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Ron Henocq (Assistant Treasurer)  
Marjorie Hill (Assistant Treasurer)**

**Pat Kingwell (Secretary)  
Gary Magold (Treasurer)  
Jean Mulholland (Membership Secretary)  
John Reid  
Sue Sexton  
Amanda Squires (Vice-Chairperson)**

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**Annual General Meeting  
Wednesday 16th September 2015  
6.00pm at  
The Park Office, Southwark Park**

**Agenda**

**1. Apologies**

**Annual General Meeting**

- 2. Notes of Annual General Meeting of 18th September 2014 and Matters Arising (attachment 1)**
- 3. Annual Report 2014/2015 (attachment 2)**
- 4. Election of Officers 2015/16**
  - 4.1 Chairperson**
  - 4.2 Vice-Chairperson**
  - 4.3 Secretary**

- 4.4        **Treasurer**
- 4.5        **Assistant Treasurers x 2**
- 4.6        **Membership Secretary**

**5. Election of Six (6) Committee Members**

**General Meeting**

- 6. Notes of General Meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015 and Matters Arising (attachment 3)**
- 7. Park Manager's Report**
- 8. Key Projects Update – (attachment 4)**
- 9. Bowling Club Update**
- 10. West Lane Memorial Garden Issues**
- 11. King's Stairs Gardens Issues**
- 12. King George's Field Issues**
- 13. Planning Matters Update**
- 14. Any Other Business**
- 15. Dates of Future Meetings**

## Attachment 1

### Notes of Friends of Southwark Park Annual General Meeting Held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014 The Tri Space Gallery, N001 The Biscuit Factory Drummond Rd, SE16 4DG

**Present:** Jane Abraham; Henry Abraham; Rose Ades; Cllr. Anood Al-Samerai; Sharon Bassey; Mark Bean; Andy Chatterton (London Borough of Southwark); Alison Clayburn; Alizon Cleal; Jean Cunliffe; Judith Deschamps; Barry Duckett; Jan Duckett; Geoffrey Edwards; Jim Estall; Dave Fisher; Peter Gazey; Gary Glover; Marjorie Hill; Delamare Hughes; Simon Hughes, M.P.; Jill Jerram; Pat Kingwell; Gary Magold; Rene Magold; John Mannering; Pam Miller; Stewart Morgan; Jean Mulholland; Wilma Nelson; Kate Nottidge; Andrea Pita (London Borough of Southwark); Jim Saunders; Tracy Scales; Sue Sexton; Colin Smith; Roger Squires; Rich Wale; Brenda Watkinson; George Witsey

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Clare Armstrong; Roger Bilder; Denise Capstick; Tim Clee (London Borough of Southwark); Cllr. Stephanie Cryan; Colin Hartridge-Price; Ron Henocq; Nick Lane; Lyn Murray; Lynne Olding; Cllr. Lisa Rajan; Nicky Rathbone; Louise Sheridan; Amanda Squires; Sheila Taylor; Paul Toal; and Cllr Kath Whittam	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Notes of Annual General Meeting of 18th September 2013</b> The notes were agreed as a true record.	
<b>2.1</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b> There were no matters arising.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Annual Report 2013/14 and Matters Arising</b> The Annual Report outlined the actions taken by The Friends to promote, protect, enhance and develop community partnerships over the previous year. It reported on the number of meetings held and also that The Friends account is in funds. Jill Jerram asked for clarification on who operates the boats on the lake. The report was accepted.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Election of Officers</b>  <b>Officers for 2014/15 were agreed as follows:</b> Chairperson: Gary Glover; Vice-chairperson: Amanda Squires; Secretary: Pat Kingwell; Treasurer: Gary Magold; Assistant Treasurers: Ron Henocq and Marjorie Hill; Membership Secretary: Jean Mulholland	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Election of Committee Members</b>  <b>Committee Members for 2014/15 were agreed as follows:</b> Sharon Bassey; Barry Duckett; Dave Fisher; Jean Cunliffe; John Reid and Sue Sexton.	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b> None	
<b>7.</b>	<b>It's Our Park' documentary film</b> Stewart Morgan's film about Southwark Park was premiered to great acclaim. Many thanks to sponsors North Southwark Environment Trust and Bermondsey Square Community Fund.	

## Attachment 2



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### The Friends of Southwark Park Annual Report 2014/15

Our aims and objectives are the promotion, protection and enhancement of Southwark Park, King's Stairs Gardens, King George's Field and West Lane Memorial Gardens, to be achieved in partnership with other organisations and the wider community.

#### Promotion – over the past year we:

- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Fully supported the successful Green Flag applications for Southwark Park and King's Stairs Gardens
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Organised free screenings of 'It's Our Park', a film about Southwark Park, directed by Stewart Morgan, in various locations, including Shortwave Cinema (October 2014 and May 2015); Sands Film Studios (March 2015); Mycenae House, Greenwich (April 2015) and Canada Water Library (June 2015). Around 500 DVDs of the film have been distributed free of charge throughout the community
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Gave talks on Southwark Park to the Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society (April 2015); Southwark Pensioners Centre (June 2015); St. Joseph's Primary School (July 2015) and Rotherhithe and Bermondsey History Society (September 2015)
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Ran a programme of summer activities and events and produced 1000 copies of a free guide which was widely distributed in the community
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Organised the Bobby Abel Cricket Cup competition for primary schools in Southwark Park on 13th May 2015 – won by John Donne Primary School
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Supported the Southwark Primary Schools Athletics Festival by sponsoring the 'Nellie Stockwell Cup' - won by Rye Oak Primary School
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Arranged free musical events in Southwark Park, including bandstand concerts by the South London Concert Band (31st May 2015) and Greenwich Concert Band (31<sup>st</sup> August 2015); and Stick In The Wheel (14<sup>th</sup> June 2015) and Bermondsey Voices Trio (21<sup>st</sup> June 2015) at the Caryatides

- <sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Sponsored a free public talk by Graham Taylor on ‘Famous Women of Bermondsey and Rotherhithe’, given on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015
- <sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Organised free guided tours of Southwark Park with Debra Gosling (28<sup>th</sup> June 2015); the Ada Salter Garden with Lynne Olding (18<sup>th</sup> July 2015) and King George’s Field, King’s Stairs Gardens and West Lane Memorial Gardens led by Gary Magold and Pat Kingwell (19<sup>th</sup> July 2015)
- <sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Took an active part in the Bermondsey Carnival in Southwark Park on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2015 by running a stall with a bee display and organising traditional children’s games
- <sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> On 15<sup>th</sup> August 2015 ran a free demonstration ‘Bee Experience’ in Southwark Park, led by our member, Sharon Bassey,
- <sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> On 18<sup>th</sup> August 2015 funded the Southwark Park Football Cup competition which was won by One Life F.C.
- <sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> On 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015 helped organise and raise funds for the annual ‘Guv’nor’s Cup’ cricket match between Southwark Park C.C. and Burgess Park C.C.
- <sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Ran a bat walk in Southwark Park, led by Jon Best, the Council’s Ecology Officer, on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015
- <sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Maintained our reach into the local community and beyond through our website [www.friendsofsouthwarkpark.co.uk/](http://www.friendsofsouthwarkpark.co.uk/) Many thanks to Malcolm Taylor for his voluntary help in managing the site.

**Protection – over the past year we:**

- <sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Successfully called for action on a range of practical issues in Southwark Park, including stopping unauthorised access from Frankland Close; provision of signs and monitoring to curb dangerous cycling; removal of oil stains near the bandstand; new taps on the Jabez West water fountain; repair to the playground slide and water feature; clean-up of the depot building; establishment of a commemorative book and repairs to the Caryatides interpretation board
- <sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Asked for a significant improvement to the landscaping on the south western boundary of Southwark Park – still to be achieved - and for better fencing at the Rotherhithe Family Centre (former One o’clock Club)
- <sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Registered our views on a number of planning applications with potential impact on Southwark Park, including proposed developments at Canada Water, Millstream House and Maydew House
- <sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Asked local Councillors to look into possible breach of planning conditions on the site of the former social club at 386 Southwark Park Road
- <sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Contributed to the Council’s Car Parking Review
- <sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Contributed to Southwark Council’s Events Review and offered feedback about how to improve the Fireworks Display in Southwark Park and how to manage filming better
- <sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Requested an improvement to the lettering on the memorial at West Lane Memorial Gardens
- <sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Called for improvements in King’s Stairs Gardens, including rectification of tree damage by dogs; curbs on cycling near The Angel pub and unauthorised access from King’s Stairs Close

**Enhancement – over the past year we:**

- 35  
17 Secured funding from Southwark Council's Cleaner, Greener Safer programme to improve Southwark Park bandstand and bee hives and Cathay and Fulford Street Thames Path, works to be implemented in 2015
- 35  
17 Worked with the Parks team to install the 'Southwark Park Act' gates on either side of the main carriageway drive opened in December 2014
- 35  
17 Negotiated with Grosvenor Estates for the donation of fruit trees near the China Hall entrance, which were planted by Bede Centre and our members in March 2015
- 35  
17 Achieved three new bicycle racks in Southwark Park
- 35  
17 Asked local Councillors to pursue the provision of 'Boris Bikes' near to our parks
- 35  
17 In response to a request from the 1<sup>st</sup> Bermondsey Brownies, asked for the relocation of their mural from Scout House to the café in Southwark Park
- 35  
17 Contributed to the Old Nursery Master Plan through regular discussion and assisting the formal consultation process
- 35  
17 Supported planning applications which we consider will benefit Southwark Park greatly, such as the refurbishment of the Sports Centre, the provision of two new tennis courts and the relocation of David Backhouse's sculpture 'Family of Dolphins' to Southwark Park lake
- 35  
17 Called for interpretation boards for Southwark Park (Bowling Green; Old Nursery; Oval; Sports Centre), King George's Field and West Lane Memorial Gardens
- 35  
17 Helped secure improvements to King's Stairs Gardens, including lighting replacement; a summer meadow area; notice boards; children's playground repairs; pathway and fencing repairs and graffiti removal

**Partnerships and Community – over the past year we:**

- 35  
17 Laid a wreath at the Remembrance Sunday service in November 2014
- 35  
17 Took a stall at the Norwegian Constitution Day in Southwark Park on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2015
- 35  
17 Took a stall at the Rotherhithe Festival in King George's Field on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2015
- 35  
17 Hosted young volunteers in Southwark Park in September 2014 as part of the National Citizenship Service Action Day and supported their Community Day in April 2015
- 35  
17 Continued our excellent relationship with Southwark Park Bowling Club. We supported their call for improved green conditions and their successful request for new railings and hard standing
- 35  
17 Continued to support Bermondsey Beat in putting on the music for the Bermondsey Carnival in Southwark Park. Thanks as ever to Phil Burkett and Russell Dryden
- 35  
17 Welcomed Judith Carlton, the new Director of the Gallery and recognised the important contribution to Southwark Park of her predecessor Ron Henocq
- 35  
17 Welcomed Neil Coyle M.P. as a patron
- 35  
17 Offered advice and help to the newly-formed Friends of St. James Churchyard
- 35  
17 Through the 'Southwark Park Summer Events' programme developed our relationships with several organisations, including Bermondsey Voices; London PE and Sport Network; Rotherhithe Festival Committee; Rotherhithe and Bermondsey Local History Society and Southwark Libraries
- 35  
17 Received vital project funding and support from Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council, Bermondsey Square Community Fund; North Southwark Environment Trust; Rotherhithe Festival Group; and United St. Saviour's Charity

- <sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Worked well with Quadron Services Ltd. who kindly sponsored hanging baskets in Southwark Park and whose staff gave their full support to our events and activities. Congratulations to Quadron in winning the British Association of Landscape Industries 'Grounds Maintenance Free Public Access Award'
- <sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Backed several organised events in Southwark Park, including the Bermondsey Carnival; Cancer Research's 'Shine' Night Walk; PB Race Events Run and Subway Helping Hearts Family Run.
- <sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Welcomed various organisations to our meetings with a view to developing future links, including London Bubble Theatre's 'After Hiroshima' project; London City Athletics Club and Parkrun
- <sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Maintained our excellent partnership with Southwark Council's Parks Team and Quadron Services. Thanks to Andy Chatterton, Andrea Pita and all colleagues

### **Officers and Committee 2014/15**

We thank the following people who served: Sharon Bassey; Jean Cunliffe; Barry Duckett; Dave Fisher; Gary Glover (chair); Ron Henocq (assistant treasurer); Marjorie Hill (assistant treasurer); Pat Kingwell (secretary); Gary Magold (treasurer); Jean Mulholland (membership) John Reid; Sue Sexton and Amanda Squires (vice-chair).

### **Meetings 2014/2015**

The following meetings were held:

18th September 2014	Annual General Meeting and General Meeting
15 <sup>th</sup> October 2014	General Meeting
19th November 2014	General Meeting
21st January 2015	General Meeting
18 <sup>th</sup> February 2015	General Meeting
18 <sup>th</sup> March 2015	General Meeting
15 <sup>th</sup> April 2015	General Meeting
20 <sup>th</sup> May 2015	General Meeting
17th June 2015	General Meeting and talk by Graham Taylor
15 <sup>th</sup> July 2015	General Meeting

### **Membership**

We have 580 individuals on our member database.

### **Finances**

Our account is in funds. Our thanks to Rt. Hon Sir Simon Hughes for a generous donation towards running costs.

Pat Kingwell  
Secretary  
23 August 2015

**Notes of the General Meeting  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015  
6.00pm at the Park Office**

**Present:** Sharon Basse; Judith Carlton; Andy Chatterton (London Borough of Southwark); Alison Clayburn; Jean Cunliffe; Barry Duckett; Jan Duckett; Kirsten Dunne; Dave Fisher; Colin Hartridge-Price; Susan Hunter (London Borough of Southwark); Jill Jerram; Simon Kenward; Pat Kingwell; Gary Magold; Pam Miller; Jean Mulholland; Lynn Murray (London Borough of Southwark); John Reid (London Borough of Southwark); Jim Saunders; Tracy Scales; Sue Sexton; Cllr. Bill Williams and George Witsey. Also two names unreadable on attendance sheet.

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Cllr. Anood Al-Samerai; Kellie Ansell (Rotherhithe Family Centre); Cllr. Stephanie Cryan; Jean Cunliffe; Judith Deschamps; Gary Glover; Cllr. Sunny Lambe; Jim and Stephanie Lodge; Richard Minns; Wilma Nelson; Andrea Pita (London Borough of Southwark); Niky Rathbone; Amanda Squires; Colin Smith and Cllr Kath Whittam.	
<b>1.1</b>	In the absence of both Chair and Vice-chair a volunteer was asked for and Alison Clayburn very kindly agreed to stand in.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Notes of General Meeting of 17th June 2015</b> The notes were agreed as a true record.	
<b>2.1</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
<b>2.1.1</b>	<b>King's Stairs Gardens – Rough Sleepers</b> Cllr. Williams reported the sad news that one of the sleepers, a Norwegian man, had committed suicide in the park the previous weekend. Efforts were being made to trace his family.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>The Rotherhithe Family Centre</b> Unfortunately our guest speaker, Kellie Ansell, was unable to attend due to work commitments. She has agreed to come to our October meeting. In the discussion reference was made to the issue of the bamboo fencing and Andy Chatterton advised that he had discussed the alternative option of mature laurel hedge with RFC and would provide an estimate of costs with a view to a future Cleaner, Greener Safer Fund application.	<b>Andy Chatterton</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Summer Activities Programme, Bermondsey Carnival and Rotherhithe Festival Feedback</b> Positive comments were made about the events so far with some suggestions for improvements, including: <sup>35</sup> / <sub>17</sub> FOSP activities to look at making more use of posters, website and twitter <sup>35</sup> / <sub>17</sub> Bermondsey Carnival to look at the high prices of food, drink and children's entertainments and more privacy in the toilets on the Kirby Estate boundary	

The success of the free traditional games sessions at the Bermondsey Carnival was noted and thanks given to Andrea and Grant Pita and Duncan Mackinnon for organising.

Judith Carlton said that the Gallery had lots of new visitors during the Bermondsey Carnival.



People spoke highly of the free children's play provision at the Rotherhithe Festival and it was agreed to ask the Events Team to look at providing similar at the 2016 Bermondsey Carnival.

Pat  
Kingwell

**5. Park Manager's Report**

Andy Chatterton reported:

**5.1 Southwark Park – Sports Centre**

Tim Clee has confirmed that the work is finally well underway with the Phase 1 project. Tim's section are at pre planning stage for the phase 2 project (building refurbishment) and they should have some preliminary design within the next month.

Tim has been advised of some vehicles parked on the grass near China Hall Gates rather than in the compound and some health & safety issues which relate to not wearing the correct protective clothing. The issues were identified by myself and the Park Liaison Officers and Tim will be addressing our concerns with the contractor during a site meeting on 16/7.

**In the discussion it was agreed to ask Tim Clee for more public information boards about the works that are being carried out.**

Pat  
Kingwell

**5.2 Southwark Park - CCTV**

PDC Limited have been instructed to renew the complete CCTV system including the park office and car park and the work commenced today. They are currently investigating how the cameras can be linked to the borough's system. PDC have also replaced faulty equipment in the bowling green pavilion earlier on today.

**5.3 Southwark Park - New Tennis Courts**

ETC Sports Surfaces Ltd have been appointed to deliver the two new tennis courts and MSc Ltd have been appointed as the consultants.

A chemical soil test will be carried out this week for the disposal of excess materials.

Provisional start date of works has been confirmed for Tuesday 21 July 2015 and the project is due to be completed within 12 weeks of this date.

The native hedge where the courts are going to be constructed is being cut back in accordance with the planning approval and a notice will be displayed advising local residents of the reason for doing so. The Ecology Officer has visited the site and found no active birds nesting and has given the all clear for this work. If any active nests are found, the hedge trimming work will be suspended.

Signage will be displayed advising all works and contact lists.

**5.4 Southwark Park – Children's Playground Water Feature**

The feature is operational again and has proved to be very popular.

**5.5 Southwark Park – Outdoor Gym**

The Great Outdoor Gym Company have been instructed to repair the foundations of the two Cross Trainers and they have been asked to check the general condition of all the equipment and to provide feedback accordingly.

Andy  
Chatterton

**5.6 Southwark Park - Bins Collecting in Parks**

A late litter operative is on duty from 4.30 – 7.30 (7days a week) and instructions have been given to ensure the bins near the old athletics track are emptied before the hours of duty are completed.

Andy  
Chatterton

**In the discussion Andy was asked to look at the possibility of bins carrying**

**the name of the individual parks where they are located.**

**5.7 Southwark Park - Walkabout**

The walkabout went ahead as planned although the attendance was very low, most likely due to traffic delays and the imminent tube strike. The observation notes will be provided as soon as possible.

Andy  
Chatterton

**5.8 Southwark Park - Dog Signs near Boat House**

The signs will be removed as soon as possible and stored in the staff car park as a temporary measure, in case they can be used elsewhere in the future.

**5.9 King's Stairs Gardens – 14 King's Stairs Close**

No further progress has been made to date, so the matter will remain on-going.

Andy  
Chatterton

**5.10 West Lane War Memorial Gardens**

Asset Management have confirmed a works order was issued on 1<sup>st</sup> July to restore the lettering and they will keep us informed of the progress.

Andy  
Chatterton

**6. Key Projects Update**

A table of key projects was given, which is updated for each meeting - see below.

In the discussion on **Southwark Park Old Nursery Master Plan** Judith Carlton indicated that she and Ron Henocq had met with Council Officers John Wade of Parks and Coral Flood of Arts. She and Ron have been asked to contribute to the development of the brief for the new building; offered places on the Project Team and will be participating as observers during the recruitment of architects. In the discussion the question was raised about who was developing the brief for the café and offices and if and when FOSP would be given a chance to play a part on the Project Team. Judith and Cllr. Williams referred to a Stakeholder meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> July. It was agreed to seek clarification from Cllr. Barrie Hargrove.

The following points were made:

- <sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> There is still a good deal of consultation to be undergone over any co-location of café/offices with the gallery
- <sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> The Old Nursery site should be seen as a separate project to the café/offices/gallery reconfiguration and should therefore be progressed on a quicker programme
- <sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> The Old Nursery site should have controlled access
- <sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> If there is a co-location of café/offices and gallery there will still be a need for an education space for children using the Old Nursery site, so it was agreed to recommend the retention of the existing café building for such future use.

Pat  
Kingwell

The Friends of Southwark Park reiterated our request for representation on the Project Team during both the recruitment of the lead designer and implementation stages.

**7. Bowling Club Update**

Jim Saunders reported that green improvement works are due to start on 8th August. A comment was made about how good it was to see children being encouraged to learn the game.

**8. West Lane Memorial Gardens Issues**

Once again it was noted how nice the gardens are looking.

**9. King's Stairs Gardens Issues**

Simon Kenward reported that the wild flower garden is looking very good.

**10. Planning Matters Update**

None

**11. Any Other Business**

**11.1 King George's Field**

A discussion was held on the suggestion from some quarters that KGF should be opened 24 hours a day as an access route from Canada Water station. The meeting voted overwhelmingly to reject the idea and agreed to write to local Councillors and Neil Coyle about the matter.

**Pat  
Kingwell**

**11.2 King's Stairs – Riverside Planters**

The question of maintenance was raised and Andy agreed to check which department is responsible.

**Andy  
Chatterton**

**11.3 Southwark Park – Ada Salter Garden Rail**

A member of the public had requested a hand rail to assist access to the western steps of the garden. Andy agreed to investigate.

**Andy  
Chatterton**

**11.4 United St. Saviour's Community Event 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

Sue Sexton kindly agreed to represent FOSP at the meeting.

**11.5 Cherry Gardens TRA**

Gary Magold reported that the new TRA had been set up and would be holding an event on 19<sup>th</sup> September. All invited.

**11.6 Park Warden Service**

In response to FOSP concerns about staffing levels Susan Hunter updated the meeting on current issues and the limitations of the service.

**12. Dates of Future Meetings 2015/16**

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> 16<sup>th</sup> September - Annual General Meeting

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> 17<sup>th</sup> February 2016

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> 20<sup>th</sup> April 2016

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016

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

## Attachment 4 Key Projects Update – August 2015

Project Description	Current Position
<p><b>1 Southwark Park Sports Centre Refurbishment (Ref: 14/AP/2455)</b> 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 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>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>The key issues are now to do with planning.</b> Head of Parks gave a report back to FOSP in June 2015. The next steps are:</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 was to help secure capital funding. Following public consultation the intention is to proceed with a co-location of gallery, café and office.</p>	<p><sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Appointment of lead design consultant by September 2015</p> <p><sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Second phase design consultation completed by February 2016</p> <p><sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Planning approval by May 2016</p> <p><sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Contractor procured by July 2016</p> <p><sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Works completed by December 2016</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. Planning application was approved on 12<sup>th</sup> May.</p>	<p>F.M. Conway contractors have been appointed to implement the scheme. We are advised they are developing a system which will both weight the sculpture and not puncture any lining to the lake. Installation was originally estimated for the end of March 2015 but has slipped. <b>The key issue now is for the contractor to find a design solution to progress the scheme.</b></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>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><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 13<sup>th</sup> February 2015.</p>	<p>Key milestones of the project are;</p> <p>Out to tender week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015</p> <p>Return of tenders 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015</p> <p>Evaluation and Gateway 2 award end May 2015</p> <p>Commence works 21 July</p> <p>Works 12 week programme end of works early October 2015</p> <p>Opening late October 2015.</p>
<p><b>6 Southwark Park Bandstand Refurbishment</b> The Council's CGS Programme is providing £15,000 to carry out improvement works; repainting; cleaning; electrics; surfacing and information board.</p>	<p>Emma Ellis, Project Manager, met with FOSP on site on 2<sup>nd</sup> July and it is expected works will commence in September and be completed by October 2015.</p>

