

## **Important Dates for Parish Council Elections – Summary for Painswick Parish**

**From Mid February** – Candidate Papers can be collected (either from the Clerk or Elections Department at Stroud District Council). Can be collected from the Office in Painswick Town Hall on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February and/or 4<sup>th</sup> March.** Candidate Papers – will be available from The Clerk at the PPC meeting.

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 5.30pm.** Briefing run by Stroud District Council for candidates (Council Chambers) – will include a run through on how to complete a nomination paper.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7-8.30pm.** Information evening for potential new candidates; to give them some flavour of what is involved in becoming a Parish Councillor – run by The Clerk & Deputy Clerk, in the Town Hall.

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March – 8<sup>th</sup> April.** Nomination papers can be submitted to Electoral Services, Stroud District Council between 9am and 4pm on each working day from the 24 March until the **close of nominations at 4pm on 8 April.**

Note: Any candidate wishing to withdraw their nomination, must do so by the close of nominations.

Note: All nomination papers MUST to be submitted BY HAND (Ebley Mill) – they will not be accepted by post or email.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April.** Briefing run by Stroud District Council for candidates (Council Chambers) – will outline the process of the poll and the count.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May.** Ballot takes place – Polling Station (Town Hall - closes at 10pm).

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May** – Count will take place at Stratford Park Leisure Centre (after the count of the Police & Crime Commissioner ballot papers).

**Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council** – date MUST be held within 2 weeks of taking office. Date set for Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May.