



# PENKRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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## Parish Precept and Budgets 2015-2016

Your Council, at its meeting on Thursday 11th December 2014, considered the recommendations of its Committees and has fixed a **Precept of £210,000** for the financial year 2015/2016, which is the minimum amount required to meet its projected expenditure. The precept has been maintained at the lower rate for the **THIRD YEAR** so that Penkridge residents do not have an increase.

## Annual Parish Meeting

Your **Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on Thursday 19th March at 7.30 pm** - all parishioners are welcome and can take part in discussions. Your Chairman will give his annual report.  
**Come along and let us hear what you want!**

## Best Kept Village 2015

The Civic Society, in conjunction with the Parish Council, are once again entering the Best Kept Village. Penkridge was awarded Highly Commended in last year's competition and will be setting their sights on winning the Large Village Category in 2015.

The Conservation Area is the prime judging location but Judges will also go further afield. Can we please ask for your help and co-operation during the judging period of 1st May to 31st July, by taking all your litter home and cleaning up after your dog. We understand that many of our residents work full or part time and would be unable to help with regular litter picks but by cleaning up after themselves is just as valuable. If you have any areas of concern in the Village please report these to the Haling Dene Centre on [01785] 714157 or by email to [lesley@penkridgeparish.org.uk](mailto:lesley@penkridgeparish.org.uk).

## Hedges and Public Pathways

Parishioners are reminded it is their responsibility to keep their hedges trimmed and not to let them overgrow onto public pathways. If hedges do overhang public pathways these can be reported to the Haling Dene Centre who can then pass the complaint onto the relevant body.

## Penkridge Parish Elections 2015

### Seats Available For Each Ward

Gailey	One
North East	Four
South East	Six
West	Four

**THINKING OF BECOMING A COUNCILLOR?  
PLEASE SEE REVERSE PAGE**

## PENKRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

### ACTING PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

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### PARISH COUNCILLORS - CONTACT INFO

#### **Gailey Ward**

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#### **North East Ward**

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#### **South East Ward**

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## SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

### North East & Acton Trussell Ward

Mr L Bates - 01785 714091  
Mrs I G A Ford - 01785 712339

#### **South East Ward**

Mrs C J Raven - 01785 715936  
Mr J Raven - 01785 715936

#### **West Ward**

Mr D E Cartwright - 01785 712487

## STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr D Williams - 01922 511319

### MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

Mr J Lefroy - 01785 252477

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**Parish Council Meetings** are held at 7.30 pm in Room 1, Haling Dene Centre every second Thursday of the month except August

### **Office Contact**

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## **Thinking of Becoming A Councillor**

If you want to be a candidate for a parish or district council then you need to be:

- over 18
- on the electoral register of the council for which you wish to be elected.

If you're not on the register, then you must have either:

- owned land or property;
- lived in;
- or worked in the electoral area during the 12 months immediately before the election.

You may be disqualified as a candidate if you work for the council [county, district or parish] or hold a politically restricted post with another local authority. Bankruptcy or a previous criminal conviction resulting in a sentence in excess of three months would also disqualify you as a candidate.

Most candidates are nominated through a political party. However individuals are welcome to stand in their own right. Each candidate must get one person to agree to propose their nomination, one other to second it, and a further eight to give their assent. All of these people must be registered electors for the district ward/parish in which you want to stand for election.

In the case of parish elections, you may qualify as a candidate even if you don't live in that parish. You need to live within 3 miles of the boundary.

Posters will be displayed on Parish Noticeboards giving further information from 23rd March and the closing date for nominations is 9th April 2015.

For further information please contact the South Staffordshire Council Election Enquiries on [01902] 696142 or email [elections@sstaffs.gov.uk](mailto:elections@sstaffs.gov.uk)

## **DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO HAS MADE AN EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO VILLAGE LIFE?**

### **JUNIOR CIVIC AWARD 2015**

If you know a young person who is under 25 and who has demonstrated commitment to, or benefit for, the community and you think he/she deserves recognition please fill in the slip below and return it to the Parish Administrator. The closing date is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

I wish to nominate \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for nomination \_\_\_\_\_

(You may attach additional information)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to the Parish Administrator's Office by not later than Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

### **CIVIC AWARD 2015**

If you know a parishioner who has contributed to the village community and would like to nominate him/her to be considered for this year's Civic Award please fill in the slip below and return it to the Parish Administrator. The closing date is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

I wish to nominate \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for nomination \_\_\_\_\_

(You may attach additional information)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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