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**General Meeting**  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015**  
**6.00pm at the Park Office**

**Agenda**

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Notes of General Meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> April and Matters Arising (attached)**
- 3. Park Manager's Report – Andy Chatterton**
- 4. Friends of Southwark Park Activities Programme 2015 – Pat Kingwell**
- 5. Network Challenge Session 13<sup>th</sup> May Update - Andrea Pita**
- 6. Cleaner, Greener, Safer Programme Update**
- 7. Bowling Club Update**
- 8. West Lane War Memorial Issues**
- 9. King's Stairs Gardens Issues**
- 10. Planning Matters Update**
- 11. Key Projects Update – (attached)**

- 12. Any Other Business**
- 13. Dates of Future Meetings**

**Pat Kingwell**  
**Secretary**  
**11 May 2015**

## Notes of General Meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015

**Present:** Henry Abraham; Sharon Bassey; Mark Bean; Alison Clayburn; Alizon Cleal; Jean Cunliffe; Dave Fisher; Gary Glover; Colin Hartridge-Price; Marjorie Hill; Simon Kenward; Pat Kingwell; Mike Krotosky; Gary Magold; John Mannering; Jean Mulholland; Andrea Pita (London Borough of Southwark); Jak Purcell (London Borough of Southwark); Jim Saunders; Tracy Scales; Colin Smith and Amanda Squires

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Cllr. Anood Al-Samerai; Clare Armstrong; Denise Capstick; Judith Carlton; Andy Chatterton (London Borough of Southwark); Cllr. Neil Coyle; Cllr. Stephanie Cryan; Judith Deschamps; Barry Duckett; Ron Henocq; Simon Hughes M.P.; Jill Jerram; Kate Nottidge; Jim Lodge; Stephanie Lodge; Pam Miller; Sue Sexton; Cllr Kath Whittam; Cllr. Bill Williams and Eleanor Wright	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Notes of General Meeting of 18th March 2015</b> The notes were agreed as a true record.	
<b>2.1</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
<b>2.1.1</b>	<b>Cycling – Jak Purcell</b> Jak reported that early morning and evening patrols had now started and that to date one speeding cyclist had been spoken with. <b>In the discussion</b> reference was made to the issue of keeping dogs on a lead and also to the problem of certain quad bike users. The question of putting 'Slow Down' signs on certain paths was mentioned, but no decision reached.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Parkrun - Mike Krotosky</b> Mike explained about Parkrun, a weekly, free 5km run around Southwark Park every Saturday at 9am. It is part of a national programme to encourage running and volunteering, and currently has c150 participants. Mike thanked the park staff for keeping the park in such good condition. More information can be found on <a href="http://www.parkrun.org.uk/southwark/">http://www.parkrun.org.uk/southwark/</a>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Network Challenge Community Day 18<sup>th</sup> April</b> Andrea Pita informed the meeting that a group of young volunteers would be coming to Southwark Park for an afternoon to run a community stall.	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Safeguarding Policy</b> As good practice, and to meet the needs of external funders and agencies, Pat had produced a draft policy document. Colin Hartridge-Price was thanked for detailed comments he had submitted and it was agreed to revise accordingly.	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Park Manager's Report</b> Andrea Pita reported:	
<b>6.1</b>	<b>Southwark Park – Grosvenor Trees Donation</b> New trees were successfully planted by Frosts Landscape Construction Limited and by representatives from the Friends Group on 19 <sup>th</sup> March and a service level agreement will be set up as soon as possible to ensure the young trees are maintained for the next three years. It will focus particularly on watering.	
<b>6..2</b>	<b>Southwark Park - Bowling Green Enclosure</b> A concrete base with paving slabs has been installed following a request from representatives of the Bowls Club.	
<b>6.3</b>	<b>Southwark Park - Bowling Green Condition</b> Representatives from the Bowls Club have expressed their concern about the condition of the bowling green and it has been agreed to delay the start of the playing season until 25 <sup>th</sup> April, in order to allow more time for seed germination. The green was examined by Rigby Taylor Limited on 9 <sup>th</sup> April and they have recommended lifting a piece of the green to check for grubs etc.	

- They will also be making a product recommendation to QSL to help improve the condition.
- 6.4 Southwark Park - Jabez West Memorial Taps**  
The replacement taps have now been fitted.
- 6.5 Southwark Park - Commemorative Book**  
A commemorative book is now on display in the park office.
- 6.6 Southwark Park Car Parking Review**  
No further updates at present.
- 6.7 King's Stairs Gardens - Area behind Cathay House**  
Quadron have advised that five of the newly planted Pyracantha were stolen recently, but they will be replaced as soon as possible. **Andy Chatterton**
- 6.8 King's Stairs Gardens - 34 Elephant Lane – Garden Fence**  
As part of the Green Flag improvements to the site, a wooden fence was installed in front of the dilapidated chestnut fencing, using some of the panels that were removed behind the church. Unfortunately the fence has been erected too far out into King's Stairs Gardens and it will be repositioned in line with the existing walls / fences, as soon as possible **Andy Chatterton**
- 6.9 King's Stairs Gardens - Summer Meadow near Rotherhithe Tunnel**  
The meadow is due to be enlarged in the near future using a Treasure Chest mix from Pictorial Meadows and the area will be protected initially by erecting some chestnut fencing around it.
- 6.10 King's Stairs Gardens - Pathway Repairs**  
Some repair works have been undertaken by FM Conway to parts of the path at the side entrance opposite Fulford Street, including in front of the double gates which lead to the BOSCO Centre.
- 6.11 King's Stairs Gardens - 14 King Stairs Close – Unauthorised Access**  
The unauthorised access remains to be resolved. **Andy Chatterton**
- 7. Friends of Southwark Park Activities Programme 2015**  
Pat reported on grants given to implement the programme: Community Council (£3375) and United St. Saviours (£1765). The final programme will be ready for the May meeting, 1000 copies of a brochure for the community. Andrea said Parks would contribute to the costs of the brochure. **Pat Kingwell**
- 8. Cleaner Greener Safer Programme**  
Sharon Bassey reported she had met with Emma Ellis to progress the bee observation hive. An update on the other capital works to improve the bandstand and to complete the Cathay/Fulford Street works is required. **Andy Chatterton**
- 9. Bowling Club Update**  
Colin Smith said the date for the Finsbury Park match is to be finalised. The club fixture list will be incorporated in our Summer Activities brochure.
- 10. West Lane War Memorial Issues**  
The lettering issue will be followed up as soon as possible. **Andy Chatterton**
- 11. King's Stairs Gardens Issues**  
In addition to above (6.7-6.11), Simon Kenward mentioned graffiti on the covered walk way and the emptying of bins. Parks agreed to check. **Andy Chatterton**
- 12. Planning Matters Update**  
None other than in Key Projects update below.
- 13. Key Projects Update**  
A table of key projects was given, to be updated for each meeting - see below.
- 14. Any Other Business**
- 14.1 Archives**  
It was agreed to relocate the Friends archives to the Park Office. Marjorie to arrange access to existing location. **Marjorie Hill**

**14.2 Girl Guides Mural Relocation**

It was agreed to relocate the mural from Scout House to the external wall of the Southwark Park café.

**Andrea Pita**

**14.3 Rotherhithe Interpretation Boards**

It was agreed to recommend to Cllr Cryan boards for the following locations: Southwark Park – Oval; Bowling Green, Sports Centre and Old Nursery. King George’s Field; and West Lane Memorial Gardens.

**14.4 Medieval Moated Manor House**

Graham Taylor had alerted of potential risk to listed structure near the Angel pub – developers had suggested conversion into a children’s playground. **In the discussion** it was said this threat had now been removed after talks with Southwark Council.

**14.5 Free Film Show**

Thanks to a grant from Bermondsey Square Community Fund there will be a free showing of ‘It’s Our Park’, ‘Wellbeloved’ and ‘We Was All One’ at Shortwave Cinema on 21st May, 2-5pm. Booking essential, so contact [ourpark@live.co.uk](mailto:ourpark@live.co.uk)

**14.6 Swedish Church Purchase**

The press had reported the church has changed hands, but the new owners were not named.

**14.7 Barbeques**

The difficult issue of controlling barbeques was discussed. The current policy not to allow them in Southwark Park was supported by several members.

**14.8 One o’clock Club Fence**

Concern was raised about the recent changes to the fencing. Parks agreed to investigate.

**Andy Chatterton**

**15. Dates of Future Meetings 2015**

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> **20th May 2015**

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> **17<sup>th</sup> June 2015 – N.B. from 7pm a talk by Graham Taylor, ‘Famous Women of Bermondsey and Rotherhithe’.**

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> **15th July 2015**

**All Wednesdays 6.00pm at The Park Office unless otherwise notified.**

## Key Projects Update – May 2015

Project Description	Current Position
<p><b>1 Southwark Park Sports Centre Refurbishment (Ref: 14/AP/2455)</b> After a decade of decline the centre is undergoing a major refurbishment. Works include reconstruction and layout changes of synthetic athletics track, conversion of synthetic turf football/hockey pitch to natural grass, installation of a hammer and discuss 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 the these changes and the movement north of the fence at the southern boundary.</p>	<p>Planning approval was obtained with conditions, which are subject to further approvals. The outstanding planning matters concern tree protection; hard and soft landscaping; site assessment; hammer and discus circle and cycles.</p> <p>Blakedown Group have been appointed as contractors.</p>
<p><b>2 Southwark Park Old Nursery Master Plan</b> In 2013 the Council’s CGS Programme awarded FOSP £20k to develop a plan to bring the Old Nursery site back into park use and to also improve the café, toilet and office provision. The aim of the plan is to help secure capital funding.</p>	<p>Works were due to commence in February/March 2015 and complete in summer 2015, but as planning approvals are outstanding, the programme has fallen behind.</p>
<p><b>3 Southwark Park Relocation of ‘Family of Dolphins’ Sculpture (Ref: 14/AP/0558)</b> David Backhouse’s sculpture was gifted to the Council by Tesco, Surrey Quays and a new home was sought. A feasibility study led the Council agreeing Southwark Park lake for relocation. In October 2014 we were advised that an engineering solution was being sought and that discussions were taking place with FM Conway contractors, who were subsequently appointed. They are developing a system which will both weight the sculpture and not puncture any lining to the lake. Planning permission will be applied for, once the drawing has been provided. In the meanwhile the dolphins are being made ready for the installation by a conservator. Installation was estimated for the end of March 2015.</p>	<p><b>The key issues are to do with planning.</b></p> <p>Public consultation on the options for a new café/office and Old Nursery was completed on 14<sup>th</sup> March. A report back to FOSP and Stakeholder Group is due in May; thereafter procurement of architects and contractors; with a build targeted for mid/late 2016.</p> <p>Planning application was submitted on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2014 and is due to be heard on 12<sup>th</sup> May. Case officer is Ciaran Regan.</p>
<p><b>4 Southwark Park south-western boundary improvements</b> In October 2014 we agreed that improvements to the boundary were needed. We asked if the Maydew House redevelopment scheme might provide a solution and also reported an offer made by Grosvenor Estates to provide trees.</p>	<p><b>The key issues are getting planning permission and then for the contractor to find a design solution to progress the scheme.</b></p>
<p><b>5 Southwark Park New Tennis Courts</b> In November 2012 FOSP applied to the Council’s CGS programme for two new hard courts. The scheme was approved in July 2013, but additional funding had to be found. In March 2014 MSC Consultants were appointed to progress the scheme. Planning approval was obtained on 10 January 2015.</p>	<p>It was decided to use the Grosvenor trees on the China Hall side of the park and they have now been successfully planted with help from Bede Centre. <b>The issue therefore remains of how to improve the south-western boundary.</b></p> <p>Key milestones of the project are; Out to tender week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015 Return of tenders 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015 Evaluation and Gateway 2 award 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015 Commence works 25<sup>th</sup> May 2015 (subject to GW2 sign off) Works 12 week programme end of works 14<sup>th</sup> August 2015 Opening 24<sup>th</sup> August 2015.</p>

