



## PENKRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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### Parish Precept and Budgets 2010-2011

Your Council, at its meeting on Thursday 10th December 2009, considered the recommendations of its Committees and has fixed a **Precept of £245,000** for the financial year 2010/2011, which is the minimum amount required to meet its projected expenditure. The precept has remained the same amount for the last six financial years.

**Haling Dene Centre** - Outside of Building painted, New Windows in Rooms 11, 16 and 24

**Burial Ground** - Lower Pond Area has been laid with gravel and boulders, possibility of new Boundary Fence during 2010

**Play Areas** - All 3 Play Areas to be refurbished with new equipment, Skate Park – new safety rails and ramps re-surfaced and two new grind boxes

**Village Toilets** – Specification being drawn up and refurbished during 2010

### INTER PARISH GAMES

Inter Parish Games competition is a series of sports events held between February and June. There are currently over 22 different sports undertaken by parish teams. Each parish has a representative who organises teams, of all abilities, to represent the parish at each event.

Penkridge was awarded 4th position last year and we would ask all able bodied residents to step forward and compete in the games. You do not have to be world class standard, a local pub team or group of friends would be welcome, it is also a great deal of fun. For further information please contact either Bob Holmes on Tel: 715439 or Lynne Hames at the Haling Dene on Tel: 714157.

### Full Council Meetings

Meetings of full Council are scheduled for:  
11th February, 11th March and 8th April at 7.30 pm at the Haling Dene Centre.

Parishioners are very welcome to attend.

### Annual Parish Meeting

Your **Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on Thursday 18th March at 7.30 pm**—all parishioners are welcome and can take part in discussions. Your Chairman will give her annual report and display boards will be showing on-going and future Council projects.

**Come along and let us hear what you want!**

### Business Plan for 2009

Each year the Parish Council review their achievements for the year against their pre-set objectives.

A copy of the Business Plan for 2009 is available on the website [www.penkridge.org.uk](http://www.penkridge.org.uk) or at the Haling Dene Centre Reception.

### PENKRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL'S PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Lynne Hames—tel: 01785 714157  
e-mail: [lynne@penkridgeparish.org.uk](mailto:lynne@penkridgeparish.org.uk)

### YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS ARE:

#### **Gailey Ward**

Mr A Minshall

#### **North East Ward**

Mrs S Chambers, Mr B Craddock,  
Mr J L Eastwood, Mr D G Vaughan.

#### **South East Ward**

Mrs A J Geoghegan (Chairman),  
Mr P Geoghegan,  
Mrs P Hughes (Vice-Chairman),  
Ms T McGuinness, Mr J McPheat,  
Mr D Murphy.

#### **West Ward**

Mrs I G A Ford, Mr P M Jones,  
Mr S A Wright.

### **SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL**

#### **North East & Acton Trussell Ward**

Mrs I G A Ford, Mr G M Spandler

#### **South East Ward**

Mr R Holt, Mrs C J Raven

#### **West Ward**

Mr D E Cartwright

### **STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Mrs V Downes

### **MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT**

Mr D Kidney

### **EURO MP**

Mr Michael Cashman

For contact information for all above  
tel: 01785 714157 or see website.

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

#### **Office Contact**

Haling Dene Centre, Cannock Road,  
Penkridge. Opening times 9am-1pm,  
2pm—5pm (Monday-Friday)  
Tel: 01785 714157 or e-mail:  
[info@penkridgeparish.org.uk](mailto:info@penkridgeparish.org.uk)

#### **Web Site**

[www.penkridge.org.uk](http://www.penkridge.org.uk)  
(click on Parish Council link)

**Grant Applications**

The Parish Council has changed when it will consider grant application process. All applications will only be considered at the February and October Full Council meetings. Grants for February should be submitted no later than 31<sup>st</sup> January and for October no later than 30<sup>th</sup> September. Grants will only be considered if a Proforma has been completed and a copy of the up to date accounts attached [Proforma Forms are available from the Haling Dene Centre] Grants will be paid out at the December Full Council meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting. For further information please contact Lynne Hames, telephone number 01785 714157.

**Parish Council Competitions**

The Parish Council have, over a number of years, held School Poster, Front Garden, Hanging Basket, Allotment and Photographic competitions for residents of the village to enter. The response from our Parishioners and their children has dwindled considerably over the past five years to the point where we did not hold any competitions last year. The Council wants to bring back the 'Community Spirit' and in doing so would ask our Parishioners to suggest Competitions they would be willing to get involved in. If you have any suggestions, no matter how bizarre, please speak to Lesley at the Haling Dene Centre on tel 714157 or email [lesley@penkridgeparish.org.uk](mailto:lesley@penkridgeparish.org.uk).

**JUNIOR CIVIC AWARD 2010**  
**OYEZ! OYEZ! CALLING ALL CITIZENS**

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 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2010.

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**JUNIOR CIVIC AWARD 2010**

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

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

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to the Parish Administrator's Office by not later than Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2010.

**CIVIC AWARD 2010**  
**OYEZ! OYEZ! CALLING ALL CITIZENS**

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 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2010.

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