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General Meeting
Wednesday 16th May 2012 6.00pm at
The Park Office, near to the Cafe in Southwark Park

Agenda

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Notes of meeting of 18th April 2012 and Matters Arising (attached)**
- 3. Surrey Quays Regeneration - Links to Southwark Park – Chris Horn Associates**
- 4. King's Stairs Gardens Lighting – Andy Chatterton**
- 5. King's Stairs Gardens Issues – Amanda Squires/Michael Daniels**
- 6. Former Nursery Update – Sharon Lomas LBS**
- 7. Park Manager's Report – Andy Chatterton LBS**
- 8. Planning Matters – updates if available on:**
 - **386 Southwark Park Road former Social Club (Ref: 010-AP-3548)**
 - **122-124 Lower Road -The Yellow House (Ref: 04-AP-1160)**
- 9. Bowling Club Update – Jim Saunders/Colin Smith**
- 10. Gallery Update – Ron Henocq**
- 11. Finances – Marjorie Hill**
- 12. Any Other Business**
- 13. Dates of Future Meetings**

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**Notes of Friends of Southwark Park General Meeting
 held on 18th April 2012 at
 The Park Office, Southwark Park**

In attendance:

Steven Broad; William Cameron; Andy Chatterton (London Borough of Southwark); Jean Cunliffe; Dave Fisher; Gary Glover; Marjorie Hill; Rachael House; David Lessore; Sharon Lomas; Lynn Olding; Jim Saunders; Amanda Squires; Colin Smith; Susan Vaughan

Due to the concurrent Rotherhithe Community Council meeting at which Gary was speaking and Pat's absence on holiday, Gary and Amanda chaired the meeting between them and Amanda undertook the minutes.

	Item	Action
1.	Apologies Cllr. Anood Al-Samerai; Simon Bennett; Alison Clayburn; Michael Daniels; Judith Deschamps; Colin Hartridge-Price; Ron Henocq; Rt. Hon. Simon Hughes M.P.; Pat Kingwell; Gary Magold; Sue Sexton.	
2.	Notes of meeting of 15th February 2012 The notes were agreed as a true record.	
2.1	Matters Arising	
2.1.1	Borehole plants Lynn Olding responded to the comment in the notes about the She had tried 6 times with different plants but they were either being stolen or eaten by the geese. She is now trying a wildflower garden with spring bulbs.	
2.1.2	Photo Competition William Cameron congratulated FoSP on the competition which he had found most enjoyable. The contribution from the Heritage Lottery Fund was acknowledged. NB this should be Rotherhithe Community Council who provided main funding	
3.	Former Lido Fountain It was agreed that retention as its intention, a fountain, would be desirable but not cost effective. It was agreed to have it painted green and to plant shallow root plants. It was unclear whether heavy rain would act as a natural fountain and wash them out, but Lynn would monitor it. It was agreed that the surrounding railings still needed to be retained to prevent climbers, but would be tidied up, painted a light colour and reduced in height if possible.	Ron Henocq Andy Chatterton
4.	'Apathy's a Drag' Art Project – Rachael House FoSP was in support of the project with the proviso that only part of the lake was used; that the area did not have nesting birds; that bunting would go up a couple of hours before and would be only tied to the trees, and would be taken down straight afterwards; and that litter would be dealt with (? Rachel or ? Andy's team ???) Although participation is expected to be modest (20-30 people) there were concerns about rowdy onlookers which previous lake events had attracted, and Andy will ensure	Andy Chatterton Rachael House

	<p>his duty officer is present and that the SNT is advised.</p> <p>Rachael provided a press release with extracts following:</p> <p><i>apathy's a drag</i></p> <p><i>An art event by Rachael House marking thirty-five years since the Sex Pistols Thames boat trip, with guests the Strawberry Thieves Choir.</i></p> <p><i>At Southwark Park Lake, outside the entrance of the Café Gallery, Southwark Park, London SE16 2UA</i> <i>Sunday 27th May 2012, 2pm-4pm</i> <i>Refreshments available</i> <i>All welcome</i></p> <p><i>It is 2012, and Londoners live in interesting times. Anniversaries of sunken ships, dead writers, reigning monarchs AND a whole lot of people rushing around very quickly in east London. Yet, with all the celebrations, one important cultural landmark has been completely overlooked.</i></p> <p><i>Rachael House invites you to join her in remedying this historical oversight. 2012 is the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Sex Pistols abortive boat trip on the Thames. Two weeks after the release of their hit single God Save The Queen, and a week ahead of the Silver Jubilee Flotilla, the Sex Pistols performed a concert on a boat (appropriately named The Queen Elizabeth) on the Thames. Swiftly stopped by the police, a barney ensued and many were arrested, including Vivienne Westwood (now Dame Vivienne).</i></p> <p><i>apathy's a drag promises to be an art event as British as Country Life butter. Rachael invites you to make a model wind-powered boat, to float on Southwark Park Lake and form part of a spectacular flotilla. Punk coracles, new wave rafts, police launches, Sex Pistols sailing ships, folk fishing vessels- all of these and more are welcome to take part.</i></p> <p><i>This Café Gallery Projects art event will take place on Southwark Park Lake, outside the entrance of the Café Gallery. This beautiful lake is the home of abundant wildlife, so please ensure that your model boat is attached to string (or something similar) and that it may be easily retrieved. Materials used must not be harmful to inhabitants of the lake.</i></p> <p><i>Special guests, the magnificent Strawberry Thieves Choir, will provide rousing inspirational songs. Named after a design by early punk pioneer William Morris, Strawberry Thieves Choir embody the passion, politics and DIY ethos of punk rock, with somewhat different tunes.</i></p> <p><i>no future, no future, no future for you, no future for me!</i> <i>Now is the future shaped by the Sex Pistols and other less benign powers. It's not about nostalgia, our actions fashion history. We have to make them count. So make a model boat, dig out your best punk clobber and be part of apathy's a drag, the most significant commemorative art event of the year.</i></p>	
5.	<p>Southwark Park Old Nursery Update Sharon Lomas reported that no tenders had been received as those interested were unhappy with the terms. Sharon to contact those who had shown interested to find out about the concerns and how they could be resolved. Going back to the original list with different terms may be considered. Any revised terms will be agreed in advance, and the Friends will be included in the discussion in due course.</p>	Sharon Lomas
6.	<p>Park Manager's Report Andy Chatterton reported on a range of issues:</p> <p>Southwark Park</p>	

Park Attendants

The attendants have settled well into their new roles. Daniel Vacciana has recently joined Westminster Council, but we welcome David Lessore who commenced employment with QSL this week.

Bowling Green – Artificial Rink

Baylis Landscapes have completed the specified work and the artificial rink will now be added to the grounds maintenance contract as a soft surface area, as agreed with representatives from the Bowls Club on 5th April. Arrangements will be made to install an electrical point in the contractor's store, in order to adhere to the maintenance schedule provided by Inbowls & Leisure Limited.

Bowling Green Maintenance

A full detailed report has been provided by Rigby Taylor and copies have been circulated to representatives from the Bowls Club. The new QSL Supervisor is fully aware of the recommendations made and he will be working closely with the Greenkeeper on a regular basis, in order to ensure the report is adhered to.

Bowling Green – Pavilion Roof

We are currently seeking advice from Planning regarding the recommendations to use Eternal Slate dark red tiles and I will report back on this as soon as possible.

Children's Playground

A contractor has provided a full report including costs on how to resolve the electrical pump and water feature issues and this is currently being reviewed by the Repairs & Maintenance Manager.

Former Lido Fountain

Representatives from Parks have recommended removing the railings as part of the improvements and we would welcome ideas from the Friends on how to improve it.

Island Maintenance

Trust for Urban Ecology have completed works to the island beds and some additional planting has also been undertaken.

Borehole – Drought Conditions

It has been confirmed that water can be extracted from the borehole for the use of a bowser, subject to the terms and conditions of the licence.

Thames Tunnel Test Holes

The Thames Tunnel project is now back on the agenda and you will recall we met on site with them in the Autumn last year.

Thames Tunnel have agreed to pay a fee which will contribute to the maintenance of the park based on a weekly fee and it will add up to a minimum of £3K for the park. No doubt there will be overruns and we will get more. **Meeting agreed the fee would go towards maintaining the hanging baskets.**

They would like to start the project in about 6-8 weeks and it will be going ahead in the locations that we agreed with Thames Water at our meeting last year. The exact dates will be confirmed shortly.

They will need to undertake a utilities scan prior to commencing works and they propose to undertake this on 23rd April.

Old Athletics Track – Motorcycle Training

Following a number of concerns raised yesterday I have informed the organiser that permission can neither be given to place the banner on the inner fence of the athletics track, nor use of the track itself for the motorcycle training.

	<p>Fusion have been advised that a proposal to use the track for motorcycle training would require proper consultation with stakeholders of Southwark Park and if deemed feasible, approval would then have to be granted by the Council.</p> <p>Steven Broad attended to speak to this item and dispel myths about noise, pollution, duration and frequency. His discussion had been with Fusion who had not suggested consultation with FoSP or Hawkstone Tenants Association and were anyway not in a position to give consent to such an event or advertising banners. Rumours had led to a very negative reception to the idea. To start again this time following the correct process and ensure an objective view from FoSP, Steven would send a proposal to HTA and FoSP for discussion at the next meeting where Tim Clee (Southwark Council) would be invited. In the meantime Steven suggested members looked at their website for more information about the proposed event. www.CBT4you.co.uk</p> <p><u>Ada Salter Garden</u> The condition of some of the paving is currently being reviewed and costs are being obtained for repairs.</p> <p><u>Green Flag Award</u> The park is due to be judged within the next few weeks and it would be beneficial to have a walkabout in the near future, with a couple of representatives from the Friends in order to identify any concerns. Those able to do this to make direct contact with Andy asap.</p> <p>King's Stairs Gardens</p> <p><u>Lighting Issues</u> The Senior Lighting Engineer will chase up the contractor regarding the outstanding repairs and get them completed by the end of the week.</p> <p>The main problem with the suggestion to replace the old globes with down lights on the original columns is that the lighting in the park is past its design life and replacing lanterns will not stop the faults that occur on the electric circuits that provide the power to the lighting columns.</p> <p><u>Bird Boxes</u> The bird boxes have been installed in the trees close to the butterfly border and the work has been undertaken today by the Trust for Urban Ecology, apologies for the delay.</p> <p><u>Fountain Green – Fly tipping</u> No further progress to report at present, however we will endeavour to resolve this issue as soon as possible.</p> <p><u>Jubilee Stone</u> Although the top of stone could benefit from some cleaning, the main concern appears to be the faded colouring of the letters and dates. Does anyone have any background knowledge of when the stone was erected and the paint types used?</p>	
7.	<p>Bowling Club Update Jim Saunders had resigned as green manager and a committee were taking over responsibility.</p>	
8.	<p>King's Stairs Gardens Issues</p>	
8.1	<p>Lighting Amanda complimented Andy on how good the park was looking and emphasised the lighting issue raised in his report. <u>This is to be an agenda item next time as several members present find the poor and frequently not working lighting situation makes this 24hour park uncomfortable at night.</u> FoSP to write to Daniel Robinson, Senior</p>	

	Lighting Engineer and cc councillors to try to get this longstanding issue resolved. Andy had received an e-mail confirming that the lights are past their effective life.	
8.2	Jubilee Street Party 3rd June William briefed the group on the plans for the Jubilee Weekend where large crowds were now anticipated so Southwark Council were in discussion with the Police regarding taking over responsibility for the event. They would then consult with local residents on the plans. Andy asked for the issue of reinstatement after such an event to be assured with Southwark Events, particularly delivery trucks on the grass.	
8.3	Motorbikes William raised the issue of resumption of motor bike use of Cottle Way---especially dangerous due to the proximity to the playground. He was advised to try to get registration numbers or photographic evidence but to always report it to the SNT/Police whoever is on duty at the time.	
9.	Gallery Update None given	
10.	Planning Matters Update	
10.1	122-124 Lower Road -The Yellow House (Ref: 04-AP-1160) No progress reported. Pat Kingwell to chase Dennis Sangweme (LBS).	Pat Kingwell
10.2	Opposite 147 Lower Road – Advertising Signs (Ref:11/AP/3346) Has been refused planning permission.	
11.	Finances The organisation is solvent. Cheques had been sent out to prize winners from the photo competition. A cheque for £50 had been sent towards the collection at Terry Graham's funeral having been a past park manager with close contact with FoSP. Andy had attended the funeral.	
12.	Any Other Business	
12.1	Former Southwark Park Club site Marjorie alerted the group to pile driving/earth moving work taking place on the site for which no planning permission had been seen by local residents or FoSP. In the absence of Pat Kingwell who had been dealing with this Andy would contact Anood and the Planning Department urgently to get a current position.	
13.	Dates of Future General Meetings 20 th June 2012 At 6.00pm at The Park Office, near to the Cafe in Southwark Park preceded with a walk round Southwark Park at 4.30 (meet at park office next to cafe). A subsequent meeting to be preceded by a walk around KSG.	