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**General Meeting**  
**Wednesday 20th June 2012 6.00pm at**  
**The Park Office, near to the Cafe in Southwark Park**

### **Agenda**

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Notes of meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> May 2012 and Matters Arising (attached)**
- 3. Sports Centre Update – Tim Clee LBS**
- 4. Former Nursery Update**
- 5. Park Manager's Report – Andy Chatterton LBS**
- 6. Planning Matters – updates if available on:**
  - **122-124 Lower Road -The Yellow House (Ref: 04-AP-1160)**
  - **386 Southwark Park Road former Social Club (Ref: 010-AP-3548)**
  - **The Lodge, Lower Road (Ref: 12-AP-1121)**
- 7. King's Stairs Gardens Issues – Michael Daniels**
- 8. Bowling Club Update**
- 9. Gallery Update – Ron Henocq**
- 10. Finances – Marjorie Hill**
- 11. Any Other Business**
- 12. Dates of Future Meetings**

**Pat Kingwell**  
**Secretary**  
**10<sup>th</sup> June 2012**



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**Notes of Friends of Southwark Park General Meeting  
 held on 16th May 2012 at  
 The Park Office, Southwark Park**

**In attendance:**

Henry Abrahams; Andy Chatterton (London Borough of Southwark); Irene Djao-Rakitime (Vogt Landscapes Ltd); Emeline Koucime; Dave Fisher; Gary Glover; Marjorie Hill; Chris Horn (Chris Horn Associates); Pat Kingwell; Gary Magold; Lyn Poon (Vogt Landscapes Ltd); Tracey Scales; George Witsey.

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Cllr. Anood Al-Samerai; Alison Clayburn; Jean Cunliffe; Judith Deschamps; Colin Hartridge-Price; Andrea Pita; Patricia Preston; Sue Sexton; Amanda Squires; Colin Smith; Susan Vaughan	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Notes of meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> April 2012</b> The notes were agreed as a true record.	
<b>2.1</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
<b>2.1.1</b>	<b>Motorcycle Training Proposal</b> The meeting agreed that it could not support the idea of using the sports facility for motorcycle training and would inform Southwark Council officers.	<b>Gary Glover</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Surrey Quays Regeneration – Links to Southwark Park</b> Chris Horn explained that as part of the Decathlon site regeneration proposals his team are investigating potential green links between Canada Water and Southwark Park. Attendance at this meeting was intended to introduce the landscape team, who at this stage are scoping the possible options. He is keen to get views from The Friends and as things develop he will come back to discuss further.  The meeting welcomed the idea of green links with Canada Water provided that the boundaries of the park are protected and that any resulting scheme is in line with its listed status.	<b>Chris Horn Associates</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>King's Stairs Gardens Lighting</b> Andy Chatterton reported the Senior Lighting Engineer has confirmed that they have attended to the identified columns a number of times over the past few months and carried out a number of repairs, but due to the wet weather, the condition of the columns, cables and lanterns the columns keep failing.  To try and get a more long term solution, new lanterns have been ordered to be fitted to these columns, but these are non standard and can some time take a while to be delivered. There was a delay from the supplier and now they will not be delivered until Thursday next week.	

	<p>The old lamp column will be removed at the same time as fitting the lanterns. However works to the housing lamp column and broken feeder pillar in front of Cathy House will not be undertaken as part of the repairs, as the cost to do so is quite substantial and it would have to be approved by housing beforehand. It is hoped that this long outstanding issue can be resolved in the near future.</p> <p><b>Gary Glover asked Andy to provide him with old lamp post costs.</b></p>	<p>Andy Chatterton</p>
5.	<p><b>King's Stairs Gardens Issues</b> None reported</p>	
6.	<p><b>Southwark Park Old Nursery Update</b> On behalf of Sharon Lomas Andy reported that the Council is disappointed that none of the organisations could meet the requirements as set out in the tender documents and they will be taking a step back and considering all options available. The Council welcomes views from the Friends and will set up a separate project meeting with representatives from the Friends.</p>	<p>Sharon Lomas</p>
7.	<p><b>Park Manager's Report - Andy Chatterton reported on a range of issues:</b></p> <p><b>Southwark Park</b></p> <p><u>Bowling Green Maintenance</u> Additional repairs have been undertaken to the green by QSL, especially around the perimeter where wooden supports have been attached to encourage stronger establishment and root growth.</p> <p>Concerns have been raised about different types of grass on the green and the length of time it takes for water to drain after the recent heavy rainfalls. A meeting has been arranged with representatives from Rigby Taylor on 21 May.</p> <p><u>Bowling Green – Pavilion Roof</u> Planning has provided some feedback regarding the proposal to fit Eternit tiles rather than felt and they have confirmed that planning permission would be required for this, which could take up to 8 weeks. English Heritage has suggested using zinc which can be coloured to match the appearance of the copper roof currently on the building.</p> <p><b>The meeting agreed that the use of zinc or any other metal would most probably lead to further theft and damage; reiterated its recommendation for a tile solution; and requested that the Parks service make the necessary planning application.</b></p> <p><u>Former Lido Fountain</u> The remedial work proposals have been discussed with Ron Henocq and we are currently waiting for a quotation from a contractor, in order to proceed with this. The contractor will also provide another option, as the specification currently being prepared is likely to be quite high in cost. It would also be more beneficial to consider various plant types, once the work has been completed.</p> <p><u>Island Maintenance</u> A discussion has taken place with Trust for Urban Ecology and it has been agreed that any outstanding works will now be completed when the bird nesting season has finished. In the meantime TRUE will be invited to clear some debris from the lake, especially near the view point of the rose garden.</p> <p><u>Thames Tunnel Test Holes</u> Work commenced as agreed on 9<sup>th</sup> May.</p>	<p>Andy Chatterton</p>

	<p><u>Ada Salter Garden</u> Repairs to the paving will commence in two weeks time and they should be completed within a couple of weeks, weather permitting. A second quotation will be obtained for the worst affected area towards the back of the garden.</p> <p><u>Green Flag Award</u> We have still not been contacted by the judges and this has been raised with Keep Britain Tidy who have subsequently advised that the original allocated judges are no longer available.</p> <p><u>Trees</u> The Arboricultural Officer has arranged for some recent storm damaged tree work to be undertaken this week. A full survey of the trees will be undertaken in June.</p> <p><b>The meeting asked Andy to liaise with the Arboricultural Officer to clarify the current condition of the Coronation Tree and the damaged willow by the lake. It was strongly felt that unless absolutely necessary the removal of either should be a very last option.</b></p> <p><u>Notice Board Dilston Grove</u> A new notice board has been recently installed on the grass area in front of Dilston Grove.</p> <p><u>Lake Fountain</u> <b>Although it was only installed recently, questions were raised about how effectively it is working – the jet of water seems not to be strong or high enough and the base of the fountain can be seen when it should be underwater. Andy asked to speak with the contractor to rectify. Gary Glover said he would be happy to meet on site on the issue.</b></p>	<p>Andy Chatterton</p> <p>Andy Chatterton</p>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Planning Matters Update</b>	
<b>8.1</b>	<b>386 Southwark Park Road former Social Club (Ref: 010-AP-3548)</b> Pat Kingwell reported there had been various e-mails on the subject and Planning had confirmed that it was the 2010 scheme which was in progress. It was agreed to invite Alan Camp architects to provide an update.	Pat Kingwell
<b>8.2</b>	<b>122-124 Lower Road -The Yellow House (Ref: 04-AP-1160)</b> Pat Kingwell reported he had asked Dennis Sangweme (LBS) for an update on progress in dealing with this unauthorised access to the park and was awaiting reply.	Pat Kingwell
<b>9.</b>	<b>Bowling Club Update</b> None given	
<b>10.</b>	<b>Gallery Update</b> None given	
<b>11.</b>	<b>Finances</b> The organisation is in funds. Marjorie Hill reported some of the cheques sent out to prize winners from the photo competition are still to be cashed and the cheque for £50, sent to Cancer Research in memory of Terry Graham, needs to be redirected to correct address.  Monies are also due from various external bodies to be used for the KSG Jubilee event.	
<b>12.</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
<b>12.1</b>	<b>Cleaner Greener Safer Application</b> Pat Kingwell reported we had been unsuccessful in bid to improve the landscape north-east of bandstand and adjoining Albin's.	
<b>12.2</b>	<b>Swedish Church</b> George Witsey asked if any more had been heard of the rumoured sale of the property.	

	Agreed to contact the church directly for information.	Pat Kingwell
<b>12.3</b>	<b>Stroke Association Event</b> Marjorie Hill reported it had been successful and the organisers had tidied up well after activities finished. Agreed to write thanking them for their care.	Pat Kingwell
<b>12.4</b>	<b>Forthcoming 5K Run</b> Marjorie Hill asked Andy to advise Events Team in the past there have been problems with litter from this event.	Andy Chatterton
<b>12.5</b>	<b>Open Space Strategy</b> Pat Kingwell said he had looked at the main document produced by Southwark Council and that as far as Southwark Park is concerned it seems to be reassuring. Improvements to both the Old Nursery and Sports facility are specifically included, and there is a general commitment to upgrading cafes and other social facilities in parks. It was agreed to invite Tim Clee from Southwark Council to our next meeting to update on sports facility.	Pat Kingwell
<b>12.6</b>	<b>Ducks/Swans Incident</b> Gary Magold reported an incident when he had to deter some youths from harming the birds on the lake. On reporting the incident to a member of the Parks staff he was concerned that there seemed to be a lack of awareness of how to deal with the issue.	
<b>13.</b>	<b>Dates of Future General Meetings</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2012 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2012 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2012 - AGM <b>At 6.00pm at The Park Office, near to the Cafe in Southwark Park</b>	