

SEDLSCOMBE PLAYING FIELD & RECREATION GROUND

Annual Report 2006/7

1. Sedlescombe Parish Council, by a Trust Deed dated 26 August 1971, is the sole Trustee of the Sedlescombe Playing Field & Recreation Ground Trust, Charity Number 305305.
2. In the absence of any Charity funds, the Parish Council maintains the area in its statutory capacity under the terms of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 section 19.
3. For the 2006/7 year, relevant income was received as follows

Tennis income	£362.98
Contribution from landowner towards hogweed treatment	£300.00
Grant from Rother District Council for playground works	£4379.00
Parish Council contribution	£4745.69
Total	£9787.67

4. For the 2006/7 year, expenditure by the Parish Council in its statutory capacity was as follows

Dog bin emptying	£187.72
Playground works	£5288.33
Mowing	£905.00
Tennis courts	£160.00
Professional playground inspections	£300.00
White posts along driveway	£216.63
Tree work	£600.00
Giant hogweed treatment (first year)	£1600.00
Miscellaneous expenses	£30.00
Administration contribution – 27% of Parish Council administration costs	£500.00
Total	£9787.67

In addition, grant aid of nearly £40,000 was obtained by a Committee of local residents (Sedlescombe Riverside Playground Regeneration Group) from the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme for refurbishment of the children's play area. The grant received by the Parish Council from Rother District Council for this work was passed to the Group. The Parish Council paid to refurbish the pieces of equipment that have been retained.

5. 2007/8 Proposals.
 - a. To allow free use of the tennis courts in accordance with a recent request from young people living in Sedlescombe
 - b. To apply for Lottery funding through Rother District Council as follows:
 - i. to turn the tennis courts into a multi-play area.
 - ii. to provide equipment including swings suitable for children over 12 as well as appropriate safety surfacing
 - iii. to provide sports coaching at the tennis courts for three years

The cost of this project is estimated at £51,000 (£35,000 for multi-play area and £15,000 for play equipment and surfacing) in Year 1, £1000 in Year 2 and £1000 in Year 3. The reason for the application is that, whilst excellent play opportunities are available for children of up to 12 years of age, including toddlers, there is no play equipment open to the over 12s.

- c. Improved inspection of playground by increasing to quarterly professional checks.
- d. Second year giant hogweed treatment.
- e. Other general maintenance.

Signed.....Chairman, Sedlescombe Playing Field & Recreation Ground Trust

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