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NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

The Parish Council has co-opted a new parish councillor to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Ralph Dellow. Jonathan Vine-Hall was chosen out of three applicants and has been appointed to serve on the Council's Finance Committee.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Parish Council elections are to be held in May 2011 when nine places will be available in Sedlescombe.

Further details will be available in due course.

STREAM LANE USED AS A "RAT RUN"

The Parish Council has heard with concern that traffic using Stream Lane seems to be travelling even faster than usual now that de-restriction signs at the B2244 end have been put up. These signs are in connection with the new 50mph speed limit in Hawkhurst Road. Please drive slowly through all the Lanes for the safety of other motorists and pedestrians.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE GREEN?

Residents may have noticed the work that has been taking place at the Pumphouse in the middle of the Village Green. The refurbishment of this building has been undertaken by B.E.M Builders and Decorators of St Leonards-on-Sea and is part of a larger project which includes refurbishment of the old village pump and new railings. It had been hoped that the pump could be made to pump water again but, for various reasons, the idea of connecting the pump to the well on the Green has been abandoned. We hope, however, that it may be possible to construct a demonstration pump which can be on show from time to time. More information on the whole project will be available in the next edition of the Bulletin.

You may also be aware that the Village Sign has been removed from its usual position hanging from the post on the Green. Using money received as a Quality Council grant and prize money remaining from the 2009 Village of the Year Award, a new village sign is being manufactured. The Council has decided to retain the well-known design which was first used in Sedlescombe more than fifty years ago.

At its September meeting, the Council agreed to allow a May Fayre to take place on the Village Green in 2011. Many will have enjoyed the successful afternoon on 1 May 2010 when money was raised for the Pump Project. Further details about next year's Fayre will be announced in due course and no doubt the organisers will be very happy to receive any offers of help in the future.



DOG CONTROL ORDERS

Plans to alert dog walkers in Sedlescombe to the three types of Dog Control Order that are now in force in the Village are in hand. Contravention of the Orders could mean a £75 fixed penalty notice. New signs are expected around the Village and parish councillors will be handing out copies of the Council's information leaflet to dog walkers. The Orders apply to different areas and are "No Dogs", "No fouling" and the new Order "Dogs on Leads" which applies to Sedlescombe Sportsfield.

SEDLESCOMBE'S CONSERVATION AREA

Although the purpose of designating a Conservation Area is not to keep it looking like an open-air museum, it does indicate a positive commitment to preserving and enhancing the quality of the environment. The District Council has statutory powers to control changes within the Conservation Area involving the demolition of buildings, satellite dishes, the design of new development and



work to trees. The Parish Council would like to highlight the need for those living in the Conservation Area in the centre of Sedlescombe Village to give Rother District Council six weeks' notice in writing if they wish to fell, lop, top or uproot any trees in the Conservation Area. Please note, it is an offence to carry out tree work without giving the necessary notice and gaining the consent of Rother.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Council meeting will be held in Committee Room 2 of the village hall on Tuesday 16 November at 7pm. Items for the agenda should be sent to the Clerk by 05/11/10.

Council Meetings in 2011 will be held on 18 January, 8 March, 17 May, 12 July, 13 September, and 8 November.

Parish Assembly: 26 April 2011

RED BARN FIELD SPECIES

The Species List for Red Barn Field has increased dramatically due to



the work of Colin Boyd who has maintained detailed records throughout the summer. These can be seen displayed on a notice board at the Field. The number of species recorded currently stands at:

- Birds 39
- Botanical 140
- Reptiles 3
- Mammals and amphibians 8
- Dragonflies 7
- Bees 7
- Butterflies 20
- Grasshoppers & bush crickets 6
- Hoverflies 40
- Moths 47
- Other insects 16

PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET

Each year, at this time, the Parish Council begins consideration of the budget for the next financial year with an inspection of the Village. The Parish Council, at its September meeting, passed a list of jobs found during the inspection on to the Finance Committee for its consideration.

All local authorities will be looking especially carefully at their budgets this year and Sedlescombe will be no exception. Members of the public are very welcome to attend the Finance Meeting to be held on Tuesday 19 October at 7pm in Committee Room 2 of the Village Hall.

POLICE PANEL MEETING

A public Police Meeting will be held on Monday 18 October at 6pm at the School chaired by Cllr Mrs Wright of the Parish Council. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Parish Council has written to the Chief Constable in praise of PCSO Demetrius Georgiou who serves this parish very well.

PREPARATION FOR WINTER

After last winter's difficult weather, it is advisable to be prepared by stocking up with a bag of salt while it is available. Cllrs Wright and Glew have attended a County Council conference recently where it was suggested that local residents should be responsible for looking after their own patches including keeping footways clear if they are able.

BUDGET CAR COMPANY

The Parish Council continues to receive complaints from the public about various aspects of this business including the waving balloon man, the number of cars being parked on the road which are for sale, access across the grass verge, obstruction of a private driveway, retention of an unauthorised shelter and parking cars for sale on unauthorised land. The Parish Council has been liaising with both the District and County Councils regarding these complaints and some action is being taken by these Councils.

Two new planning applications were submitted to Rother District Council in September regarding the shelter and extending the authorised car sales area to include the driveway to the pumping station and the land by the river. Any objections should be forwarded to Rother District Council as soon as possible.