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**General Meeting**  
**Wednesday 15th January 2014**  
**6.00pm at the Park Office**

**Agenda**

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Notes of General Meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> November 2013 and Matters Arising (attached)**
- 3. Southwark Park Sports Centre Update**
- 4. Old Nursery Master Plan Update – Max Nakrani**
- 5. ‘Southwark Park 150’ Update – Pat Kingwell**
- 6. Cleaner Greener Safer Programme Update**
- 7. Park Manager’s Report – Andy Chatterton**
- 8. Canada Water Area Action Plan Consultation**
- 9. Bowling Club Update – Ray Buckberry**
- 10. West Lane War Memorial Issues**
- 11. King’s Stairs Gardens Issues – Roger Bilder**
- 12. Planning Matters Update**
- 13. Any Other Business**
- 14. Dates of Future Meetings**

Pat Kingwell  
Secretary  
23 December 2013

## Notes of General Meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> November 2013

**Present:** Sharon Bassey; Andy Chatterton (London Borough of Southwark); Jean Cunliffe; Judith Deschamps; Dave Fisher; Colin Hartridge-Price; Marjorie Hill; Pat Kingwell; Gary Magold; Andrea Pita (London Borough of Southwark); John Reid (London Borough of Southwark); Rachael Roe (London Borough of Southwark); Jim Saunders; Tracy Scales; Sue Sexton; Colin Smith; Roger Slaney; Peter Sparkes; Amanda Squires; Susan Vaughan; George Witsey

	Item	Action
1.	<b>Apologies</b> Cllr. Anood Al-Samerai; Roger Bilder; Ivy Douglas; Mick Hannon; Stephanie Lodge; Josie Moore and Jean Mulholland	
2.	<b>Notes of General Meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> October 2013</b> The notes were agreed as a true record, save the omission of apologies from Amanda Squires	
2.1	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
2.1.1	<b>King's Stairs Lighting</b> Although identified this as extremely urgent in the Parks Improvement Strategy, the meeting agreed that discussions should be had with the relevant Housing officers. Gary Glover agreed to provide Andy with the best contact.	Andy Chatterton Gary Glover
2.1.2	<b>Southwark Park – Former Social Club 386 Southwark Park Road</b> On the issue of encroachment on park land Andy was still to advise the Planning Enforcement Officer. It was agreed Marjorie would show Andy the problem area.	Andy Chatterton Marjorie Hill
2.1.3	<b>Southwark Park – 57 Gomm Road Overhanging Trees</b> Andrea reported she had investigated and there are no overhanging trees. She had met with the resident concerned.	
2.1.4	<b>Southwark Park – Woodland Trust Free Trees</b> Pat reported he had sought the advice of Ian Williams, Tree Officer, and had submitted a bid to the Trust for trees and shrubs for the western boundary of Southwark Park. Outcome should be known by January 2014.	
2.1.5	<b>Southwark Park – Sports Centre</b> Gary Glover reported he had organised a meeting with Peter John, Leader of the Council, for Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November at Tooley Street.	
2.1.6	<b>Cleaner, Greener, Safer Programme 2014/15</b> Pat reported that a bid for £38,000 had been submitted to improve Southwark Park Playground by repairing the water feature; providing a bee demonstration hive; two outdoor table tennis tables and a fenced off dog-free area.  Amanda reported that she was about to submit a bid to cover the £11,000 shortfall on the Fulford/Cathay Street scheme originally approved in 2009 for £30,000.	
3.	<b>Relocation of 'Family of Dolphins' sculpture</b> Rachael Roe from Southwark Council's Arts team spoke about the relocation of David Backhouse's sculpture as part of the Council's consultation process. The work had been commissioned by Tesco for their store in Surrey Quays Shopping Centre, but the owners decided to remove the sculpture and have gifted it to Southwark Council. Southwark Park lake has been suggested as one of several possible locations. Rachael explained that the feasibility of locations will be assessed and that the target date for installation on chosen site is February 2014. After discussing such issues as budget, security, mechanical services, maintenance and planning, it was agreed that we support the relocation of the sculpture into the park and will formally respond to Rachael.	Pat Kingwell
4.	<b>Dangerous Cycling</b> John Reid, Parks Liaison Officer, explained the powers he has to address dangerous cycling in the parks and gave an account of his recent actions in talking to cyclists and the issuing of fixed penalty notices where necessary. He has noticed a growth in cycling in the parks, possibly due to Olympic impact.  On the specific incident raised at our last meeting John said he would be talking to the person in question soon.	John Reid

	On the issue of cycling near The Angel pub John confirmed he had recently been on site to observe things. He recommended that Highways look into it. In the discussion it was suggested that as the site in question does not fall within KSG or the Parks remit then concerns should be directed to local Cllrs.	
5.	<b>Southwark Park 5-a-side Football Tournament 2014</b> Andy said the games could be accommodated on the Abbeyfield boundary. Pat said Millwall FC are interested and he had passed contact on to Mick Hannon.	
6.	<b>Fireworks Display</b> The feedback on the event was largely positive and it was noted that compared to last year good improvements had been made regarding access and lighting. Attention was drawn to some areas that need looking at, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuring the music is played for less time</li> <li>• People depositing cans etc. in the gardens/areas of Gomm Road residents</li> <li>• Ensuring that people without bags are not caught up in bag-check queues</li> <li>• The payment of a bond by the fairground operator to cover reinstatement costs</li> <li>• The use of tracking to help avoid damage to grassed areas</li> </ul>	Pat Kingwell
7.	<b>Old Nursery Master Plan Update</b> Pat reported that following the decision of last meeting Max Nakrani has revised the Harrison Design's sketch options for the site, reducing from five to three. Once the papers have been cleared with Cllr. Hargrove and Parks senior management they will be distributed for consultation, in particular to residents of Ann Moss Way and Gomm Road.	Max Nakrani
8.	<b>Park Manager's Report</b> Andy reported:	
8.1	<b>Southwark Park – Storm Damage</b> The Tree Officer confirms the remaining clearance work is scheduled in for next week.	Ian Williams
8.2	<b>Southwark Park – Fireworks Display</b> Some initial work has been carried out and the main reinstatement work will be undertaken within the next couple of weeks, weather conditions permitting. There was minimum damage caused to the football pitches in comparison with last year. A recommendation will be put forward at the debrief meeting to include a reinstatement bond for future displays.	
8.3	<b>Southwark Park - Children's Playground – Gates</b> Following a recommendation at the previous meeting, we have arranged for the gates to be adapted for self-closing. Some additional works will be carried out to one of the double gates opposite the park café, in order to accommodate this.	
8.4	<b>Southwark Park – Former Social Club and Trees</b> The Tree Officer will assess the condition of the trees during the next visit to Southwark Park and feedback will be provided accordingly.	Ian Williams
8.5	<b>Kings Stairs Gardens - Fit London Legacy Fund</b> All of the shrubs have now been planted. Bat boxes and a stag beetle loggery will be created as soon as possible, in order to complete the project.	
8.6	<b>Kings Stairs Gardens - Motorbikes</b>  The Parks Liaison Officer has asked the Wardens and Intelligence Manager for further information & clarification on the use of motorbikes and he has found some extracts on the internet regarding common land & footways but parks appear to be down to local councils. It appears that there is no bye law for riding or driving in parks & the PLO does not have a police power to stop a motor vehicle.  The PLO has advised calling the Police on 101 who have the powers to deal with motor vehicles riding off road. The law that covers bikes is Sec38, Road Traffic Act 1998 which covers common land but it is uncertain whether the police can enforce this in parks. Riding motor vehicles on common land or wasteland is almost always illegal but we are not sure if this includes parks.  Internet information <b>Can I use motorbikes on the pavement or footpath?</b> Again, the simple answer is no. Only vehicles that meet the required standards and are registered with the DVLA can be used on roads, pavements and car parks. As well as being	

	<p>registered, they must be taxed and insured. Also an MOT will be required for vehicles over three years old. There is no exemption for vehicles designed for off road use and young people are also not exempt. This is all covered in the Road traffic act 1988.</p> <p>Harassment, Alarm and Distress: Section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002, makes it an offence for a motor vehicle to be used on a road or public place in a manner which causes harassment, alarm or distress. This includes the noise which is caused by off road machines that are fitted with exhaust systems that do not conform to road standards. A noisy exhaust is a common factor for complaint.</p> <p>Those people who ride horses or walk on common land can also be distressed or alarmed by the presence of a loud machine in a usually quiet setting. In such cases the police have the power to warn the user of the bike to remove it and if it persists have the machine seized and destroyed.</p> <p>A site meeting took place recently with the Repairs &amp; Maintenance Manager to consider ways of restricting motorbike access and he will be meeting a representative from the In-House Metalwork Team later this week to discuss some options to restrict access. Signs have been placed at both ends of Cottle Way to prohibit them. In addition, the Small Works Team will be renewing the wooden knee rail and installing an additional paving slab in front of the traffic barrier within the next 7 days, as part of the on-going improvements to the site.</p>	
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>King's Stairs Gardens Issues</b> Roger Bilder provided the following note:</p> <p>SaveKSG has submitted a representation to the Planning Inspectorate, which is currently reviewing Thames Water's plans, re-stating that any proposed tunnelling at KSG would be unacceptable.</p> <p>Roger and Rob attended a meeting of the Inspectorate last week about Chambers Wharf, and it was clear that the Save Your Riverside campaign and Southwark Council both now accept that Chambers Wharf will be the site of a main tunnel shaft in Southwark, which means that the threat to KSG is thankfully very much reduced.</p> <p>But the effects of the proposed works at Chambers Wharf will still have a massive effect on our borough. Obviously so in the immediate neighbourhood, but noise, air pollution and so on will affect a much wider area, and a huge platform known as a cofferdam will extend almost half-way across the river.</p> <p>Although Thames Water plan to use river barges a lot, the works will still involve a very great number of lorry movements in small residential streets and in front of local schools; and these lorries will be turning into the already crowded Jamaica Road and causing a lot more traffic congestion up to the Roundabout and into Lower Road.</p> <p>SYR and the Council are now lobbying hard for Thames Water to reverse the proposed direction of the main tunnel works, so that they dig from Abbey Mills (their own site in Stratford) towards Chambers Wharf rather than the other way round.</p> <p>This would at least reduce the impact of the works, to a shorter timescale (maybe 4 and a half years instead of 7), much less spoil and slurry needing to be handled and removed in our borough, a lot less lorry traffic and a much smaller cofferdam extending into the river.</p> <p>Roger would therefore like to ask FoSP to support SYR and Southwark Council in this proposal. FoSP's support for the SaveKSG campaign has been very highly valued and further support for the proposal to reverse the tunnel direction would greatly benefit our borough.</p>	
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>Bowling Club Update</b> Nothing specific to report, but Colin thanked all for Len Hatch condolences.</p>	
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>Planning Matters Update</b></p>	

	None given	
<b>11.</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
<b>11.1</b>	<b>Shad Thames Rugby Union Football Club</b> Peter Sparkes informed us that the club plays regularly in Southwark Park on Sundays, using the grassed area north of the bandstand. The club is growing and has recently joined a league. They are supportive of the refurbishment of the sports centre and would like to use it in future. Also happy to take part in the Southwark 150 celebrations next year. In the meantime requested that the leaves be cleared from the area they use.	
<b>11.2</b>	<b>Community Council Fund</b> Pat reported that 2014 fund is open for bids up to £1000 and the closing date is 13 <sup>th</sup> December. It was agreed to apply for monies to support the Southwark Park 150 activities.	Pat Kingwell
<b>11.3</b>	<b>'Southwark Park 150'</b> Pat reported that United St. Saviour's Charity has awarded a grant of £1,000 for traditional children's games at the Bermondsey Carnival in 2014. It was agreed we approach Rotherhithe Consolidated Charities for a grant.	Pat Kingwell
<b>11.4</b>	<b>Bede House</b> The Choir of Clare College Cambridge are giving a free Advent service at St. Mary's Church, Rotherhithe on 18 December at 7.30pm.	
<b>11.5</b>	<b>Rotherhithe Map 5<sup>th</sup> ed.</b> Amanda circulated copies.	
<b>11.6</b>	<b>Scandinavian Fair Albion Street 22-24 November</b> Amanda circulated flyers.	
<b>11.7</b>	<b>FOSP Annual Report</b> Pat circulated printed copies – thanks to Debra Gosling for design work	
<b>11.8</b>	<b>Scadbury Park Sun Dial</b> Amanda suggested something similar might be considered for Southwark Park. To provide Andy with details.	Amanda Squires
<b>11.9</b>	<b>Albin Event 4 December</b> Gary Glover said that there would be some fireworks at this annual event.	
<b>11.10</b>	<b>West Lane War Memorial</b> Gary Magold reported on a recent site meeting and thanked Andy and Lynne Olding for their help and advice.	
<b>12.</b>	<b>Dates of Future Meetings - All 6.00pm at The Park Office</b> Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2014 Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2014 Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2014	