their priorities.
- Notice boards. Following work at the shop, the slightly smaller Parish Council notice board has been re-sited on the south wall of the shop.
- A quarterly Parish Council Bulletin has been delivered to every house in the parish. New volunteers have come forward to help with the delivery.
- The new-style 2006 Annual Report was well received by residents. The cost of printing was virtually offset by the business advertising. It was entered for the Co-operative Bank Annual Report of the Year competition and received the runners-up award.
- Fourteen table displays were staged around the Hall at the Annual Parish Assembly by local organisations and businesses.
- A public meeting was held in November for Pestalozzi to give up-to-date information on their redevelopment plans.
- An autumn pre-budget survey form was delivered to every home in the parish asking whether residents are satisfied with Council work and, if not, whether they would be willing to pay for improvements. 10% of households replied and the majority indicated that they are satisfied with the current situation.

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AIM NO.2: TO ACHIEVE A SAFE & HEALTHY SEDLESCOMBE COMMUNITY

2.1 Participate in reducing crime and disorder. Parish Council Crime & Safety Committee meetings have, in the last year, been attended by various Police Community Support Officers; Orbit Housing Manager and Orbit Community Support Officer; Rother's Anti-Social Behaviour Officer; Police Constable and Police Inspector; Battle Fire Station Manager and Fireman; Chairman and Treasurer of the East View and Conqueror Community Association. Subjects discussed include anti-social behaviour at the East View Kickabout Area and Riverside Playground, special constables, Neighbourhood Watch, Police Community Support Officer work and car, football and basketball training, consumption of alcohol, bogus caller stickers, fire and rescue home safety visits, youth issues and electric blanket testing.

2.2 Encourage road safety and traffic calming schemes. Pedestrian safety between Brede Lane and the shop. Discussions held with East Sussex County Council, landlords of Queen's Head and owners of Sedlescombe Stores. The Parish Council is to pay for a footway in front of the Queen's Head.

Arranged road safety month in September/October 2006 including hire of/training for a speed indicator device (SID) used for a week in the Village. The Fire & Rescue Service co-operated by providing thought-provoking road safety posters and distributing leaflets outside the School and to the Queen's Head. This was followed by a road safety public meeting in October to give residents the opportunity to ask questions of County Council officers and a Traffic Police Officer. Subsequently, the Parish Council wrote to the County Council asking that consideration be given to introducing lower speed limits in Church Hill and Chapel Hill, improving the junction of Chapel Hill and the Pestalozzi International Village and installing double white lines outside the Church. In January, the Parish Council took part in the consultations regarding changes to the setting of rural speed limits.

Parking. Parking in Brede Lane and surrounding roads by school parents causes problems for other people. The Parish Council is negotiating with Rother for improvements to be made to the public car park to encourage more use. Double parking outside Sedlescombe Stores can cause problems for businesses in Pumphouse Yard. Appeal made to shoppers to keep both sides of the entrance free from parking at all times.

Dogs. Sweeping changes to what a dog owner can do have been proposed by Rother District Council. The Parish Council took part in the consultations and several changes it proposed are expected to be adopted by Rother.

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AIM NO.3: PROVIDE AMENITIES AND SERVICES IN SEDLESCOMBE

- Resurfaced paths and steps around Pumphouse.
- Councillors repaired fences at Kickabout Area.
- Bus shelter repaired as required.
- Excellent work completed by small voluntary group to replace gates and stiles on public footpaths in the parish as well as replacement of finger posts.
- Replaced interpretative panel at Red Barn Field Nature Park with a new one made of glass-reinforced-plastic which should last much longer.
- Used a small flock of sheep to graze Red Barn Field Nature Park.
- Moved Parish Council noticeboard at the time of the shop's refurbishment to a new position on the south wall of the shop.
- Surveyed street nameplates.
- Exchanged ideas with young people.
- Several meetings of a working group made up of parish councillors and Sports Association members to consider new pavilion at sportsfield.
- Helped Sedlescombe Playgroup apply for planning permission for a storage hut at the Village Hall.
- Wrote to the County Council with residents' concerns regarding the reduction in the Village's bus service.
- Lobbied County Council to use a route other than New England Lane for the school bus.

SEDLESCOMBE PLAYING FIELD & RECREATION GROUND TRUST (the Parish Council is the sole Trustee)

- Worked with a committee of residents to help obtain grant aid through the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme to refurbish the Riverside Playground. Refurbished area opened in September 2006.
- Completed first year of giant hogweed removal project along River Brede in association with landowners.

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AIM NO.4: TO SUPPORT APPROPRIATE LOCAL BUSINESS AND SUITABLE RURAL EMPLOYMENT IN SEDLESCOMBE

- Inclusion of advertisements from local businesses on the Sedlescombe Parish Council website and in the 2006 Annual Report/Directory. This report received greater coverage than usual by being the runner-up in the Co-operative Bank competition to find “The Annual Report of the Year”. Businesses from outside the Village asked to be included in the Directory.
- Support for East Sussex “Buy with Confidence” Scheme. Told that a business from outside the Village first heard of the Scheme in our Directory.
- Supported Whydown Caravan Park’s planning application for extended facilities.
- Culmination of support for extension of the village shop with the opening in July 2006 of the completely-refurbished shop followed in December by the store winning the Countryside Alliance best rural shop/post office in south east England award.

AIM NO.5: PROTECT AND ENHANCE SEDLESCOMBE’S BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

- Councillors and the Clerk attended training courses on the planning system.
- Sedlescombe Parish Council Planning Committee met to comment on every planning application in the parish submitted to the District Council for approval.
- Produced and distributed a “Waste Not” leaflet to every house to encourage reduction of waste.
- Produced a wildlife gardening leaflet.
- Arranged “small change” courses for 45 people in the parish.
- Arranged visit of “Recycle Bus” to Sedlescombe in December 2006.
- Had discussions with 4 Delivery Ltd., a consortium employed by Southern Water, regarding the proposed installation of a pipeline to the west of the A21.
- Helped Pestalozzi International Village publicise its plans for redevelopment in Sedlescombe. Parish Council being kept fully informed.

REDUCE : REUSE : RECYCLE

In January 2007, Sedlescombe Parish Council published a Reduce, Reuse, Recycle leaflet which was delivered to every Sedlescombe household. The main messages were as follows:

The amount of rubbish we produce has been growing, yet ways of disposing of it are becoming more difficult. Local landfill sites will soon be full. Please help by **REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF WASTE YOU CREATE**. For example:

- Choose goods with minimal packaging
- Refuse packaging where possible
- Avoid packaging that cannot be recycled
- Refuse or reuse carrier bags, buy a bag for life, use cloth bags
- Consider bulk buys which produce less packaging
- Compost kitchen and garden waste
- Use wind-up torches
- Only print if you really need to
- etc. etc. etc.
- Please **REUSE THINGS OR FIND SOMEONE ELSE WHO WILL**. For example:
 - Sell and buy goods on E-Bay.
 - Donate items to Hastings Furniture Service, 01424 441112
 - Look for products in refillable containers
 - Donate items to charity and buy goods from charity shops
 - Use old jars to store food
 - Re-use plastic bags and aluminium foil
 - etc. etc. etc.
- **CONSIDER WHETHER ANY WASTE REMAINING IS RECYCLABLE**. Rother District Council will be introducing door step collection of recyclable waste in 2007 to all households. There is a household waste recycling site at the Brede Lane car park (next to the School). Here you can recycle the following:
 - Aluminium foil (put with cans/tins)
 - Glass bottles/jars (please do not use these glass bins between 9pm and 7am to avoid too much disturbance of the neighbours)
 - Plastic bottles with 01, 02 or 03 on the base
 - Books
 - Newspaper/Magazines and Junk Mail
 - White telephone directories (the Parish Council plans to collect Yellow Pages and to take them to a suitable recycling site in 2007 – watch out for details).
 - Cans/tins including aerosol cans
 - Textiles/Shoes (shoes can also be left outside Sedlescombe Stores)

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Did you know that SEDLESCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL?....

- ✓ Was the first Rother Council to achieve Quality Status, in July 2004.
- ✓ Has nine members who are elected every four years (next election 03/05/07) and employs one member of staff, the Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer for 20 hours/week.
- ✓ Holds between 40 and 50 Council or Committee meetings a year, all of which are open to the public. Agendas are posted on the noticeboard outside Sedlescombe Stores and on the www.sedlescombe.org.uk website .
- ✓ Built and maintains the whole of the Parish Council website.
- ✓ Publishes and delivers a “Bulletin” in July, September and January.
- ✓ Receives, via the local Council Tax, about 85p/week from a Band D Council Taxpayer to meet the cost of the services it provides.
- ✓ Is the sole trustee and manager of the Sedlescombe Playing Field Trust (tennis courts/playground area at the Riverside).
- ✓ Owns and maintains the East View Kickabout Area.
- ✓ Owns and maintains the Red Barn Field Nature Park.
- ✓ Is the registered owner of the Village Green and is responsible for its maintenance.
- ✓ Cuts the grass at the Brede Lane car park on behalf of Rother District Council.
- ✓ Serves hedge-cutting letters, maintains road guide posts and carries out rights of way maintenance on behalf of East Sussex County Council.
- ✓ Owns and maintains litter bins and seats.
- ✓ Has published a Sedlescombe Emergency Plan, “Footpath Walks Around Sedlescombe”, “A Walk through History in Sedlescombe”, A Parish Plan, A Parish Map, “A Century of Life in Sedlescombe”, A Local History DVD, A “Waste Not” leaflet (2006).
- ✓ Was awarded the runners-up certificate in The Co-operative Bank’s “Annual Report of the Year 2006” Competition.

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2007 DATES – meetings held in Sedlescombe Village Hall or Committee Room

Tuesday 24 April	Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting	19:30 (tables on view from 19:00)
THURSDAY 3 MAY	Parish Council Elections	07:00 to 22:00
Tuesday 15 May	Annual Meeting of the Parish Council	19:00
Tuesday 26 June	Finance Committee	18:30
Tuesday 10 July	Parish Council Meeting	19:00
Tuesday 11 September	Parish Council Meeting	19:00
Tuesday 13 November	Parish Council Meeting	19:00
Tuesday 11 December	Finance Committee	19:30

Dates and times of meetings are subject to change

In addition to the above-mentioned meetings, other Parish Council Committees and Working Groups will meet regularly as required

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