



# Pownall Park Residents' Association

Autumn 2009 Newsletter

## Proposed Town Council for Wilmslow

One of the core reasons behind the creation of the new Cheshire East Unitary Council was the assumption of local representation through a Town or Parish Council, for example such as those already in place in Alderley Edge, Knutsford and Poynton.

Many Wilmslow residents believe that our town deserves such representation, to ensure that we have the same opportunities to express our views on local issues.

The attached FAQs sheet gives answers to any questions that you may have about the need for such a Council, how it would work and how much it would cost.

Having given detailed consideration to this, the PPRA Committee has concluded that a Town Council **would** be beneficial for the residents of Pownall Park. We are therefore strongly in support of the proposal.

For the proposal to proceed, at least 10% of Wilmslow voters need to support it by way of signed petition. This means that 2,600 signatures are required. A large number of people have already signed the petition, but more signatures are required. We have therefore copied the standard form of petition to the reverse of the FAQs sheet. Any resident over the aged of 18 can sign the petition.

If you agree with the proposal, all supporting adults in your household should sign the petition (don't worry if you do not know your electoral number). Please return the completed form **BY FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER** to:

Susan Lees	4 College Close
Karen Carsons	16 Pownall Road
Sally Hu	8 Vale Road

or to one of our Cheshire East Councillors.

If you have any queries about the proposals, please call or email a Committee Member or contact one of our Councillors.

## Field behind Gorsey School

Following the submission of nearly 100 forms of support and evidence, The Friends of Gorsey Field submitted an application for Village Green status at the end of March 2009. There was a subsequent delay to the consideration of the application, given the transfer of local authority from Cheshire County Council to Cheshire East.

The application is to be considered by a Cheshire East solicitor who is independent of the land owning Cheshire East Education Authority.

Formal notification of the application was publicised through the Wilmslow Express and other sources three months ago, with objections to the application to be submitted by 2 October.

We understand that Cheshire East Education Authority and Gorsey School have submitted their reasons for objection to the application.

Adjudication on the application is now awaited although there is no indication given as to how long this might take.

## Parking

Over 130 residents responded to the parking survey which the Association distributed on behalf of Cheshire Highways. On those roads principally affected by daily parking, a large majority of residents were in favour of 'The Cheadle' solution to parking restrictions, the principles of which were discussed at our meeting at Gorsey School in May (principally comprising restrictions for part of the day only, so stopping parking for the whole of the working day). As with our earlier survey, the majority of Alton Road residents said that they did not want parking restrictions.

Cheshire Highways subsequently prepared Traffic Regulation Orders for the implementation of such parking restrictions on the roads most affected. Objections have however been raised by some Pownall Park residents which are now being considered by the Highways team.



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We will report back as and when a way forward has been found.

## Maintenance of Pownall Park

It's that time of year again! Please could we ask that residents give thought to some pruning of overhanging tree branches which might otherwise hurt pedestrians passing by.

Many of you have told us how pleased you were to see the Association fund the planting of some new, compact trees in the grass verges last Autumn. Consequently, as a result of positive resident feedback, it was agreed at the AGM in May that more trees would be planted this Autumn, at locations nominated by residents.

Similarly, we have received positive feedback on our ongoing bulb planting programme, such that this will also be continued over the next few weeks.

## PPRA Website

At long last we have re-started the PPRA website:

[www.pownallpark.org.uk](http://www.pownallpark.org.uk)

We will soon add new information and articles. Of particular importance is the fact that Committee members can again be contacted on the following emails:

[chairman@pownallpark.org.uk](mailto:chairman@pownallpark.org.uk)  
[treasurer@pownallpark.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@pownallpark.org.uk)

It is so important that we receive communication from residents on matters which affect us all. Please contact the Committee and let us know your concerns and comments.

## Planning Issues

Many of you will already be aware that our friend and colleague, Cyril Briggs died in East Cheshire Hospice in August. Cyril was one of the founding members of the PPRA and as a retired architect, he took particular interest and responsibility on the Committee for

planning issues. Having lived in Vale Road for 50 years, he took a great pride in Pownall Park and was keen to ensure that any change was beneficial and in keeping with existing the area. He will be sorely missed and we send our thoughts and sympathy to his wife, Jean.

In Cyril's absence, the Committee would love to hear from any resident who might be able to help us on an ad-hoc basis with property and planning issues. This need not be as a Committee member although anyone would be welcome to join us as such if they had an interest to do so. If anyone did feel that they could help, please could they contact the Chairman, Susan Lees, on 529532.

## Donations

As you are aware the only source of income for PPRA is from Residents' donations. Many residents have already made a payment for this year via standing orders. Our Street Representatives will shortly be delivering envelopes to other residents who do not have a standing order in place. We would ask that you return the envelope to your representative with your donation. If you prefer, online payments can be made directly into the account. The account details are sort code 16-34-24 account no 10107129. Please quote your house number and road as the reference.

## Committee Members

Following the AGM in May, we were pleased to welcome onto the Committee a Woodlands Road resident, Yvonne Morris, who has lived in Pownall Park for many years.

As always, if you have any problems or have a comment to make, please get in touch with one of our Committee Members:

Susan Lees, Chairman	529532
Jane Hardy, Deputy Chairman	526309
Karen Carson, Treasurer	536100
Sally Hu, Homewatch and Security	528627
Estelle Goodwin, Highways	538902
Yvonne Morris	