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General Meeting
Wednesday 17th October 2012 6.00pm at
The Park Office, near to the Cafe in Southwark Park

Agenda

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Notes of Annual General Meeting and General Meeting of 19th September 2012 and Matters Arising (attached)**
- 3. Former Nursery - Report Back on Meeting with Southwark Council**
- 4. Unauthorised Access – The Yellow House – update from Southwark Council**
- 5. Park Manager's Report – Andy Chatterton LBS**
- 6. Planning Matters – updates if any**
- 7. King's Stairs Gardens Lighting**
- 8. King's Stairs Gardens Issues**
- 9. Bowling Club Update**
- 10. Gallery Update**
- 11. Treasurer's Report**
- 12. Any Other Business**
- 13. Dates of Future Meetings**

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**Notes of Friends of Southwark Park Annual General Meeting
 held on 19th September 2012 at
 The Park Office, Southwark Park**

In attendance:

Cllr. Anood Al-Samerai; Andy Chatterton (London Borough of Southwark); Gerry Callanan; Jean Cunliffe; Michael Daniels; Judith Deschamps; Ivy Douglas; Dave Fisher; Gary Glover; Colin Hartridge-Price; Marjorie Hill; Sandra Jones; Katie Kelly; Pat Kingwell; Cllr. Richard Livingstone; Gary Magold; Lynn Murray (London Borough of Southwark); Andrea Pita (London Borough of Southwark); Jim Saunders; Sue Sexton-Figgins; Joanne Sinton-Hewitt; Colin Smith; Amanda Squires; Susan Vaughan.

	Item	Action
	Prior to the commencement of business Lynn Murray , the new Park Attendant, was introduced to the meeting and welcomed by all present.	
1.	Apologies Alison Clayburn; Simon Hughes M.P.; Sharon Lomas (London Borough of Southwark); Patricia Preston; Cllr. Lisa Rajan; Tracey Scales; Louise Sheridan; George Witsey.	
	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	
2.	Notes of Annual General Meeting of 21st September 2011 The notes were agreed as a true record.	
2.1	Matters Arising	
2.1.1	Distance Markers It was requested yet again that markers be installed in the park to assist runners.	Andy Chatterton
2.1.2.	Tennis Court Refurbishment The decision to apply to Southwark Council's Cleaner, Greener, Safer fund in 2011 had been put on hold as the Council had suspended the programme. Consideration to be given to an application to the 2012 programme.	
2.1.3.	Sports Centre Gary Glover reviewed the current position on this scheme and it was agreed to invite Tim Clee of Southwark Council to the October General meeting.	Pat Kingwell
2.1.4	Unauthorised Access – Yellow House This remains unresolved and it was agreed to ask the Enforcement Officer to attend the October General meeting to update us.	Pat Kingwell
2.1.5	Rotherhithe Caryatids The meeting noted the Caryatids are a very fine attraction and benefit to the park.	
3.	Annual Report 2011/12 and Matters Arising The Annual Report outlined the actions taken by The Friends to promote, protect, enhance and develop community partnerships over the previous year. It reported on the number of meetings held and also that The Friends account is in funds. It was	Pat Kingwell

	agreed to circulate copies in the Blue Anchor and Canada Water Libraries and also send to Southwark News.	
3.1	Fireworks Display It was agreed to support a display this year, but to recommend to Southwark Events that crowd dispersal is improved by opening more gates and providing more arc lights.	Pat Kingwell
3.2	Photography Project It was noted that the project had been popular and that we should consider running it again in 2013.	
3.3	Former Lodge Lower Road At a meeting with the developer he had confirmed Planning permission had been given, including an access gate into the park. Following discussion it was agreed to recommend to Parks that suitable planting be carried out to maintain the integrity of the boundary.	Andy Chatterton
3.4	King's Stairs Gardens – Queen Elizabeth 2nd Field and Queen's Jubilee Stone It was reported that the Deed of Declaration was due to signed very soon and that the Duke of Wessex will attend on 12 th November 2.30pm to unveil the plaque and also a new inscription on the Jubilee Stone. All are invited	
4.	Election of Officers Marjorie Hill announced that she was standing down as Treasurer. The meeting warmly thanked Marjorie for her work ever since the inception of The Friends in 1995. Officers for 2012/13 were agreed as follows: Chairperson: Gary Glover; Vice-chairperson: Amanda Squires; Secretary: Pat Kingwell; Treasurer: Gary Magold; Assistant Treasurer: Ron Henocq; Membership Secretary: vacant	
5.	Election of Six (6) Committee Members Committee Members for 2012/13 were agreed as follows: Michael Daniels; Dave Fisher; Marjorie Hill; Jean Cunliffe; Sue Sexton; Susan Vaughan	
	GENERAL MEETING	
6.	Park Run Project Joanne Sinton-Hewitt gave an outline of the national organisation Park Run which has been commissioned by Southwark Council to promote weekly 5km running in some parks, including Southwark Park. The intention is to use community volunteers to help organise a run in the park every Saturday morning. Typically 20-30 people usually take part. The meeting welcomed the initiative provided that no parts of the park are closed- off or any environmental damage caused. It was suggested that this might be a way of finally getting the distance markers in the park (see 2.1.1 above).	
7.	Southwark Park Cafe Gerry Callanan, the current operator of the cafe, spoke about his experience of running the service and his ideas for the future. Several comments were made about the improvements made lately and the meeting agreed that while more could be done, any operator is clearly limited by the smallness of the present building. The Friends are aware that tendering for a new lease is due soon and it was agreed to liaise with Southwark Council to see how we might assist the process.	Pat Kingwell
8.	Notes of General Meeting 18th July 2012 and Matters Arising The notes were agreed with minor amendment and there were no matters arising not already on the agenda.	

<p>9.</p>	<p>Park Manager's Report Andy Chatterton reported:</p> <p><u>Southwark Park</u></p> <p><u>Bowling Green – Artificial Rink</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A site meeting will take place on 25th September @ 10-30am with a representative from Dales Sports Surfaces to review the condition. An operational report will then be provided and the recommendations will then be actioned as soon as possible. <p><u>Bowling Green Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following concerns raised by representatives of the bowls club on 29th August, a site meeting took place with QSL senior management on 11th September. It was agreed that the end of season maintenance renovations would commence on 1st October including the recommendations made by Rigby Taylor and Sports Turf Research Institute, rather than 26th September as originally stated. • QSL will provide details of the operations to be undertaken and the dates when they are going to be carried out. • It has been agreed that the damaged areas will be re-turfed in the spring, if they have not shown any signs of recovery. <p><u>Bowling Green – Pavilion Roof</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the receipt of three quotations and some feedback from the Insurance Assessor, we have decided to award the work to replace the copper roof covering with new 0.7 gauge green pigmented zinc sheeting, to PDC Limited. • The Insurance Department will contribute £15,645 towards the total and the remaining difference of £10,183 will be paid by Parks. Our Repairs & Maintenance section will confirm the proposed starting date as soon as possible. <p><u>Playground Water Feature</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The water feature has been fitted with a new time switch and it has continued to operate throughout the whole of the summer. <p><u>Hanging Baskets</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A commitment has been made for the continuous provision of the baskets, based on obtaining funds from filming and London Tideway Tunnels. They will be changed over early next week. • The Friends will need to obtain funds from sponsorships in order to ensure the baskets are not removed at the end of September 2013 - The total annual cost is £4,610. <p><u>Trees</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A full survey is currently being undertaken in Southwark Park. • 14 new trees are due to be planted in the spring of which 10 are funded by section 106 in relation to the former social club. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 Plane - near Jamaica Road & Roundabout gate - 1 Paulowina – same location near lake - 2 Cork Oaks - in play area - 1 Redbud - in grassed area in front of gallery] - 2 Weeping Willows – next to lake - 4 Planes - in gaps in oval - 1 Dawn Redwood – fallen Dawn Redwood across the path replacement - 1 Cornus kousa Chinensis– in grass area between two beds near the statues - 1 English Elm – near China Hall Gate on right hand side in middle of bank <p>Six new trees will be planted at KSG consisting of 2 Poplars, 1 Sycamore and 3 Cherries.</p>	
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	<p>There is a three year maintenance period and it currently includes 34 waterings, but there is lightly to be more watering during the 1st and 2nd years. The frequency of watering will depend on seasonal conditions.</p> <p><u>Park Liaison Officer</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Reid has recently returned to work on a full time basis, following a long period of sickness. <p><u>Dog Control Incident – 13th September 2012</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The incident reported by a resident of Ann Moss Way has been passed to John Reid and a home visit will take place on 21st September and he will be accompanied by one of the Park Attendants. <p><u>Sculpture</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some repairs are due to be undertaken within the next couple of weeks by Yumi Shimada, who previously produced the sculpture. Support will be provided by QSL where necessary. <p><u>Head Gardener</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lynne Olding is currently reviewing a number of projects that can be undertaken over the winter months and a full update will be provided at the next meeting. <p><u>King’s Stairs Gardens</u></p> <p><u>Lighting Issues</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Senior Lighting Engineer has confirmed that a capital bid has been made to deal with all the parks lighting, which includes KSG. At the moment we are waiting to hear whether or not it has been successful. <p><u>Dog Control Incident in Playground – 6th September 2012</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An incident reported by a resident of Elephant Lane has been dealt with by John Reid and it has been reported to the Met Police. The incident involved a group of teenagers with a dog and it caused great distress to the person and her two children. Some damage was caused by the dog to a piece of equipment in the playground, but luckily this has now been replaced. 	
10.	King’s Stairs Gardens Lighting See Park Manager’s report above.	
11.	Any Other Business	
11.1	Fountain Green Fly-tipping This continues to be a problem. Agreed Amanda and Andy to meet on site.	Amanda Squires Andy Chatterton
11.2	Father Nick’s Plaque Concern was expressed about the missing plaque and it was agreed to ask Parks to consider a replacement.	Andy Chatterton
11.3	Mayor of London Trees It was agreed to put a proposal forward to Parks to offer the current Mayor of London the opportunity to plant a tree in Southwark Park, as did his predecessor. As London’s first municipal park the idea is to establish now, and for the future, a tradition of plantings by London Mayors. In accordance with our constitution our intention in this is strictly non-party political.	Pat Kingwell
12.	Dates of Future Meetings Dates of future General meetings were agreed: Wednesday 17 th October 2012 Wednesday 21 st November 2012 Wednesday 16 th January 2013 All 6.00pm at The Park Office.	