



**Patrons: Neil Coyle M.P.
Rt. Hon. Sir Simon Hughes**
www.friendsofsouthwarkpark.co.uk/
ourpark@live.co.uk
[@southwark_park](https://www.facebook.com/southwark_park)

Committee Members

Sharon Bassey (Vice-Chairperson)
Jean Cunliffe (Treasurer)
Barry Duckett
Dave Fisher
Gary Glover (Chairperson)
Marjorie Hill
Simon Kenward

Pat Kingwell (Projects)
Denis McMillan
Helena Norval
Sallie Rickerby (Secretary)
Sue Sexton (Assistant Treasurer)
Amanda Squires

General Meeting
Wednesday 18th January 2017
6.00pm at the Park Office, Southwark Park

Agenda

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Notes of General Meeting of 16th November 2016 and Matters Arising (attachment 1)**
- 3. Maydew House Development – Farrer Huxley Associates**
- 4. Neighbourhood Fund 2017 – (attachment 4)**
- 5. Cleaner, Greener Safer Programme 2017-18**
- 6. Southwark Athletics Building**
- 7. American Bands Tour**
- 8. Children’s Play area**
- 9. Yumi sculpture**
- 10. Veolia Promotional film**
- 11. Project Bank Schemes**
- 12. Park Manager’s Report**
- 13. Key Projects Update – (attachment 2)**
- 14. Bowling Club Update**
- 15. West Lane Memorial Garden Issues**
- 16. King’s Stairs Gardens Issues**
- 17. King George’s Field Issues**
- 18. Planning Matters Update (attachment 3)**
- 19. Any Other Business**
- 20. The Bygone Friends of Southwark Park booklet**
- 21. Dates of Future Meetings**

Attachment 1

**Notes of Friends of Southwark Park
General Meeting
Held on Wednesday 16th November 2016**

Present: Gary Glover (Chairperson); Sharon Bassey (Vice-Chairperson); Sallie Rickerby (Secretary); Dave Fisher; Colin Hartridge-Price; Marjorie Hill; Jill Jerram; Pat Kingwell; Pam Miller; Simon Kenward; Denis McMillan; Andrea Pita (London Borough of Southwark); Amanda Squires; Malcolm Taylor and Zoltan Zavordy.

| | Item | Action |
|------------|---|--|
| 1. | Apologies for 16th November 2016 Cllr. Anood Al-Samerai; Cllr. Stephanie Cryan; Jean Cunliffe; Cllr. Bill Williams; Nicky Rathbone; Graham Taylor; Sheila Taylor; Raden ‘Topo’ Wresniwro; James Tierney; Alison Clayburn; Colin Smith; and Judith Deschamps; | Apologies for 18/01/17 Pat Kingwell |
| 2. | Notes of Annual General Meeting and General Meeting of 16th November 2016 The notes were agreed as a true record. | |
| 2.1 | Matters Arising There were no matters arising. | |
| 3. | Maydew House Development – Farrer Huxley Associates Discussion at November daytime site visit; no formal boundaries but will landscape to high standard, Bede House will have 2.5 metre wall with windows along boundary. Timeframe to implement; 3-4 years. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to confirm gates/materials match style in park e.g. as in Gomm Road gates • Dilston Grove entrance (130 years old) must be open and retained as now. • Architects to discuss planting with Lynne Olding, Head Gardener • Architects to come back to January meeting (not able to attend in November) about possible new entrance design. | Pat Kingwell Farrer Huxley Architects |
| 4. | Neighbourhood Fund 2017 – Attachment 4 Pat submitted bid for £4820 for Summer 2017 activities, focussing on a couple of bandstand shows; Bermondsey Carnival traditional games and Tennis Day; Bee sessions and children’s sports - Submitted 28/12/16 | Pat Kingwell |
| 5. | Cleaner, Greener Safer Programme 2017-18 Application submitted in December as below; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. King George’s Field heraldic gates and interpretation board (c£4200) 2. West Lane Memorial Gardens interpretation board (c£2400) 3. Southwark Park Children’s Playground Sun Shelter (c£12000) (Subsequently withdrawn to be included instead in the major play area upgrade scheme) 4. Southwark Park Observation Bee Hive Mesh (c£500) | |
| 6. | Southwark Athletics Building The Council has given timescales for the refurbishment of the Southwark Athletics Building: Contract Award WC 9 th January 2017 Detailed design stage February 2017 Works commence on site March 2017 – 20 weeks construction period Due for completion WC 11 th August 2017 | |
| 7. | American Bands Tour Agreement for Voyageurs International, Ltd http://www.voyageursinternational.com/ to use band stand - groups made up of anything between 30 – 150 USA players. No collections are made – the groups use the tour to play a series of public, free to attend concerts. | |

| | | |
|--------------|---|---|
| 8. | Children's Play area - Attachments 2 & 5. The Council has made a commitment to ensure that there is a top-quality children's playground in every local area and have identified Southwark Park playground as a priority for potential funding and investment - capital bid of £500,000 for this project. A design workshop was held on Monday 5th December and the design team presented concept ideas for feedback- Next meeting; Wed Jan 25, 2017 10am – 11:30am | Gary Glover Pat Kingwell |
| 9. | Yumi sculpture This will have to be demolished as it is beyond repair | |
| 10. | Veolia Promotional film Veolia gave £355 for Bee suits and have asked for volunteer to take part in film to promote their new Recycling Fund for Communities that will be on Spacehive in the new year. This is to help grassroots projects in need of funding or volunteers. | Sharon Bassey |
| 11. | Project Bank Schemes The entrance to Southwark Park tennis courts will not be moved however there is provision for benches in the summer to avoid conflicts over queuing. | Denis McMillan Andrea Pita |
| 12. | Park Manager's Report | |
| 12.1 | Southwark Park - Carriageway / Paradise Gate Drains The remedial works have yet to be issued. | Andy Chatterton |
| 12.2 | Southwark Park - Carriageway Crossover The quotation for re-dressing the surface of the crossover point has yet to be provided by FM Conway – still to be confirmed. | Andy Chatterton |
| 12.3 | Southwark Park - Lake Maintenance A programme of works has yet to be agreed with London Wildlife Trust. Andrea took the names of volunteers who will help clean up and will contact once a date has been agreed. | Andrea Pita |
| 12.4 | Southwark Park - Unused Skiff Use of the skiff for a planting project will be discussed with the Brownies. | Andrea Pita |
| 12.5 | Southwark Park - Dolphins Sculpture Working now and need to contact Rachel Rowe to discuss opening ceremony. | Andy Chatterton |
| 12.6 | Southwark Park - Hawkstone Road Car Park – Mature Shrub Bed Selective pruning of the shrubs has commenced with the Head Gardener. | |
| 12.7 | Southwark Park - Conservation Grazing in the Nature Area There has a delay in the placing of nine Oxford Down sheep into the nature area, due to the removal of some shrubs which are harmful to the animals. The sheep will be introduced to the area once the work has been completed – now to be early 2017. | Andy Chatterton |
| 12.8 | King's Stairs Gardens - Repairs & Maintenance / Lighting Issue A suggestion has been made to the representative to apply for CGS funding for an additional lamp column on the path between Paradise Street and the back of the church, in order to resolve the lighting issue -TBC. Update on pile of bark chippings from tree removal – these are to remain on site. | Andy Chatterton |
| 12.9 | Waste Bins - new dual purpose (litter & dogs' bags) to be installed. | Andrea Pita |
| 12.10 | Morton entrance - this needs to be tidied with more planting. | Andrea Pita |
| 12.11 | Drains – still overflowing and need to be cleaned | Andrea Pita |
| 12.12 | China Wall – fencing to be removed and HERNS fencing (?) to be replaced with Green fencing | Andrea Pita |
| 13. | Key Projects Update A table of key projects given as an attachment to the agenda. | |
| 13.1 | Southwark Park Café Building Following meeting with Gary Glover, Pat Kingwell and Rebecca Towers and John Wade to retain the building for community use, it was agreed that neither side can commit the resources (to open the building for schools) or budget (ongoing maintenance) to keep the existing Old Café. FoSP accepted the demolition of the building but upgrade the existing plans to include better | |

| | | |
|-------------|---|--|
| | facilities for the Old Nursey site e.g. hand washing facilities, coat storage, toilets, shelter from the weather etc. | Gary Glover Pat Kingwell |
| 13.2 | Southwark Park Sports Centre London Athletics club organised a well-known runner to open the Sports Centre running track. The building is still boarded up and FoSP propose the Council organise a grand opening when it is completed. | |
| 14. | Bowling Club Update The fencing requires some maintenance work. | Andy Chatterton |
| 15. | West Lane Memorial Garden Issues - None reported. | |
| 16. | King's Stairs Gardens Issues - Cottle Way Trees Following recent removal of trees can the issue over the remaining soil needs resolving - this is to be looked into in conjunction with the chippings. | Andy Chatterton |
| 17. | King George's Field Issues - None reported | |
| 18. | Planning Matters Update A table of current planning applications attached to the agenda. | |
| 19. | Any Other Business | |
| 19.1 | Annual Report 2015/16 Copies of the Annual Report have been circulated via email to all members, Facebook and twitter users. | |
| 19.2 | Millstream House (Scout House) Development (Planning Application: Ref: 14/AP/0628) Pat confirmed that the building has been sold and has new architects with planning permission granted on 20 th August 2014 for the demolition of existing garages and redevelopment to provide two, two-storey terraced houses and associated landscaping. This shouldn't present an issue with new owners as there is no entrance to the Park and planning has already been granted – should new plans be presented FoSP will look to review the proposal. | |
| 19.3 | Trophy Cabinet - as above this should be housed in the new Café. | Andy Chatterton |
| 19.4 | Firework Night Event 2016 Following complaints, FoSP contacted the Council to say that in future we need to keep the play area open, reduce the amount of time the South side of the Park is closed and ensure that all of the park is opened to the public on the following day. The Council replied 'In terms of clearing the space on Sunday as much as possible is done. In this particular case, it was agreed that some items would be collected by suppliers on Monday to reduce costs. To have items collected on a Sunday costs lots of money that isn't available in the budgets. Please note this is purely because the event was held on a Saturday this year. Next year the event is on a Sunday and we fully expect the park to be clear by the end of the Monday. With regards to the playground it was closed this year and last year too. We will review this for next year along with retaining access to the gallery and what will be the new café.' FoSP has requested a late September meeting to review the 2017 plans. | Gary Glover Sallie Rickerby |
| 20. | The Bygone Friends of Southwark Park booklet – Pat's book on FoSP 1856-1914 is available in Park Office | |
| 21. | Dates of Future Meeting 15 th February 2017 15 th March 2017 19 th April 2017 17 th May 2017 21 st June 2017 19 th July 2017 All Wednesdays 6.00pm at The Park Office unless otherwise notified. | |

Attachment 2 - Key Projects Update – January 2017

| | Project Description | Current Position |
|----------|---|---|
| 1 | <p>Southwark Park south-western boundary improvements In October 2014 we agreed that boundary improvements were needed. We asked if the Maydew House redevelopment scheme might help provide a solution.</p> | <p>The Maydew Project Team attended our October meeting to advise on progress, and agreed to come to the January meeting with more detail on possible new park entrance.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Southwark Park Sports Centre A major refurbishment scheme including; reconstruction and layout changes of synthetic athletics track, conversion of synthetic turf football/hockey pitch to natural grass, installation of a hammer and discus cage and the relocation and installation of the following athletic facilities: shot putt circle; pole vault runway long/triple jump runway and pit high jump fan and javelin runway. Additional works include landscaping to facilitate these changes and the movement north of the fence at the southern boundary. As a second phase the changing rooms will be improved, including remodelling of the internal areas of the building.</p> | <p>Blakedown Group contractors were appointed to implement the scheme and Faithful and Gould are Project Managers.</p> <p>Track surfacing and landscaping works are now complete. The infield has been seeded and will be available to use from Summer 2017. The second phase building refurbishment planning application was approved at a planning sub-committee on 4th October 2016.</p> <p>Southwark Athletics Building: Contract Award WC 9th January 2017 Detailed design stage February 2017 Works commence on site March 2017 – 20 weeks construction period Due for completion WC 11th August 2017</p> |
| 3 | <p>Southwark Park New Café In 2013 the Council’s CGS Programme awarded FOSP funds to develop a plan to improve the café, toilet and office provision. Capital funding £1,650m has been secured and following public consultation the intention is to proceed with a re-location of café and office near the lake.</p> | <p>Bell Phillips Architecture have been appointed as building architects and Kinnear as landscape architects. Design consultation has been completed. Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning approval by winter 2016 • Contractor procured by December 2016 • Works completed by July 2017 |
| 4 | <p>Southwark Park Old Nursery In 2013 the Council’s CGS Programme awarded FOSP funds to develop a plan to bring the Old Nursery site back into park use. Capital funding £817,899 has been secured.</p> | <p>Kinnear Landscape Architects have developed a plan for the site. The retention of the existing café building has been resolved so plans can be finalised.</p> |
| 5 | <p>Southwark Park Current Café Building Once the new café is in place it was proposed to demolish the existing building and landscape over the site. Following a public petition during summer 2016 the Council agreed to reconsider the retention of the existing café building for community use.</p> | <p>FOSP met with Park management and reluctantly accept that the building is to be demolished. FOSP asked that the design for the area ensures good boundary treatment with Gomm Road residences.</p> |
| 6 | <p>Children’s Play Area The Council made a commitment to ensure that there is a top-quality children’s playground in every local area and have identified Southwark Park playground as a priority for potential funding and investment - capital bid of £500,000 for this project. A design workshop was held on 5/12 and the design team presented concept ideas for feedback.</p> | <p>At concept and consultation stage</p> <p>Next meeting; Wed Jan 25, 2017 10am – 11:30am</p> |

Attachment 3 - Planning Update – Current Cases

| | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Reference | 16/AP/3387 |
| Application Received | Thu 18 Aug 2016 |
| Address | SOUTHWARK PARK, GOMM ROAD, LONDON SE16 2EH |
| Proposal | Detailed proposals have been developed outlining the relocation of Park Offices, Cafe and Public Toilets in a single storey focal building within the heart of the park. The proposal see a triple building sited adjacent to the CGP gallery overlooking the Boating Lake, Oval and Playground. |
| Application Type | Council's Own Development – Reg 3 |
| Applicant | Southwark Council |
| Status | Registered as valid application and out to consultation until 10 th November 2016. |

| | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Reference | 15/AP/5049 |
| Application Received | Thu 17 Dec 2015 |
| Address | SOUTHWARK PARK SPORTS CENTRE, HAWKSTONE ROAD, LONDON, SE16 2PE |
| Proposal | Refurbishment of the existing athletics centre pavilion building including new landscaping |
| Application Type | Council's Own Development – Reg 3 |
| Applicant | Southwark Council |
| Status | The application was approved by Planning Sub-Committee on 6th October 2016 |

Attachment 4 - Neighbourhoods Fund Application

Bermondsey & Rotherhithe Neighbourhoods Fund 2017/18

The Friends of Southwark Park Summer Programme 2017

To provide a programme of 10 free summer activities for the community and supporting publicity materials:

Music

2 x Sunday bandstand concerts – June and August

Sports/Games

1 x Bobby Abel Cricket Cup for Primary Schools - May

1 x Southwark Park Football Cup for children – June

1 x Primary Schools Athletics Festival - June

1 x Bermondsey Carnival Tennis Day in Southwark Park for adults and children - July

1 x Bermondsey Carnival Traditional Children's Games – July

Environment

1 x Bee Experience day at Southwark Park – date to be confirmed

1 x Guided Tour: 'The Ada Salter Garden, Southwark Park' by Head Gardener, Lynne Olding - July 2016

1000 x Tree walk leaflets to provide information about the many beautiful specimens in Southwark Park. The leaflet will go online on our website.

Heritage

1 x Guided Tour: 'King's Stairs Gardens' by Pat Kingwell - Wednesday 28th June

1000 x Tree walk leaflets to provide information about the many beautiful specimens in Southwark Park. The leaflet will go online on our website.

Heritage

1 x Guided Tour: 'King's Stairs Gardens' by Pat Kingwell - Wednesday 28th June

Publicity

10,000 events programme flyers. The flyer will go online on our website.

All of the above activities to be free of charge in order to encourage the community to enjoy and gain knowledge about their local parks.

Beneficiaries

We estimate that **3350** people will benefit as follows:

- 2 x Sunday bandstand concerts x say 350 spectators at each = 700
- 1 x Bermondsey Carnival Tennis Day x say 60 attendees
- 1 x Bermondsey Carnival Traditional Children's Games x say 150 attendees
- 1 x Bobby Abel Cricket Cup for Primary Schools x say 25 participants and 100 spectators = 125
- 1 x Southwark Park Football Cup for children x say 25 participants and 100 spectators = 125
- 1 x Primary Schools Athletics Festival x say 150 participants and 50 spectators = 200
- 1 x Bee Experience day at Southwark Park x say 25 attendees
- 2 x Guided Tours x say 40 attendees
- Tree leaflet say 1,000 users and more online
- Programme flyer say 1,000 and more online
- Volunteers supporting 10 activities x 5 each = 50

Links with other projects/initiatives

We will link with:

- Two bands to provide shows on the bandstand – specifics to be confirmed
- Local coach Denis McMillan to deliver the Tennis Day
- London PE and Sports Network based at Bacon's College and a minimum of 12 primary schools for the cricket and athletics days
- Local clubs for the Southwark Park Football Cup
- Southwark Council's Arboricultural and Ecology Officers for tree leaflet
- Rotherhithe and Bermondsey Local History Society for the heritage walks
- Southwark Events and Southwark Park team to ensure all events and activities are properly planned and authorised

Costs

Total cost is £5355 and Neighbourhoods Fund Bid by FoSP is for £4820

Attachment 5 – Children’s Play Area Improvements

Julia Architect– initial ideas

- 1 Concept stage only and open for discussion
- 2 Same boundaries i.e. same square metres
- 3 Older age groups should be included
- 4 Keep hill slide and have multiple ways of climbing
- 5 Increase shade area for more non-prescriptive play
- 6 Reduce shrubs to increase usable areas and open it up

Gary – FoSP initial views

- 1 Need more facilities for children up to 16 years – could just be a seating area
- 2 Existing park built over the original Lido and need to keep the Lido theme
- 3 Hill slide must remain
- 4 Need better access for smaller children as mothers struggle with bikers riding fast and close to existing main entrance (by kissing gates)
- 5 Must have shaded area
- 6 Water foundation part of park heritage and must be retained and improved
- 7 Very happy to reduce shrubs

General discussion

- 1 More seating and picnic benches for adults
- 2 At least 3 local schools use the playground
- 3 Art Gallery have many groups of children visiting who use the playground
- 4 Swings are always popular and need retaining. Look into various types to see if some use less space. Look at basket swings.
- 5 Trampolines are popular and can be individual sized 2msquare or long rectangular group trampolines
- 6 Make the path part of the features of the playground
- 7 Include interpretation board in costs - Judith has artist contacts who could assist
- 8 Make entrances more inviting, should it be more obvious that older children are welcome? Current notices state 'Children Playground'
- 9 Seating area for older children? More challenging climbing for older children
- 10 New café - start March 2017 and completed August 2017
- 11 New playground - start after summer 2017 for children to continue to use in holidays. Will be closed for 14 weeks
- 12 When its closed there will be notices to direct parents to other playgrounds in the area e.g King Stairs

Next stage is consultation; go to local schools with mood boards for parents and children to contribute. Art Gallery could present ideas at half term when lots of children use their facilities.

Once initial plans are drawn up, the Board will approve and then more public consultation.

Next meeting; Wed Jan 25, 2017 10am – 11:30am