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General Meeting
Wednesday 18th April 2012 6.00pm at
The Park Office, near to the Cafe in Southwark Park

Agenda

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Notes of meeting of 14th March 2012 and Matters Arising (attached)**
- 3. Former Lido Fountain – What Can We Do To Improve It?**
- 4. ‘Apathy’s a Drag’ Art Project on Lake – Rachael House**
- 5. Former Nursery Update – Sharon Lomas LBS**
- 6. Park Manager’s Report – Andy Chatterton LBS**
- 7. Bowling Club Update – Jim Saunders/Colin Smith**
- 8. King’s Stairs Gardens Issues – Amanda Squires/Michael Daniels**
- 9. Gallery Update – Ron Henocq**
- 10. Planning Matters – updates if available on:**
 - 122-124 Lower Road -The Yellow House (Ref: 04-AP-1160)**
 - Opposite 147 Lower Road – Advertising Signs (Ref: 11/AP/3346)**
- 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 14th March 2012 at
 The Park Office, Southwark Park**

In attendance:

Cllr. Anood Al-Samerai; Simon Bennett; Andy Chatterton (London Borough of Southwark); Jean Cunliffe; Michael Daniels; Judith Deschamps; Laura Erwin (Delve Dance Company); Dave Fisher; Marjorie Hill; Pat Kingwell; Duncan Mackinnon (London Borough of Southwark); Gary Magold; Cllr. Wilma Nelson; Andrea Pita (London Borough of Southwark); Jim Saunders; Tracy Scales; Sue Sexton; Amanda Squires; Colin Smith; Daniel Vacciana (London Borough of Southwark); Susan Vaughan; George Witsey

	Item	Action
1.	Apologies Alison Clayburn; Gary Glover; Colin Hartridge-Price; Ron Henocq; Rt. Hon. Simon Hughes M.P.	
2.	Notes of meeting of 15th February 2012 The notes were agreed as a true record.	
2.1	Matters Arising All on main agenda	
3.	Southwark Park Dance Showcase 7/8 July 2012 Laura Erwin (Delve Dance Company) and local resident, consulted the meeting on an application she has made to put on a two-day dance programme on the bandstand. Subject to final confirmation of funding and agreement of LBS Events team the event will consist of two performances each afternoon – 1.30 and 4.00 – involving a mix of up to 15 local dance groups and professional performers. The event is branded as ‘Local Motions’ and will be free of charge for spectators. It was agreed that provided all the usual event requirements were met the showcase was a welcome use of an otherwise underused bandstand. Some helpful suggestions were made about surfacing for the dancers and advertising through SE16.com and Surrey Quays community notice board. Andy Chatterton agreed to look into the provision of a locked room for the performers and Laura agreed to send him an event Risk Assessment.	Andy Chatterton Laura Erwin
4.	Southwark Park Old Nursery Update Sharon Lomas has confirmed we are on programme and that the tender package, setting out what is required from Tenders in their submissions, was sent out to shortlisted applicants last week. Returns are expected back mid- April.	
5.	Photography Project Update Pat Kingwell reported that the exhibition had been prepared and was to be held at The Gallery from 17-25 th March. Gary Magold had organised for The Mayor of Southwark	

	to attend the launch. Several members had volunteered to be available in the Gallery during the exhibition.	
6.	<p>Park Manager's Report Andy Chatterton reported on a range of issues:</p> <p>Southwark Park</p> <p><u>Park Attendants</u> Welcomed Daniel Vacciana and Duncan Mackinnon who have commenced employment with QSL this week. They will work on a rota basis to provide public access to the office at all times whilst the park is open. They will patrol the park and report any maintenance / anti social behaviour issues to the Contracts & Service Manager / Officer in order to ensure issues are dealt with in reasonable timescales. Their duties include:</p> <p><i>Main Focus</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customer Service • Provide a point of contact for when we are not here • Provide information to park users • Man the office in the hours we are not here • Be present in the evening and at Weekends <p><i>Main Duties</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deal with lost property • Provide an emergency contact point • Educate Park users on litter, dog fouling etc • Be visible in the park • Meeting and greeting the public, asking if all is ok • Reporting issues and taking action when possible • ASB - advising park users and report it to Wardens when necessary • Site Patrol on a daily basis • Updating notice boards and cleaning notice boards and signs <p><i>Future developing items</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changing rooms - access to keys etc • Cleaning site offices / toilets etc • Locking of major park • Clearing park an hour before park is due to be locked. • undertake surveys <p><u>Bowling Green – Artificial Rink</u> Baylis Landscapes visited the park last week and undertook an initial power brush to remove the dead moss etc and they believe the first treatment has worked very well considering the time of year when it was applied. A second application of Dialgae was then applied to kill the remaining moss and algae.</p> <p>Baylis Landscapes will re-visit the park in a couple of weeks to conclude the operation using a slightly heavier brush to clean the surface. The long term maintenance of the artificial rink will then be reviewed by the Parks Team.</p> <p><u>Bowling Green Maintenance</u> The green has recently been treated for a fungal disease and a further treatment may be necessary depending on the success of the initial application.</p> <p>There is some concern about the type of grass seed that has germinated and therefore a</p>	

	<p>site meeting has been arranged with representatives from QSL / Rigby Taylor to view the condition of the green. A full detailed inspection report will be provided on conclusion of the visit.</p> <p>The Greenkeeper has undertaken various operations today including cutting, topdressing, adding a wetting agent and repairing the green where necessary. The mower used today is the same model and specification as the SPK mower, the clutch cabled snapped on the SPK mower this morning and QSL are awaiting a replacement.</p> <p>The green will be scarified at the end of March as well as having a fertiliser treatment with a high Iron content.</p> <p><u>Bowling Green – Pavilion Roof</u> Following discussions at the previous meeting, it has now been recommended that we pursue Eternit Slate dark red tiles, as that was the original colour.</p> <p><u>Tree Issues</u> The Arboricultural Officer has cancelled remedial work around the base of the coronation tree and it will be replaced in the autumn with an Indian Chestnut, to coincide with the unveiling of the KSG Jubilee Stone on 13th November.</p> <p><u>Lake Pump</u> The results of the electricians’ investigations have yet to be confirmed, although it is believed further research may be necessary.</p> <p><u>Island Maintenance</u> Trust for Urban Ecology will be undertaking works to the island beds within the next few days including the following: - Buddleia clearance and stump treatment, plus some additional planting as recommended and approved by Jon Best.</p> <p><u>Café</u> We have been advised of recent deliveries to the café from Gomm Road instead of through the park and this will be addressed with Ron Chance, as soon as possible.</p> <p><u>Stakeholder Meetings</u> The minutes of the previous meeting will be circulated this week and the next meeting has been scheduled for 27th March @ 10-30am.</p> <p>King’s Stairs Gardens</p> <p><u>Spikes On Park Adjacent Walls</u> Although the residents of Elephant Lane houses have suggested embedding spikes on the adjacent walls of the park, our legal services section have advised us of the following: - Anyone putting up deterrents such as wire, spikes etc, may be liable under the Occupiers Liability Act 1984 if a person is caused harm, but they should take their own independent legal advice on whether they have taken sufficient steps (e.g. erecting signs) to limit their liability.</p>	
7.	<p>Bowling Club Update Jim Saunders reported that concerns remained about the condition of the green and the start of the playing season was still not certain. Cllr. Anood Al-Samerai suggested that it might be necessary to seek advice from the Council’s legal team over the contractor’s performance. .</p>	
8.	<p>King’s Stairs Gardens Issues</p>	
8.1	<p>Village Green Amanda Squires reported that village green status has been achieved for KSG which adds another level of protection against development or other inappropriate uses.</p>	
8.2.	<p>Jubilee Stone</p>	Andy

	Amanda Squires reported that the stone needs cleaning.	Chatterton
8.3	Lighting This continues to fall far short of what a 24-hour a day park needs and security is badly compromised. Repairing the lighting appears to be an insufficient response – the whole issue needs revisiting. Cllr. Wilma Nelson suggested CGS funds might be used.	Andy Chatterton
8.4	Pruning Congratulations to Andy and colleagues on a job well done.	
8.5	Thames Water Phase 2 Simon Bennett reported on meeting he had attended at which Simon Hughes had delivered his consultation response. A copy of the response is available through www.simonhughesmp.org.uk	
8.6	Jubilee Street Party 3rd June A working group is progressing the organisation of the event and funds have been secured. A formal event application has to be submitted.	
8.7	Dr. Salter Statue This issue remains ongoing and is stimulating a lot of local interest.	
9.	Gallery Update None given	
10.	Planning Matters Update	
10.1	122-124 Lower Road -The Yellow House (Ref: 04-AP-1160) Pat Kingwell reported that on the issue of an unauthorised gate Dennis Sangweme (LBS) had written to the developers Tiuta Assets Ltd about the possible breach of planning permission. Tiuta have forwarded the matter to Veritas Estates, the management agency, in the belief that the gate has been installed by a leaseholder. Agreed to keep chasing this up. In the discussion it was indicated that the Swedish Mission may be closing down and should it come under new ownership, the current agreement for gates into the park, should be reviewed.	Pat Kingwell
10.2	Opposite 147 Lower Road – Advertising Signs (Ref:11/AP/3346) At the time of the meeting this case remained undecided. NB has now been refused.	
11.	Finances Marjorie Hill reported that we are in funds.	
12.	Any Other Business	
12.1	‘I Love Jamaica Day’ event It was reported that Southwark Council had turned down the application to hold the event in Southwark Park.	
12.2	Borehole Planting Comments received about the lack of previously promised planting around the borehole which is rather drab at the moment.	Andy Chatterton
12.3	Former Lido Fountain Comments received about the unacceptable condition of the former fountain. Agreed to put an item on the next agenda about possible solutions.	Pat Kingwell
12.4	Death of Terry Graham Terry’s death was reported and many kind comments were made about his work in Southwark Park. It was agreed to send a cheque to a nominated charity.	Marjorie Hill
12.5	Eels in lake It was reported some eels had been found dead in the lake.	
13.	Dates of Future General Meetings 18th April 2012 16th May 2012 20th June 2012 All 6.00pm at The Park Office, near to the Cafe in Southwark Park	