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

Agenda

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Notes of General Meeting of 19th February 2014 and Matters Arising (attached)**
- 3. Old Nursery Master Plan Update – Rebecca Towers**
- 4. Filming on Southwark Park Bandstand – Andy Pavord**
- 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
10th March 2014

Notes of General Meeting of 19th February 2014

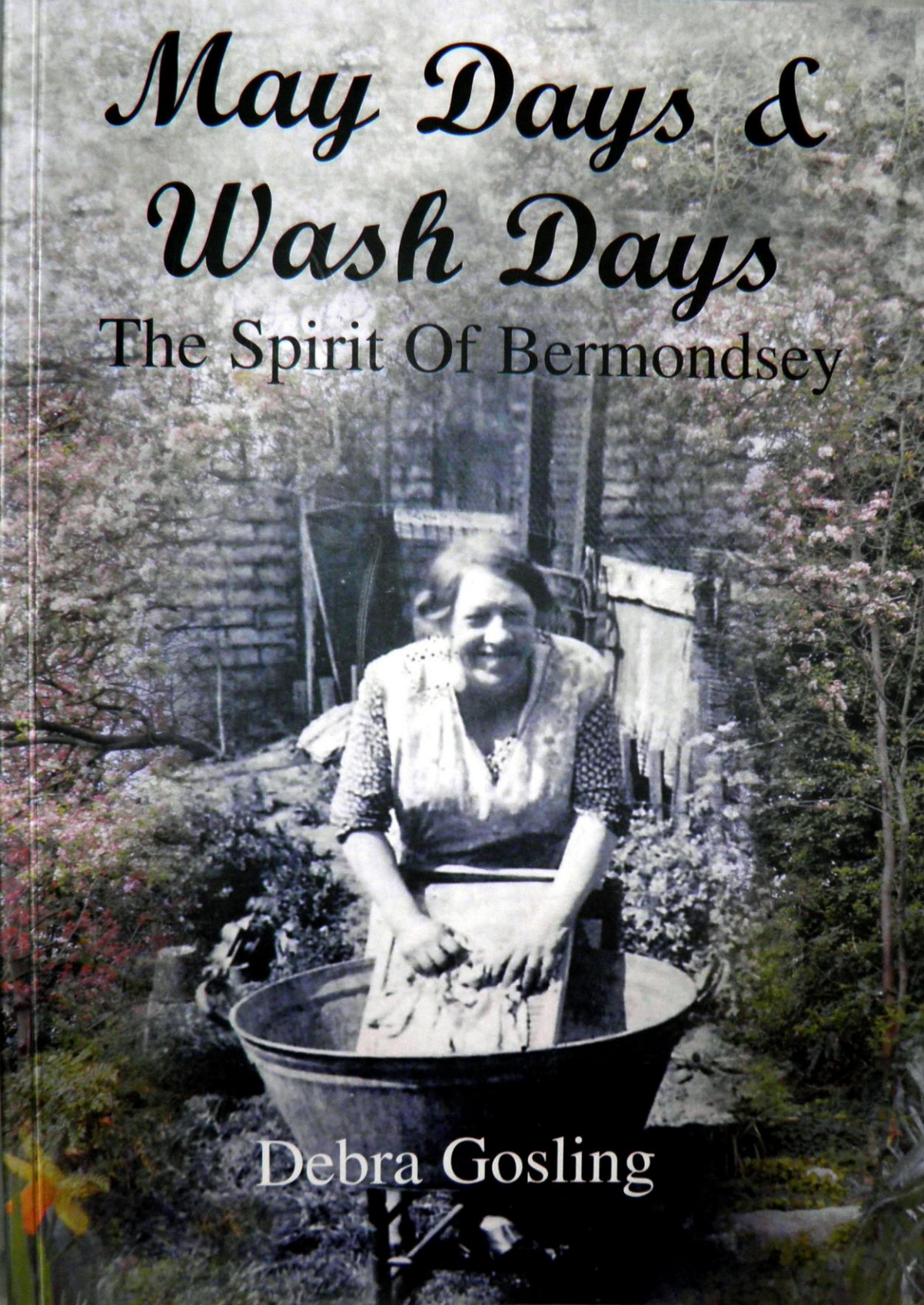
Present: Jonathan Ashton; Sharon Bassey; Andy Chatterton (London Borough of Southwark); Dave Fisher; Marjorie Hill; Pat Kingwell; Gary Magold; Jean Mulholland; Cllr. Wilma Nelson; Andy Pavord (London Borough of Southwark); Andrea Pita (London Borough of Southwark); Jak Purcell (London Borough of Southwark); Jim Saunders; Tracy Scales; Claire Sexton; Sue Sexton; Colin Smith; Amanda Squires. George Witsey

	Item	Action
1.	Apologies Cllr. Anood Al-Samerai; Roger Bilder; Alison Clayburn; Jean Cunliffe; Judith Deschamps; Gary Glover; Ron Henocq; Max Nakrani (London Borough of Southwark); Dominique Phillips; Patricia Preston and Lyn Skinner	
2.	Notes of General Meeting of 15th January 2014 The notes were agreed as a true record.	
2.1	Matters Arising	
2.1.1	Southwark Park Sports Centre Tim Clee had informed us by e-mail that the planning application is now scheduled for March rather than mid-February. Tim had also provided a plan for proposed paths and fences at the Hawkstone Road side. While the meeting was pleased to see land returning to the body of the park it was noted there is no pathway from Hawkstone Gate which was our original intention. It was agreed to write to Tim Clee.	Pat Kingwell
3.	Filming in Southwark Park Andy Pavord, Southwark Council Film Officer, spoke on use of Southwark Park bandstand for a film about Freddie Mercury. Shooting could take place in April or May. The meeting was supportive of the idea, subject to our usual concerns about impact on public access, environmental damage, security and clean up. It was agreed Andy would come to our March meeting with a more worked up proposal.	Andy Pavord
4.	Jak Purcell Jak, the new Parks Liaison Officer, introduced himself to the meeting. He was welcomed and offered best wishes for his work.	
5.	Old Nursery Master Plan Update Max Nakrani had given his apologies so Pat Kingwell reported back on emails received from Rebecca Towers, Head of Parks. Rebecca is due to attend the March meeting to discuss the Master Plan with us. Gary Magold and others urged that the brief for the project remain as when it was awarded.	Rebecca Towers
6.	Cleaner, Greener Safer Programme Update Pat reported that the bids to improve Southwark Park Playground and to cover the shortfall on the Fulford/Cathay Street scheme had not been approved by the Community Council. Cllr. Nelson explained the heavy demand for grants and recommended the bids be re-submitted in the next round. It was agreed we formally express our disappointment over the disrepair of the playground water feature as children will be unable to use it during the summer.	Pat Kingwell
7.	'Southwark Park 150' Pat reported that since the last meeting the Programme of Events has been developed and should be finalised by the end of March. Good news in particular over:: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28th April Anniversary Day – Woodland Trust has awarded us a pack of trees which will be planted on the south-western boundary by volunteers • 28 June Bermondsey Carnival – United St. Saviour's Charity is funding games and children's activities 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16-24 August – Community Council has awarded funds for a photography exhibition • 24 August – Bandstand concert has been funded by United St. Saviour’s Charity and also Rotherhithe Consolidated Charities • Film – North Southwark Environment Trust looking positively at a grant award. <p>Claire Sexton suggested we consider involving Salmon and Downside Fisher Youth Centres and Time and Talents.</p> <p>Wilma Nelson suggested we approach the Amicable Trust for funds.</p>	Pat Kingwell
7.	Park Manager’s Report Andy reported:	
7.1	Southwark Park Trees – Former Social Club 386 Southwark Park Road The Parks Tree Officer will assess in week commencing 24 February.	Ian Williams
7.2	Southwark Park - Tennis Courts MSC (Material Science Consultants) have been appointed to deliver the design and build proposals for the two new tennis courts. A site visit has been undertaken with further surveying to follow. The timetable for the delivery will be posted as soon as available. MSC are the same consultants who are delivering the athletics track.	
7.3	Southwark Park – Car Parking Review Tim Walker has provided an update following a request at the previous meeting. Process and timescales <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • initial design (3 weeks) • informal consultation with stakeholders (3 weeks) • report to community council (meetings occur 5x per year) • statutory consultation and traffic order making (6 weeks) • (if objections to traffic orders then an additional report will be presented to community council to determine) • implementation of road markings and traffic signs (4 weeks) <p>In total approx. 6 months and possibly longer if statutory objections are received. Tim Walker’s team overall programme needs to be agreed with the cabinet member, so the project start date has not yet been set for this.</p> <p>It was agreed we reiterate our concerns to the Cabinet member.</p>	Pat Kingwell
7.4	Southwark Park – Bowling Green & Artificial Rink / Portable Building A meeting took place yesterday with representatives from the Bowls Club and it was felt that the general condition of the green is good for this time of the year, especially considering the excessive amount of rainfall that we have experienced over the past few months. Moss is still present on parts of the green and this is due to be addressed by a contractor over the next two days. The artificial rink will be jet washed and re-treated for moss, at the same time. The portable shed has not yet been ordered, it could be delivered within a three week period, once the purchase order number has been confirmed. We envisage that it will be installed before the next Bowls Club meeting.	
7.5	Southwark Park – Community Notice Board The notice board has been damaged and we will be addressing this with Browse Bion, in order for the repairs to be undertaken as soon as possible.	
7.6	Southwark Park – Nature Garden Our Ecology Officer led a team of corporate volunteers in the garden on the 23 rd January and he directed the team to remove some climbers and Laurel at the rear	

	<p>of the site adjacent to some of the properties in Ann Moss Way. Further Laurel was reduced (2 - 3 plants) as part of this project.</p> <p>Laurel is a Schedule 9 species listed on the Wildlife and Countryside Act and as such our Ecology Officer had no reservations about removing these plants. The intention of the work was to open up the area for the benefit of ground flora and also to prepare the area for planting with wildlife species more fitting with the area. During the works a local resident complained about the clearance and the work was stopped.</p> <p>A subsequent site meeting was held on the 24th January to review the work and it was attended by representatives from Parks and by one of the residents. We acknowledged that prior notification of the work would have been beneficial to all parties and agreed that a consultation process would take place to review the work undertaken and agree a replanting plan along the boundary. We also agreed that no further work along the boundary would be carried out until the consultation exercise has been completed.</p> <p>The Tree Services Manager has commissioned an internal Landscape Architect to visit the site and produce a draft planting design and a consultation meeting will then be held on site in the near future for review and comments. It is anticipated that works will then take place shortly afterwards.</p>	
7.7	King's Stairs Gardens - St Peter's & The Guardian Angel Church Repairs to the boundary fence have been completed.	
7.8	King's Stairs Gardens - Storm Damage The trees have now been felled and the damage to the grass areas will be reinstated by our grounds maintenance contractor within the next two days.	
8.	Bowling Club Update See 7.4 above. Jim reported that the away match against Finsbury Park is under review as their green has had some problems. Colin thanked Andy and Andrea for their support over the shed.	
9.	West Lane War Memorial Meetings have been held with Lynne Olding and representatives of Southwark Cleaning. Lynne has designed and provided some planting plans to SC and the areas are currently being prepared for planting in March. Gary Magold asked that thanks be sent to Nick Mellish and Lynne for their support. It was reported that a café owner has been dumping bread baskets on the memorial garden wall. Wilma agreed to speak to him about it.	Pat Kingwell Cllr. Wilma Nelson
10.	King's Stairs Garden Issues Amanda raised the issue of the broken railings by BOSCO and the horrible dog waste on the Jamaica Road side of the park. Andy agreed to look into it.	Andy Chatterton
11.	Planning Matters Update None given	
12.	Any Other Business	
12.1	Southwark Park Carriageway Drive Margie reported that the gutters need cleaning. Sue Sexton asked that attention also be paid to the poor paving. Andy to check.	Andy Chatterton
12.2	Southwark Park London City Athletics Club 10k Run The meeting welcomed the run but concerns were expressed about the use of Gomm Road. It was recommended the route remain wholly in the park.	
12.3	Albion Street Finnish Market 29 March and Midsummer Day 21 June and WORG Postcard	

	Amanda alerted the meeting to these events and the postcards for sale	
12.4	Mulch by Gomm Gate Jean Mulholland asked about the mulch. Andy said it would be there for a couple of months until used.	
12.5	Bird Feeders near café in Southwark Park Jonathan Ashton asked that consideration be given to installing some feeders. Andrea said she would talk to Rotherhithe Primary School about the idea and Sharon Bassey said she would find out about squirrel-proof units.	Andrea Pita Sharon Bassey
13.	Dates of Future Meetings 2014 - All 6.00pm Wednesday 19 th March at The Park Office Wednesday 16 th April at The Park Office Wednesday 21 st May at The Bowls Club – Ken Worpole talk on Urban Parks Wednesday 18 th June at The Park Office Wednesday 16 th July at The Bowls Club – David Kynaston talk on Bobby Abel	



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Debra Gosling

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