

OPEN AFTERNOON AT PESTALOZZI 21/02/11

1. Pestalozzi had invited neighbours and the general Sedlescombe community to an open afternoon to show off the latest changes and to hear about future proposals. It was very poorly attended by a total of 8 people, including one parish councillor and her husband, the clerk and her husband and two people from within the Estate. Only one couple attended from the Village.
2. A conducted tour of the refurbished Sainsbury House, offices and computer room took place. The en suite rooms have just been finished and are very nice. They will be occupied by second year students soon and let in the summer to bring income to the Estate. Language schools have shown some interest but nothing definite so far. The computer room has been refurbished with new furniture and computers and their own server. The offices, including the redesigned open-plan reception area, have new furniture.
3. Re the planning for the houses: they are waiting for the final signatures to the 106 modified document which has been held up because ESCC did not agree with the draft drawn up by Rother and agreed with Pestalozzi. After much chasing, ESCC had only decided they didn't agree on 18/02/11. The section 278 mods has also to be agreed and signed off. The exchange of contracts has therefore been held up.
4. John Steed is not now expected to start building before the autumn partially because of the monitoring of the great crested newts that must be done over 60 "wet" days.
5. Paul is still hopeful that the road works will be done around May 2011.
6. Funding of the charity in the last financial year was good. The Grieg Foundation has been generous and has funded the Sainsbury House modifications ahead of the sale of the building land to John Steed. The Director and Estate Manager appear enthusiastic and positive about the future.
7. Pestalozzi is investigating whether cross-country horse events could be held. JCA is not willing for anyone else to be on site at the same time as their children unless CRB checked.

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