



## Sept 2016 Monthly Minutes

**Date:** 07-Sept-16.  
**Next Meeting:** 05-Oct-16 @ 8pm sharp; Ard Ri Hotel, Milltown Rd. Tuam, Galway.  
**Website:** [www.palacefields.com](http://www.palacefields.com)  
**Facebook:** Palace Fields c/o Residents Association.  
**Phone No.:** 087 - 3395593

### Attendees:

5: Marian Walsh
12: Deirdre McCarthy
40: Bridget Flaherty
77: John Fleming

91: William Martin
140: Aisling Hynes
143: Mary Monaghan
144: Ronan O'Ceallaigh

150: Karen Kennedy
242: Bernie Kelly
245: JJ Burke
275: Mary Fahy

### Apologies:

239: Stephen McDonnell
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## Financial Summary Sept 2016:

### Account Balances

Date	Description	Balance
30-Jun-16	Main A/C	€ 18,867.06
30-Jun-16	Second A/C	€ 391.76
30-Jun-16	Petty Cash A/C	€ 46.13
31-Jul-16	Main A/C	€ 19,647.06
31-Jul-16	Second A/C	€ 391.76
31-Jul-16	Petty Cash A/C	€ 46.13
31-Aug-16	Main A/C	€ 20,619.29
31-Aug-16	Second A/C	€ 391.76
31-Aug-16	Petty Cash A/C	€ 46.13

### Contributions:

Date	Description	Amount
30-Jun-16	June Income	€ 3,060.00
31-Jul-16	July Income	€ 780.00
31-Aug-16	August Income	€ 1,120.00

### Outgoings:

Date	Description	Amount
30-Jun-16	June	€ 821.25
31-Jul-16	July	None
31-Aug-16	August	€ 147.77

- June Outgoings: €270.60 (Receipt Books) + €114.40 (Printing Mar/Apr/May) + €360 (Public Liability Insurance) + €50 (Petty Cash) + €26.25 (R'OC Expenses) = €821.25.
- August Outgoings: €147.77 (Website Maintenance Fees).
- Petty Cash: [€22.38 (May) + €50 (June)] - €26.25 (R'OC Expenses) = €46.13.
- Brian Kennedy Landscaping Invoice is due, paid in two invoices, now and at the end of the year.
- NEXT DRAW:** Will happen at November's meeting, details to follow. Please ensure that you are fully paid up with the contribution of €60 to be included in the draw.

### Printing:

- Today JF completes the printing of the monthly minutes.
- This month, John proposed that we use "Copy-write" on Bishops Street going forward, as their charge is similar to Johns cost to-day. JF has been actioned to find out, what is the cost of colour printing in parallel with black and white printing, and also how fast can they turn around the printing, upon receipt of completed minutes. Decision to be finalised in October's monthly meeting.

### Litter Collection Evenings:

- Litter evenings have taken place throughout the summer months on a two weekly basis, at 7:30pm. Special thanks to those people who joined us regularly, to collect litter. It was great to see the support.
- Next Litter collection evening is 14-September at 7:30pm. All meet at the main entrance.

### "Taking in Charge" of the Estate:

- Final Wearing Coarse of Tarmacadam:** The target is "to commence the installation of the wearing course of tarmacadam by Arlum Ltd.'s Specialist Subcontractors on:

#### The Morning of Wednesday 14-Sept-16

- We ask each resident to co-operate with the subcontractors fully, with regard to traffic management, and the moving of parked vehicles off the main road areas within the estate, during this period. Thank You.

### **Drainage of Green Areas:**

- Works due to be carried out by JJ Rhatigans & Co. was carried out over the summer months.
- Drainage of green areas 3, 6 and 9 are now completed

### **Trees:**

- R'OC to co-ordinate with Murphy's Garden Centre in the coming 2 months, to replace dead trees, remove trees that have fallen over, and add trees to those areas that have recently been drained to enhance their areas.
- WM mentioned that some trees overshadow street lamps, at night casting shadows and dark areas on the footpaths. R'OC to review what can be done to resolve.

### **Shrub Areas:**

- Due to neglect and lack of volunteers, the shrub areas are full of weeds, have become overgrown, shrubs are not thriving, and generally looking extremely unkempt. They are a feature of our estate, and like all other areas of the estate, need to be cared for.
- Discussed with Brian Kennedy in June 2016, to reclaim each of the shrub areas, remove choking weeds, spray weeds, remove ash trees that have taken root, replenish mulch, edge each shrub area, trim branches on trees throughout the estate, that are hanging down creating difficulty to mow around, and also remove grass and weeds around hedging planted by JJ Rhatigans & Co., up against walls in Areas 2 and 5.
- Brian Kennedy Landscaping quoted €1248.50 to complete all works, and was approved by a unanimous vote.
- The plan is for Brian Kennedy to complete this work now, and for volunteers to maintain it going forward at a lower cost.

### **Shrubs & Trees: GENERAL**

- It was discussed during this month's meeting that children in general show no regard or respect for the shrubberies or trees in our estate. The children walk and cycle through shrubs, breaking them, and swing from trees, breaking branches.
- We appeal to ALL parents to PLEASE have a discussion with your children and ask them to kindly not interfere with and damage the shrubs and trees on the estate, and to have respect for them instead.

**Thank you in advance for helping with this matter.**

### **Dogs Barking at Night:**

- JJB mentioned that a few residents have been complaining about dogs barking at night.
- Excessive dog barking that causes a nuisance is an offence. Your District Court can make an order requiring the reduction of excessive barking by a dog, can limit the number of dogs that can be kept on a premises, or can direct that a dog be delivered to a dog warden as an unwanted dog.

You can make a complaint about excessive barking to the District Court under **Noise Regulations**. Before you do this, you must inform the dog owner of your intention by completing a special form under the **Control of Dogs Act, 1986**. These forms are available from **your local authority**.

### **Mass:**

- Mass was held on the estate on 13-July last. Thanks to Fleming Plasterers for sponsoring the necessary signage. MM discussed the confusion regarding the time of the Mass, advertised for 7:30pm but actually was 8pm. MM had agreed the time with the priest, but the time changed for some reason, unknown to MM. It was agreed that going forward only one person be the focal point of contact for the Mass to avoid any confusions.

#### **House Painter:**

Rory O'Connor

086 8435552

#### **Fascia & Gutter Cleaning:**

Derek McDonagh

086 8216307

#### **Useful Phone Numbers & Email Addresses:**

Electric Skyline for street lighting replacement low call 1890 328587, text 087 1955076, Email: [faults@electricsskyline.ie](mailto:faults@electricsskyline.ie);  
A Gerda Siochana Tuam 093 70841.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Liaison Officer – Frank Breslin;

Dog warden name and number Christy Corcoran 087-2224192;

Draughty windows or worn seals Walter Cunningham 086-3545819 or Weather glaze: contact Dave 087-6260497.