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**General Meeting
16th January 2013 6.00pm at
The Park Office, Southwark Park**

Agenda

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Notes of General Meeting of 21st November 2012 and Matters Arising (attached)**
- 3. Park Manager's Report – Andy Chatterton LBS**
- 4. Old Nursery – Update and Possible Queen Elizabeth 2nd Status Application**
- 5. Southwark Council's Friends of Parks Protocol**
- 6. Cleaner Greener Safer Applications – update if any**
- 7. Bowling Club Update and Possible Centenary Celebration**
- 8. Treasurer's Report**
- 9. King's Stairs Gardens Issues**
- 10. Southwark Park Leaflet**
- 11. Planning Matters – updates if any**
- 12. Gallery Update**
- 13. Any Other Business**
- 14. Dates of Future Meetings**

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**Notes of Friends of Southwark Park General Meeting
 held on 21st November 2012 at
 The Clubroom, Rear of St. Peters Church, 72 Paradise Street, SE16**

In attendance:

Roger Bilder; William Cameron; Andy Chatterton (London Borough of Southwark); Alison Clayburn; Tim Clee (London Borough of Southwark); Michael Daniels; Judith Deschamps; Ivy Douglas; Dave Fisher; Gary Glover; Marjorie Hill; Gary Magold; Michael O'Rourke; Jim Saunders; Tracey Scales; Colin Smith; Susan Vaughan;

	Item	Action
1.	Apologies Cllr. Anood Al-Samerai;; Jean Cunliffe; Pat Kingwell; Pippa Krishnan	
2.	Notes of General Meeting of 16th October 2012 The notes were agreed as a true record.	
2.1	Matters Arising	
2.1.1	Unauthorised Access Gate – Yellow House No progress report received yet from Southwark Council officers.	
2.1.2	Park Notice Boards As requested the boards had been tidied up.	
2.1.3	Ivy on Plane Trees near Cafe Rachel Jackson, the Arboricultural Officer had given the following advice in an e-mail: “Thank you for following up with this as I have discussed the topic at length with Jon Best (Ecology Officer). We came to an agreement to selectively remove ivy on the Planes in Southwark Park. The ivy does not necessarily damage or "hurt" trees, The problem comes when the ivy over takes the crown and I need to make a full inspection of each tree. Especially on Planes that have such strong wood they will continue to grow and they have been living together for a number of years. I am going to be selectively severing ivy at the base on Planes that I cannot fully inspect and if the ivy is rather high in the crowns it will be severed at high points in the crown. I hope this addresses your concerns and please feel free to contact me directly.”	
2.1.4	Bermondsey Carnival 2013 It was confirmed the event will take place in Southwark Park on 13 th July 2013. Details of music acts requested.	Pat Kingwell
2.1.5	King’s Stairs Gardens Royal Visit Thanks given to everybody involved in the successful Earl of Wessex’s visit on 13 th November. Special mentions to Amanda, Judy, Pippa and Quadron.	
3.	Sports Centre – Tim Clee (Southwark Council) Tim updated on plans to refurbish the centre. He indicated that bids had been made to external funders such as The Mayor of London, Sport England and UK Athletics and that if all goes to plan the scheme will be carried out in two phases – changing rooms	

	<p>first then track and pitch second – with a target completion date of March 2014.</p> <p>Questions were raised about maintenance plans for the improved facility and the re-incorporation of sports centre land along Hawkstone Road back into the body of the park. On the latter negotiations between FUSION and the Council's Property team are in progress. It was also suggested that fencing along Hawkstone Road needs improving and was agreed to check on our next walkabout.</p>	
4.	<p>Scout House Development The representative of Rydon Construction Limited did not attend so it was agreed to invite him to our next meeting.</p>	Pat Kingwell
5.	<p>Park Manager's Report Andy Chatterton reported on a number of issues:</p> <p><u>Southwark Park</u></p> <p><u>Distance Markers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No further progress has been made to date, but contact will be made with Joanne Sinton- Hewitt as soon as possible, in order to review this request. <p><u>Former Lodge Lower Road Planting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Just to reiterate that the boundaries will be planted up in the Spring. <p><u>Old Lido Fountain</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The R & M Manager has been asked to obtain some quotations to reduce the height of the railings and therefore the planting has been put on hold for the time being. <p><u>Lake Fountain</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The R & M Manager has been asked to investigate the fault of the fountain and a contractor will be reviewing this in the near future. <p><u>Bowling Green – Pavilion Roof</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The work has now been undertaken and completed and the scaffolding will be removed within the next couple of days. PDC Limited has been instructed to fit guttering to the roof and it is possible that the work will be undertaken this week. <p><u>Bowling Green – Artificial Rink</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dales Sports Surfaces have now fully restored the artificial rink and QSL have been instructed to blow off all the leaves on a daily basis. QSL would like to borrow the industrial vacuum as soon as possible, in order to compile safe working practices, risk assessments and internal training. <p><u>Bowling Green Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A meeting took place with representatives from the bowls club and the QSL Supervisor on 19th October as agreed and the minutes will be circulated as soon as possible. There is some moss and a fungal disease which need to be treated and a request will be sent to Complete Weed Control as soon as possible, in order to eradicate both. Apart from brushing / swishing the green on a daily basis to remove the morning dew, no further maintenance will be undertaken until late January or early February. <p><u>Firework Display</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was a larger than expected crowd and this probably created difficulty in stewarding the exiting of the event, especially towards the Jamaica Road Gates. Unfortunately this resulted in three of the formal flowerbeds being 	

	<p>severely trampled on. The beds have now been totally replanted and the events section have met the additional cost.</p> <p><u>Old Nursery Site</u> The site has now been tidied up and it will be added to the grounds maintenance contract. The majority of the areas will be classed as a Conservation Border, with maintenance undertaken in the Spring / Summer and Autumn. The paths will be added as hard surface maintenance although the frequency of the operations will be variable.</p> <p><u>Cyclists in Southwark Park</u> The Park Liaison Officer targeted cyclists earlier on today and although about 60 were observed, none were seen to cause harassment alarm or distress, although 20 were educated on slowing down for pedestrians and informed of a fine that could be issued if they were seen repeating this.</p> <p><u>Seats</u> One of the attendants has identified on a map where the seats are currently located and it was felt that a further five would be beneficial, subject to funding being available. The R & M Manager will be asked to obtain a cost for the supply and installation.</p> <p><u>King's Stairs Gardens</u></p> <p><u>Lighting Issues</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The capital bid did not make it on to the refresh list so it could not be considered for this coming year, however it will be on the next version so it will be under consideration at that point. Daniel Robinson (Senior Lighting Engineer) attended a site meeting on 5th November and explained the reasons for not being able to change the bulbs from orange to white. Daniel also advised that lights are being shot by a high powered air rifle and has since provided photographic evidence of the damage. <p><u>QEII Funding Applications</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The London Legacy Fund application has been accepted but the Inclusion Fund application was unsuccessful on this occasion. 	
6.	King's Stairs Gardens Lighting Due to the scope of works required and associated costs it was reported that any funding bid is deferred until March/April 2013.	
7.	King's Stairs Gardens Issues	
7.1	Entrances Requested that improvements be made to the entrances at Elephant Lane, Cottle Way and Paradise Street. Andy to investigate.	Andy Chatterton
7.2	Queen Elizabeth 2 Funds Andy, Roger and Rob to meet to discuss how to spend the £10,000 grant.	Andy Chatterton Roger Bilder Rob Collis
8.	Cleaner Greener Safer Applications Update Two bids had been submitted for Southwark Park: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Old Nursery Master Plan - £20,000 Additional tennis courts - £125,000 Decision by Community Council in Spring 2013 – update on progress at next meeting.	Pat Kingwell
9.	Planning Matters Update None given	
10.	Bowling Club Update Thanks given to Andy for his work on the roof and other matters noted in 5 above. Colin Smith reported that the league trophy will be brought to the next meeting.	Colin Smith
11.	Gallery Update	Andy

	None given but Marjorie and Roger reported on a very good exhibition.	Chatterton
12.	Treasurer's Report Gary Magold gave a report.	
13.	Any Other Business	
13.1	Gym Request made for additional gym equipment in Southwark Park to be located in northern sector near Scout House. Andy to discuss with Max Nakrani.	Andy Chatterton
14.	Dates of Future Meetings Dates of future General meetings were agreed: Wednesday 16 th January 2013 - 6.00pm at The Park Office.	