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**General Meeting**  
**Wednesday 19th July 2017**  
**6.00pm at the Park Office, Southwark Park**

**Agenda**

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Notes of General Meeting of 21st June 2017**
- 3. Matters Arising (attachment 1)**
- 4. Park Manager's Report**
- 5. Key Projects Update – (attachment 2)**
- 6. Bowling Club Update**
- 7. West Lane Memorial Garden Issues**
- 8. King's Stairs Gardens Issues**
- 9. King George's Field Issues**
- 10. Planning Matters Update - (attachment 3)**
- 11. Any Other Business**
- 12. Dates of Future Meetings**
- 13. Closed Items**

Attachment 1

**Notes of Friends of Southwark Park  
General Meeting  
Held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017**

**Present:** Gary Glover (Chairman); Sallie Rickerby (Secretary); Marjorie Hill;(Acting Assistant Treasurer); Nicola Cheetham (London Borough of Southwark); Simon Kenward; Dave Fisher; Judy Feasey; Mike Krotosky;

|                              | <b>Item</b>  | <b>Action</b>  |
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| 1.                           | <b>Apologies for 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017</b><br>Cllr. Anood Al-Samerai; Cllr. Stephanie Cryan; Cllr. Niky Rathbone; Cllr. Stephanie Lodge; Simon Hughes; Sue Sexton; Andy Chatterton; Amanda Squires; Colin Hartridge-Price; Cllr Sunny Lambe; Sharon Bassey (Assistant Chairman); Pat Kingwell (Projects Manager); Andrea Pita (London Borough of Southwark); Denis McMillan; Bridget Galloway (Southwark Council); Helena Norval; Jean Brims; Amanda Squires   | <b>Apologies for 19<sup>th</sup> July</b><br>Simon Kenward   |
| 2.                           | <b>Notes of Annual General Meeting and General Meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017</b><br>The notes were agreed as a true record (include closed items agenda 13).   |  |
| <b>3.00</b>                  | <b>Matters Arising</b>   |  |
| <b>3.01</b><br><b>Update</b> | <b>Maydew House Development – Farrer Huxley Associates</b><br>Landscape; no formal boundaries and Bede House to have 2.5 metre wall with windows along boundary. Timeframe to implement; 3-4 years. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gates/materials match style in park e.g. Gomm Road gates &amp; Dilston Grove entrance (130 years old) must be retained as now.</li> </ul> <u>21<sup>st</sup> June FoSP met the architects</u> to discuss the amended gate designs. Once again, the very basic gate design matches the building and is not in keeping with the history of the Park. The architects have said that they are complying to restrictions from the building regulations. Nicola is to follow up and confirm what the council have imposed and FoSP can consider the best approach to the gate design. FoSP agree with the planting designs. | <b>Pat Kingwell</b><br><b>Farrer Huxley</b><br><b>Architects</b><br><b>Laura Gaskell</b><br><br><b>Nicola Cheetham</b> |
| <b>3.02</b><br><b>New</b>    | <b>Walkway linking Southwark Park &amp; Kings Stairs Gardens</b><br>Explore possible ways this could be taken forward  | <b>Raphael Iruzun Martins</b>  |
| <b>3.03</b><br><b>New</b>    | <b>Decathlon Sponsorship – Attachment 4</b><br>Decathlon would like to put a Artengo/Decathlon Banner on the tennis pitches during all year in exchange for supporting the tennis day at the carnival and organising a children’s tennis tournament. Do we agree? Do the council agree?  | <b>Pat Kingwell</b><br><b>Dennis McMillan</b><br><b>Nicola Cheetham</b>  |
| <b>3.04</b><br><b>New</b>    | <b>Tennis Courts – notice from Nicola</b><br>The ‘old’ tennis courts will be closed for repairs to the surface. We have put notices on the courts concerned and I will update them when I have been informed of the programme. This is rather short notice but the work is needed. Work to be completed by 7 <sup>th</sup> August.   | <b>Nicola Cheetham</b>   |
| <b>3.05</b><br><b>New</b>    | <b>Fixed Penalty Notices – Attachment 5</b><br>London Councils is currently running a public consultation which we invite you to respond to. The consultation asks about introducing Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) for byelaw offences in specific parks and open spaces in three London boroughs.<br>The parks and open spaces concerned are those covered by GLC byelaws. At present these byelaws can be enforced by prosecution. This consultation asks about introducing Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) for byelaw offences in these parks and open spaces instead.<br>Wandsworth wishes to introduce Fixed Penalty Notices; Haringey and Kensington & Chelsea do not plan to introduce them at the moment,  |  |

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|                    | but this consultation would enable them to do so in future, if there is support for the proposal.<br>The consultation is running until 3 September  |                                      |
| <b>4.</b>          | <b>Park Manager's Report – June Meeting</b>   |                                      |
| <b>4.01</b>        | <b>Southwark Park - Carriageway / Paradise Gate Drains</b><br>Specialist contractor carried out CCTV survey and awaiting results. To be carried out soon.   | <b>Open</b>                          |
| <b>4.02</b>        | <b>Southwark Park – Carriageway Surface Repairs / Crossover Point</b><br>Once budgets are confirmed, Conway Aecom will carry out the work in the new financial year.  | <b>Open</b>                          |
| <b>4.03 Update</b> | <b>Dolphin Fountain</b><br>29/6 Update; the fountain is not working and the opening ceremony will not take place on Saturday Carnival day.<br>12 July 2017 despite the coot nesting in the fountain is now working - thanks to John Reid for sorting it out.  | <b>Closed</b>                        |
| <b>4.04</b>        | <b>Contact details if the Park office is unmanned</b><br>In response to the stalker incident at the weekend; serious incidents should be reported to the police on 999 or 101 for other incidents   | <b>Closed</b>                        |
| <b>4.05</b>        | <b>Flower Beds</b><br>Front beds have been planted and are a fantastic blaze of colour. The plant containers by the bandstand will be planted after the carnival.   | <b>Closed</b>                        |
| <b>4.06 Update</b> | <b>Artwork Muteesa II</b><br>The arts department would like to know if the Friends would support an arts project in King George's Field. Cllr Kirby introduced Andrea to a group who are looking to produce an artwork celebrating the life of Muteesa II (the First President of Uganda) who lived in exile in Orchard House by King George's Field from 1966-69. This could be a nice planted area with a plaque and they are right at the start of the process, so this would be a good time to help guide them. The Friends felt this would be a nice project to support and asked Andrea to liaise with Barry Duckett. | <b>Andrea Pita<br/>Barry Duckett</b> |
| <b>4.07 Update</b> | <b>Park Run</b> Mike Krotosky has confirmed that the Park Run was cancelled on 13 <sup>th</sup> May to make way for the Southwark Park 10k fun run. The litter complaints could have been due to the competitors in the SP fun run who are not so familiar with the running etiquette of holding onto personal litter for small races unlike the London marathon where there are plenty of helpers to clean up.   | <b>Closed</b>                        |
| <b>4.08</b>        | <b>Staff changes</b><br>Park Liaison Officer John Reid is now based in Burgess Park to provide better balance of resource following the reorganisation.<br>Park Attendant David Nicely is going back to Quadron idverde. We have a new Park Attendant called Danny who has settled in very well and we hope to get a replacement for David.   | <b>Closed</b>                        |
| <b>4.09 Update</b> | <b>Lake clearance</b><br>Andrew Robinson is Quadron idverde's volunteer co-ordinator and will lead corporate group on 29 June. They plan to remove reeds, sedges and blanket weed from the lake, following management guidelines from Jon Best and LWT. He would like to speak to Gary re the Friends' involvement. The Friends would like to know what happened to the (True??) report and if the islands will be managed at a later date.   | <b>Open</b>                          |
| <b>4.10 Update</b> | <b>King George's Field</b><br><b>Drains</b> -Asset Management have been instructed to clean out the drains and we are currently awaiting a condition report from them. Andrea to follow up.<br><b>Pathways</b><br>Remedial work on pathways is agreed in the Capital works for 2018. Remedial work is being booked in and Nicola is to check that this is correct   | <b>Nicola Cheetham</b>               |

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|                     | with the ordered works  |   |
| 4.11                | <b>Planting</b> – Lynne has recommended Kerria shrubs and a seed mix of shade-tolerant herbaceous species.  | <b>Closed</b>                             |
| <b>5. Update</b>    | <b>Key Projects Update – Attachment 2</b><br>A table of key projects given as an attachment to the agenda.<br><b>See attachment 2 for updates</b>   | <b>Pat Kingwell</b>                       |
| <b>5.01 Update</b>  | <b>Southwark Park New Café – Attachment 2</b><br><b>1) Update in attachment 2 – email sent to Hemali for an update</b><br><b>2) Keeping the Old Café for the Cricket Club</b><br>Martin Kovats has expressed an interest in the cricket club using the Old café. We have written to Martin to say that it would be good for another team to lobby the council to keep the Old café for the general community. We have told Martin that ‘Pat has noticed that Sadiq Khan is introducing a London Borough of Culture award and we wondered if a bid from the Southwark Council to keep the old café for the cricket club and other general community use would stand a good chance of success for funding. We also thought that it would be worth you contacting John Wade at the council to express a direct interest in the building and it would help if he knew you might have British Land as a sponsor. Pat mentioned it will cost about £25k to knock the building down and surely that could be earmarked towards maintenance for the first 3-5 years?’. As yet we haven’t heard from Martin. | <b>Pat Kingwell</b>                       |
| 5.02                | <b>Southwark Athletics Building - Attachment 2</b><br>Refurbishment of the Southwark Athletics Building: FoSP propose the Council organise a grand opening and suggestions for Open Day to be discussed. TBC  | <b>Gary Glover</b><br><b>Pat Kingwell</b> |
| <b>5.03 Update</b>  | <b>Children’s Play area - Attachment 2</b><br><b>See attachment 2 for updates</b>   | <b>Gary Glover</b><br><b>Pat Kingwell</b> |
| 6.                  | <b>Bowling Club Update</b>  |   |
| 7.                  | <b>West Lane Memorial Garden Issues</b>   |   |
| 8.                  | <b>King’s Stairs Gardens Issues</b>   |   |
| 8.01                | <b>Dead oak tree</b> by Light 32 needs removing & Nicola is to follow up with Gary Meadowcroft to check if this has now been taken away.  | <b>Nicola Cheetham</b>                    |
| <b>8.02 Update</b>  | <b>Cycle race with security and loos set up in the grounds</b><br>KSG were not informed of this sporting event. Nicola to ask Events manager to inform KSG of future events.  | <b>Nicola Cheetham</b>                    |
| <b>8.03 New</b>     | <b>Pathways and Locks at St Peters Church</b><br>Mick Hannon of St. Peter’s Church has enquired about progress on rectifying the dangerous path near the social club and also the provision of suitable locks for security. Regrettably an older person has fallen on the path recently. These matters were first raised with Andy Chatterton some time back, but remain unresolved.  | <b>Nicola Cheetham</b>                    |
| 9.                  | <b>King George’s Field Issues –</b>   |   |
| <b>9.01 Update</b>  | <b>General condition of park</b><br>King George’s field needs more trees and bushes. Also, needs gates in keeping with other Parks. Can we ask British Land for funds for flower beds, hanging baskets etc and gates as a special project? See Park Manager’s report for update on planting suggestions.  | <b>Andrea Pita</b><br><b>Pat Kingwell</b> |
| 10.                 | <b>Planning Matters Update – Attachment 3</b><br>A table of current planning applications attached to the agenda.   |   |
| 11.                 | <b>Any Other Business –</b>   |   |
| <b>11.01 Update</b> | <b>From Manager’s Report;</b> Jon Best is organising a Bat Walk by Huma and members suggested Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September. Nicola is to ask Jon the cost for approval at July’s meeting and it was agreed that a fair cost would be £75 to £100.   | <b>Nicola Cheetham</b>                    |

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|              | 12 July 2017 Huma has come back with dates; Sunday 3rd Sept or 28th-31st Aug, or Sunday 10th Sept.  |  |
| <b>11.02</b> | <b>Bandstand Concerts</b> – Ask Gary Maygold for dates  | <b>Sallie Rickerby</b>                               |
| <b>12.</b>   | <b>Dates of Future Meeting 2017</b><br><b>No August meeting, 20<sup>th</sup> September, 18<sup>th</sup> October, 15<sup>th</sup> November</b><br><b>Wednesdays 6.00pm at The Park Office unless otherwise notified.</b>   | <b>Agree date for Executive meeting in September</b> |
| <b>13.</b>   | <b>Closed Items</b> <b>June Meeting</b>   |  |
| <b>13.01</b> | <b>Cricket tournament</b> - Annual tournament in memory of ‘The Guv’nor’ was held in Southwark Park on Friday 19th May. On an overcast day six teams representing Bessemer Grange, Camelot, Charlotte Sharman, Townsend and St. Joseph’s Gomm Road schools took part. St. Joseph’s pipped Townsend in the final, and in doing so retained the trophy, (sponsored by The Friends of Southwark Park), which they have now won for the third time. Many thanks to the London PE and Sports Network based at Bacon’s College for organising the event.  | <b>Closed</b>  |
| <b>13.02</b> | <b>Trees on the hill</b> -One is very poorly as the hill does not hold water and trees planted on it always die. There was no consultation, and as the indicative cost of planting these mature trees is about £800 each, KSG suggest a formal request that these be removed, and planted elsewhere as people like the sun and admire the view. The trees planted on the Jamaica Road side of the park look wonderful are in a suitable place for watering.<br>Email sent to Gary Meadowcroft asking for future consultation before planting & his response below;<br>Thank you for your email and noted. I will undertake an inspection of the trees to assess their health and liaise with our contractor. The recent warm dry weather would have added to the trees if they are struggling. However, soils that are the subject of rubble and potentially other rubbish have been proven to be beneficial to trees to trees because they are not compacted and are often well aerated allowing for better respiration and translocation. The contractors didn’t flag any concerns with the quality of the soil at the time of planting and I would imagine the weather has aided to the struggle. I will be ordering an auger soon, so will come and take some core samples for analysis and in the meantime see if we can get a carbohydrate boost for the trees. I will keep you posted. | <b>Closed</b>  |
| <b>13.03</b> | <b>Summer Programme leaflets</b> - members asked to distribute around the community   | <b>Closed</b>  |
| <b>13.04</b> | <b>Bobby Abel Primary Schools Cricket Cup</b> – won by St Joseph’s Gomm Road  | <b>Closed</b>  |
| <b>13.05</b> | <b>Bandstand</b> – Crystal Palace Band played well appreciated show on the bandstand and thanks to John Mannering of Bowls Club for supplying chairs  | <b>Closed</b>  |
| <b>13.06</b> | <b>Fee Guided Tour of King Stairs Garden</b> – 28 <sup>th</sup> June see Summer Programme for Pat’s tour details  | <b>Closed</b>  |
| <b>13.07</b> | <b>Rotherhithe Festival 15<sup>th</sup> July</b> – Friends stall to be manned by Pat and any help will be welcome!  | <b>Closed</b>  |
| <b>13.08</b> | <b>Unkempt garden by Art Gallery</b><br>Triangle by art gallery is not being tended and needs attention. Old Fountain is looking very neglected. Nicola explained that the Old Fountain will be incorporated in the new Children’s Playground and will look into the general state of the area.   | <b>Closed</b>  |
| <b>13.09</b> | <b>Do not light BBQ signs &amp; Nature Area Access sign</b><br>Nicola is going to look into placing signs in all the Parks instructing people not to light BBQs.<br>Nicola is to put up a sign explaining how to get access to the Nature Area  | <b>Closed</b>  |

## Attachment 2 - Key Projects Update – May 2017

|   | <b>Project Description</b>   | <b>Current Position</b>   |
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| 1 | <p><b>Southwark Park south-western boundary improvements</b><br/>October 2014 we agreed that boundary improvements were needed.</p>  | <p>The Maydew Project Team are designing a new park entrance &amp; boundary planting.<br/>21 June 2017 - Despite constructive guidance, the gate design still does not meet the Friends approval</p>  |
| 2 | <p><b>Southwark Park Sports Centre</b><br/>A major refurbishment scheme and additional works to include landscaping. As a second phase the changing rooms will be improved, including remodelling of the internal areas of the building.</p>   | <p>The second phase building refurbishment planning application is taking longer than was expected.<br/>Southwark Athletics Building:<br/>Work delayed until May 2017 – 20 weeks construction period<br/>12 July 2017 - Update to follow</p>  |
| 3 | <p><b>Southwark Park New Café</b><br/>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>To cut down on costs the building is lower, office windows have been removed and it will be built with blockwork and white brick and not concrete:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contractor starts November 2017</li> <li>• Works completed by May 2018</li> </ul> <p>12 July 2017 - We retendered for the these works with the value engineered scheme and have July received 3 tenders back which we are currently evaluating. We are on target with the updated programme with construction to commence in January 2018.</p> |
| 4 | <p><b>Southwark Park Old Nursery</b><br/>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. This is seven months behind schedule which is due to giant hogweed contamination.<br/>12 July 2017 - It will not be practical to start this work before the building works commence as we need to keep the staff based on site and the café operational at all times. In addition to this, there are also elements of reusing materials between the two sites so both works will have to start in conjunction with one another.</p>   |
| 5 | <p><b>Southwark Park Current Café Building</b><br/>Once the new café is in place it was proposed to demolish the existing building</p>   | <p>FOSP asked that the design for the area ensures good boundary treatment with Gomm Road residences.</p>   |
| 6 | <p><b>Children's Play Area</b><br/>The Council have identified Southwark Park playground as a priority for potential funding and investment - capital bid of £500,000 for this project.</p>  | <p>At concept and consultation stage<br/>12 July 2017 - An initial design has been produced by the landscape architects, we are currently waiting to appoint a quantity surveyor to the project so the design can be costed. Once this has been done we will present the design to the Friends before commencing public consultation</p>  |
| 7 | <p><b>Cleaner Greener Safer Award</b><br/>Awarded £3,200 for; West Lane Memorial Information boards, King Georges Field Heraldic Panels &amp; Bee Observation Hive Mesh</p>  | <p>Interpretation boards at West Lane Memorial Gardens and King George's Field are being installed on 20 July.<br/>Pat Kingwell</p>   |

### Attachment 3 - Planning Update – Current Cases

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| <b>Reference</b>            | 16/AP/3387  |
| <b>Application Received</b> | Thu 18 Aug 2016   |
| <b>Address</b>              | SOUTHWARK PARK, GOMM ROAD, LONDON SE16 2EH  |
| <b>Proposal</b>             | The relocation of Park Offices, Cafe and Public Toilets in a single storey focal building with a triple building sited adjacent to the CGP gallery overlooking the Boating Lake, Oval and Playground. |
| <b>Application Type</b>     | Council's Own Development – Reg 3   |
| <b>Applicant</b>            | Southwark Council   |
| <b>Status</b>               | Registered as valid application   |
| <b>Reference</b>            | 15/AP/5049  |
| <b>Application Received</b> | Thu 17 Dec 2015   |
| <b>Address</b>              | SOUTHWARK PARK SPORTS CENTRE, HAWKSTONE ROAD, LONDON, SE16 2PE  |
| <b>Proposal</b>             | Refurbishment of the existing athletics centre pavilion building  |
| <b>Application Type</b>     | Council's Own Development – Reg 3   |
| <b>Applicant</b>            | Southwark Council   |
| <b>Status</b>               | The application was approved by Planning Sub-   |

### Attachment 4 - Decathlon Sponsorship Email from Pat 29 June 2017

Earlier this month Denis and I met with Ilaria Biancacci and Aroa Campo of Decathlon. The original intention was to try to get the company to donate some tennis balls to use as prizes at the Bermondsey Carnival Tennis Day. However it was made clear that rather than give such one-off gifts they would prefer to consider a longer-term partnership with Friends of Southwark Park. Subsequently Ilaria and Aroa sent a brief proposal, which we said we would put on the agenda of a FOSP meeting:

‘To promote Artengo (our tennis passion brand) products in order to increase our sales, loyalty card and reviews. To be more involved within our catchment area. To support young kids with sport accessible for all.

How?

- Create a small tournament in September, involving 3/4 local schools (boys up to 13 years old);
- provide equipment on the tournament day;
- reviews of our equipment from tennis coaches;
- goody bags for participants;
- Artengo/Decathlon Banner on the tennis pitches during all year;
- Decathlon to promote tournament on Social Media;
- Friends of Southwark to promote Decathlon Products through social media and newsletter.’

#### Discussion points

While this is positive it would be much better to have girls involved in the September tournament as well as boys?

Does having the one tournament merits an all-year Decathlon banner on the court?

Does this comply with Council policies?

## **Attachment 5 – Fixed Penalty Notices**

Dear Friends of Parks Groups,

London Councils is currently running a public consultation which we invite you to respond to. The consultation asks about introducing Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) for byelaw offences in specific parks and open spaces in three London boroughs.

The parks and open spaces concerned are those covered by GLC byelaws. At present these byelaws can be enforced by prosecution. This consultation asks about introducing Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) for byelaw offences in these parks and open spaces instead.

Wandsworth wishes to introduce Fixed Penalty Notices; Haringey and Kensington & Chelsea do not plan to introduce them at the moment, but this consultation would enable them to do so in future, if there is support for the proposal.

The consultation is running until 3 September. More information can be [found here](#) and the consultation can be [responded to here](#).

Whilst I appreciate this consultation may not affect you directly, we would welcome a response nonetheless.

If you have any questions please contact [parksbyelawsconsultation@londoncouncils.gov.uk](mailto:parksbyelawsconsultation@londoncouncils.gov.uk).

Many thanks  
Jennifer Sibley

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