

**Date:** 01-Oct-14: 8pm; **Next Meeting:** 05-Nov-14: 8pm; Árd Rí House Hotel.



1. Scan the code: [www.palacefields.com](http://www.palacefields.com)
2. We are now on Facebook: "Palace Fields c/o the Residents Association"

#### Attendees

48: Michael Goss
91: William Martin
144: Ronan O'Ceallaigh
190: M.Kearney

242: Bernie Kelly

245: JJ Burke

275: Mary Fahy

#### Apologies

5: Marian Walsh

12: Deirdre McCarthy

40: Bridget Flaherty

77: John Fleming

143: Mary Monaghan

150: Karen Kennedy

239: Stephen McDonnell

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2014:** €60 contributions for financial year May 2014 to April 2015, are ongoing. Please have your contribution ready for your representative when they call to your house during the coming weeks. ***Thanks in advance to everyone*** for your contribution. This contribution is vital to keeping our estate in pristine condition, ensuring that the estate is a pleasurable place to live.

**It would be appreciated if an hour be set aside on the second Saturday of each month between 10am and 11am to clear up litter within the estate.**

#### **Treasurers Report & General Financial Details:**

- Balance in main account as of 01-Oct-14 is €18,202.29, includes all expenditure to date. The balance of the social account is €389.46. Balance of petty cash account is €53.42 with €170.69 spent in last 3 months.
- WM reported that €690 had been collected since the last meeting. The total collection for this year is €10,350, this includes €220 in back payments from the last financial year 2013/14.
- The outgoings for September was €1,295 to Murphy's for trees, €57 for printing to Tuam Office Supplies.
- MG confirmed that Arlun's contribution of €280 had been received for the seven houses.
- WM reported that the collections for our fourth financial year had started well. However, it would help collectors a great deal, if contributions could be brought round to the appropriate house. Many thanks to all who have made their contributions.

#### **Tree Replacement:**

- One error was noted in the last minutes. 8 trees were planted earlier in the year and not 10 as indicated.
- The planting of 14 new trees on verges has been carried out by Murphy's Garden Centre as agreed at the last meeting. Can residents nearby please water these trees in dry periods. This completes the tree planting program with the exception of trees becoming damaged or diseased.

#### **Extra Shrubberies:**

- The Associations intention to create new rockery and shrub beds to four areas on the estate as described can be done by making use of grants that are available was discussed. RO'C discussed the matter with the Galway Co.Co. Grants are available through Galway Co.Co., where they will subsidise up to 50% of the total cost of the project. In order to take advantage of the scheme, an application will have to be submitted with a design of the proposals marked on a drawing illustrating all the details of rockeries and plants etc. It is thought that the better the presentation the better the chance of success. This has to be submitted by the end of January next and by the end of February, it will be announced what percentage of the total cost will Galway Co.Co. support.

#### **Shrub Area at Entrance to the Estate & Soil Subsidence :**

- WM, JF and MG met to discuss the shrubbery to the front entrance and the filling of the low areas in the verges. It was agreed that the existing shrubs should remain and be cleared of grass and weeds. In addition, a kerb or edging to the shrubbery should be formed. MG met with Emmet Murphy and produced some samples of edging for this meeting. It was agreed that the concrete brick effect should be used with a rear brick upstand. These can be supplied for €240 and put in place for €500 including the concrete bed. This was for 37 linear metres bringing the edging in line with the decorative walls. It was agreed to extend this edging to the front of the shrubbery, past the lighting junction box. Both votes were unanimous.
- MG has spoken to Emmet Murphy regarding the supply of good quality top soil and seed for the filling of the grass verges that have subsided. EM is prepared to supply the top soil in vehicle and place it in the areas where it is required. The soil will be €20 per ton and €21.99 for a 5kg pack of grass seed. Vote was unanimous. Weather permitting will be carried out on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

**General Lawn Maintenance & Tendering 2015/16:**

- It was agreed that Garrett Fox had made a good job of the estate this season and that there only remained a few more cuts. The contract for the next two years will be going out to tender in the next month or so. The existing document has been placed on the Associations website, any comments or suggestions for amendment are welcome.

**“Dog Fouling” Signs:**

- MG has been in communication with Rennicks Signs and a dog fouling sign was agreed omitting reference to fines. The signs were agreed subject to agreeing delivery charges and size of signs. These are to be erected on existing sign posts and lamp posts between the front entrance to the estate and area 2.

**Park Entrance:**

- The scheme to improve the pedestrian entrance of the park is awaiting confirmation of a pre planning application meeting. All relevant correspondence has been placed on the Associations website.

**TEXT ALERT Security:**

- JJB reported that he had spoken to the Gardaí regarding the 'Text alert' scheme. He reported that the Gardaí are awaiting other schemes to be set up including rural Community Watch schemes. All of the schemes will then be launched together.

**Water Meters:**

- RO'C raised the matter of the fourth coming water charges which commenced at the start of this month. This estate will be subject to the standard assessment process until meters are installed at some point in the future within the existing meter chambers. MG mentioned that you could purchase a meter if so desired.

**Summary of Estate Projects for 2014:**

**In Progress or Completed:**

- **Cleaning & Painting of rear of Wall at Main Entrance:** – Completed.
- **Dog Fouling Signage:** – In progress.
- **Cleaning of shrub bed at front entrance:** - Approved, and will be started soon.
- **Soil Subsidence:** - Approved, and will be started soon.
- **New Shrubberies:** - In progress.

**To Be Commenced:**

- **Drainage of water logged greens:** - Open.
- **Road sweeper and cleaning of gully's:** - Open.
- **Cleaning of dirt between walls outside houses and pathways:** - Open
- **Tree supports Area 1:** - Open
- **Revamp existing shrubberies:** - Open.

**Useful Phone Numbers & Email Addresses:**

- **Palace Fields Residents Association: 087 3395593.**
- Electric Skyline for street lighting replacement low call 1890 328587 or text 087 1955076 or Email: [faulds@electricsskyline.ie](mailto:faulds@electricsskyline.ie)
- An Garda Síochána Tuam 093 70841. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Liaison Officer – Frank Breslin.
- Dog warden name and number Christy Corcoran 087-2224192
- Fascias and gutters damaged Mid West Gutters contact 093- 45434 or 086-8407831.
- Draughty windows or worn seals E. O'Donnell contact 087- 250739 or Weather glaze: contact Dave 087-6260497.