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General Meeting
Wednesday 19th February 2014
6.00pm at the Park Office

Agenda

1. **Apologies**
2. **Notes of General Meeting of 15th January 2014 and Matters Arising (attached)**
3. **Old Nursery Master Plan Update – Max Nakrani**
4. **Cleaner Greener Safer Programme Update**
5. **‘Southwark Park 150’ Update – Pat Kingwell**
6. **Park Manager’s Report – Andy Chatterton**
7. **Bowling Club Update – Ray Buckberry**
8. **West Lane War Memorial Issues**
9. **King’s Stairs Gardens Issues – Roger Bilder**
10. **Planning Matters Update**
11. **Any Other Business**
12. **Dates of Future Meetings**

Pat Kingwell
Secretary
8th February 2014

Notes of General Meeting of 15th January 2014

Present: Roger Bilder; Cllr. Neil Coyle; Judith Deschamps; Dave Fisher; Gary Glover; Colin Hartridge-Price; Ron Henocq; Pat Kingwell; Nick Lane; Gary Magold; Jean Mulholland; Max Nakrani (London Borough of Southwark); Andrea Pita (London Borough of Southwark); Jim Saunders; Tracy Scales; Colin Smith; George Witsey

	Item	Action
1.	Apologies Cllr. Anood Al-Samerai; Sharon Bassey; Andy Chatterton (London Borough of Southwark); Jean Cunliffe; Marjorie Hill; Stephanie Lodge; Josie Moore; Sue Sexton; Louise Sheridan and Amanda Squires.	
2.	Notes of General Meeting of 20th November 2013 The notes were agreed as a true record.	
2.1	Matters Arising	
2.1.1	Southwark Park – Former Social Club 386 Southwark Park Road On the issue of encroachment on park land Andrea reported a site visit had taken place and it was concluded there was no infringement by the developers.	
3.	<p>Southwark Park Sports Centre Update Gary Glover reported on the meeting with Peter John, Leader of the Council, on Monday 25th November, which was positive. Since that meeting the Council had allocated £1.7m towards the scheme. It was agreed we invite Tim Clee to a future meeting to provide more detail and that we also confirm FOSP wishes to be represented on the project team that implements the scheme. It was also agreed to ask for more consultation over the idea of bringing the land on Hawkstone Road boundary back into the body of the park.</p> <p>N.B. Due to prior commitments Tim is unable to attend our February meeting but has provided this update via email:</p> <p>‘Phase 1 (Athletics Facilities) - all funding is secured (London Marathon, Mayor of London, Sport England, s106. Southwark Olympic Legacy) and we are currently at pre-planning stage. Subject to feedback from planning we anticipate submitting a planning application in mid Feb. If timescales work out we will start the work early summer 2014 with a completion date of Spring 2015. The works include reinstating the athletics track, and turning the astropitch into a grass pitch to enable us to deliver a full programme of athletics track and field activities.</p> <p>Phase 2 (Building refurbishment) - we are waiting for official confirmation of funding from the councils internal capital pot, although there has been an announcement by politicians that funding will be made available. But we won’t know exactly until February. If all goes well this phase of the project should be delivered at roughly the same time as Phase 1. The building refurbishment should include changing provision for the parks pitches, and also toilets that can be used by park users, and well as facilities that will support the development of athletics. This will be subject to final designs which will be progressed as soon as we have confirmation of the funding.’</p>	Pat Kingwell
4.	<p>Old Nursery Master Plan Update Max Nakrani reported that following previous consultation the Harrison Design’s sketch options for the site have been reduced from five to three as FOSP had requested. In addition Parks senior management have called for other options to be considered, including a potential formal garden on the old nursery land; a Canada Water Green Link with a new entrance to the park from Lower Road; and a</p>	

	<p>relocation of the café and offices to the Art Gallery building with a new Gallery on the present office/café site.</p> <p>There was a full discussion and many points raised. In summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns about the delay and lack of clarity over the Master Plan consultation – the final report was originally due in December 2013 • Surprise and concern that the gallery/café and office ‘swap’ has been introduced at such a late stage without any notice of such a major change in the Master Plan brief with FOSP • Concerns that the straightforward priorities of a better café, offices and sympathetic public use of the old nursery land could be delayed or even lost in the unnecessary complications of gallery and Green Link options • Questions about the financial and service implications of the Gallery ‘swap’ – who will pay for a new gallery and will the café have to close while it is being built? • The historic Carriageway Drive view must be protected • Feeling that the project is being ‘kicked into the long grass’ due to forthcoming Council elections <p>It was agreed to write to Cllr. Hargrove about our concerns.</p>	Pat Kingwell
5.	<p>‘Southwark Park 150’</p> <p>Pat reported that the Heritage Lottery Fund had declined to award a grant for the 150th activities. However, it is still possible to do something and he circulated a draft Programme of Events which, subject to various grant applications, will be finalised by April.</p> <p>On Neil Coyle’s suggestion it was agreed to approach North Southwark Environment Trust and Bee Urban for funding.</p>	Pat Kingwell
6.	<p>Cleaner, Greener Safer Programme Update</p> <p>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, and Amanda had previously reported she was submitting a bid to cover the £11,000 shortfall on the Fulford/Cathay Street scheme originally approved in 2009 for £30,000. Awaiting decision from Community Council on 29th January.</p>	
7.	<p>Park Manager’s Report</p> <p>Andrea reported:</p>	
7.1	<p>Southwark Park – Dangerous Cycling</p> <p>John Reid has been unable to contact the person injured by a cyclist. However he has advised that a number of park users have commented on the continued improvement of cyclist’s behaviour.</p>	
7.2	<p>Southwark Park – Storm Damage</p> <p>All of the clearance work has been completed.</p>	
7.3	<p>Southwark Park – Former Social Club and Trees</p> <p>The Tree Officer has yet to assess the condition of the trees but will do so during the next visit and feedback will be provided accordingly.</p>	Andy Chatterton Ian Williams
7.4	<p>Southwark Park – Bulbs for London</p> <p>QSL have planted all the bulbs in various sites within the Operational Area and photographs will be taken at each site, as and when they come in to flower. West Lane War Memorial was excluded on this occasion, as we need to establish in the spring what has already been planted and what would be suitable for planting next autumn.</p>	

7.5	King's Stairs Gardens -Lighting Councillor Barrie Hargrove has been advised that King's Stairs Lighting is now top of the list of lighting in parks in need of investment. One of the bids being put forward for the next capital refresh is a parks infrastructure and investment bid for a substantial figure over 10 years. If it is successful then this bid will fund the work needed at King's Stairs Gardens.	
7.6	King's Stairs Gardens - Dual Purpose Bins Three additional bins will be installed by the end of next week, following recent confirmation of where they need to be located.	
7.7	King's Stairs Gardens - St Peter's & The Guardian Angel Church The boundary fence will be repaired as soon as an acceptable quotation has been received.	
8.	Canada Water Area Action Plan Consultation The Canada Water Area Action Plan is being revised and a note from Tim Cutts, Team Leader Planning Policy Team, indicated that the deadline for comments is 5pm 25 February 2014. More details www.southwark.gov.uk/canadawateraap	
9.	Bowling Club Update Jim reported that the monthly meeting with Parks is due to resume in February.	
10.	West Lane War Memorial Gary Magold reported that a site meeting was held at the end of November and Lynne Olding was to be involved in the future planting plans.	
11.	King's Stairs Garden Issues It was reported £25,000 had been obtained from SITA for play equipment. Roger reminded all of King's Stairs Action Group AGM on 16 th January	
12.	Planning Matters Update None given	
13.	Any Other Business	
13.1	Marjorie Hill It was reported that Margie had been unwell and hospitalised. It was agreed to send a card.	Pat Kingwell
13.2	Boer War Memorial Gary Magold reminded all that a rededication service will be held in St. James Church on 16 th February at 10.30am.	
13.3	New Leaf Volunteers Neil Coyle reported that New Leaf, a Southwark-based charity, offers education, training and employment to young people by creating educational gardens. Volunteers are needed. See http://new-leaf.org.uk/	
14.	Dates of Future Meetings - All 6.00pm at The Park Office Wednesday 19 th February 2014 Wednesday 19 th March 2014 Wednesday 16 th April 2014	

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What's it all about then? Well...

Unseen Abbey, Hidden River. Maypoles round and round.
Tyrannical Vicar chop him down! Eccentric Judge hang him up!
Landed gentry doff your cap, forgotten Bermondsey boys (and girls).
Georgian Spa, Boxes of Hats, Yards of Ale, Ginger Beer hissss...pop!
Tan pits and pitfalls, Royal Needles, Comedians and Custard, Where's the Finger? Jelly on a plate.

Sparkling Spires & Golden Dragons. Echoes in the Arches, Glittering Jewel in the Thames, Rattling Railway Tracks.

Man turned to Stone, Patriotic Hurrahs! Lilliputian Library, Poetry in the Tanneries, What's that Smell? Bourbons today. A Factory of Ideas.

Toff's ties, In the Trenches, Such a Loss, Exotic Insects, busy Lizzies. Salmon tins, Hearthstones & Mansion Polish, Cherryade & Washing Powder, sleek and wavy Hair, just Ordinary Lives.

Any Old Iron, Any Old Lumberrr! Grazed knees, Sequins & Greasepaint, Put that Light Out! Tea & Biscuits, Tea & Sympathy, Bread & Jam. Vinegar on your chips, A little bit of Cucumber!

Very Pretty Garden, Chalk on the Pavement, Catch the Alleygobs!
On a Beanfeast, Sunday Best Behaviour, Knees up Mother Brown, 'Kiss me Quick'. Cheers!

Enemy Gunners Ack! Ack! Ack!
Home Front Rockets Boom! Boom!
Lives lost, Sadness, Happiness!

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Oh, the Sunset! Dandelions & Fireweed.
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