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Sallie Rickerby (Secretary)
Sue Sexton
Marjorie Hill (Assistant Treasurer)
Amanda Squires

Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 20th September 2017
6.00pm at the Park Office, Southwark Park

Agenda

1. **Apologies**
2. **Annual General Meeting**
3. **Notes of Annual General Meeting of 21st September 2016 and Matters Arising (Note 1)**
4. **Annual Report 2016/2017 - Draft for Discussion and Approval (Note 2)**
5. **Election of Officers 2017/2018**
Chairperson
Vice-Chairperson
Secretary
Treasurer
Assistant Treasurer
Membership Secretary
6. **Election of Six (6) Committee Members**
7. **General Meeting**
8. **Notes of General Meeting of 19th July 2017**
9. **Matters Arising (attachment 1)**
10. **Park Manager's Report**
11. **Key Projects Update – (attachment 2)**
12. **Bowling Club Update**
13. **West Lane Memorial Garden Issues**
14. **King's Stairs Gardens Issues**
15. **King George's Field Issues**
16. **Planning Matters Update - (attachment 3)**
17. **Any Other Business**
18. **Dates of Future Meetings**
19. **Closed Items**

Note 1

**Notes of Friends of Southwark Park Annual General Meeting
Held on Wednesday 21st September 2016
at the Park Office**

Present: Rose Ades; Cllr. Anood Al-Samerai; Sharon Bassey; Jorge Camachio (Maydew House Project); Judith Carlton; Alison Clayburn; Jean Cunliffe; Nick Dunne (Bede House); Claire Elson (Surrey Docks Farm); Chris Fellner (Maydew House Project); Dave Fisher; Helen Frederick; Laura Gaskell (Maydew House Project); Gary Glover; Sylvia Green; Vivien Harland; Colin Hartridge-Price; Marjorie Hill; Gemma Hooper (Surrey Docks Farm); Rt. Hon. Simon Hughes; Simon Kenward; Pat Kingwell; Diana Kubalika (Maydew House Project); Denis McMillan; Barry Marsh; Stewart Morgan; Heather Nicholson; Helena Norval; Helen Palmer; Andrea Pita (London Borough of Southwark); Jim Saunders; Sue Sexton; Colin Smith; Amanda Squires; Natalie Webb and George Witsey.

	Item	Action
1.	Apologies Beverly Anderson-Skyers (Maydew House Project); Clare Armstrong; Cllr. Stephanie Cryan; Gary Jones; Gary Magold; Sallie Rickerby and Cllr. Bill Williams	
	Annual General Meeting	
2.	Notes of Annual General Meeting of 16th September 2015 The notes were agreed as a true record.	
2.1	Matters Arising There were no matters arising.	
3.	Annual Report 2016/17 and Matters Arising The Annual Report outlined the actions taken by The Friends to promote, protect, enhance and develop community partnerships over the past year. It reported on the number of meetings held and also that The Friends account is in funds. The Annual report was accepted.	
3.1	Gary Glover commented on the large amount of work carried out over the year and thanked everybody for their support and contributions. Gary gave special thanks to Marjorie Hill, Gary Magold, Pat Kingwell and Amanda Squires who had all said they would be standing down from their positions.	
3.2	Cllr Anood Al-Samerai thanked the Committee for the work carried out over many years.	
4.	Election of Officers Officers for 2016/17 were agreed as follows: Chairperson: Gary Glover; Vice-chairperson: Sharon Bassey; Secretary: To be filled; Treasurer: Jean Cunliffe; Assistant Treasurer; Sue Sexton	
5.	Election of Committee Members Committee Members for 2016/17 were agreed as follows: Barry Duckett; Dave Fisher; Simon Kenward; Pat Kingwell; Denis McMillan, Helena Norval and Amanda Squires.	



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The Friends of Southwark Park Annual Report 2016/2017

Draft for Discussion and Approval

Our aims and objectives are the promotion, protection and enhancement of Southwark Park, King's Stairs Gardens, King George's Fields and West Lane Memorial Gardens to be achieved in partnership with other organisations and the wider community. Here is a list of some of our main achievements, month by month, over the past year.

September 2016

Supported another successful Night Shine Walk with the start of the event at Southwark Park
Bowling club sessions with Age Concern are a successful event
Southwark Park Sports Centre Track surfacing and landscaping works completed

October 2016

Great Outdoor Gym Company serviced the equipment and confirmed it was fit for purpose (pardon the pun)
Published the Annual Report which was widely circulated - thanks to Debra Gosling for design and print management

November 2016

Supported the annual Fireworks display
Gary Glover laid a FoSP wreath at West Lane Memorial Garden on Remembrance Day
Gained a Veolia grant for bee suits

December 2016

Children's Play area design workshop held to gather ideas to make a fabulous area for children of all ages to enjoy

January 2017

Yumi sculpture on the lake island started to break up and had to be demolished as it was beyond repair.
Regrettably agreed that FoSP did not have the resources or budget to keep the existing Old Café and accepted that it will have to be demolished.
London Athletics Club celebrated the opening of the Sports Centre running track.
Published and distributed The Bygone Friends of Southwark Park 1856-1914 booklet written by Pat Kingwell

February 2017

Maydew House development and FoSP involved in ongoing discussions on design of the gates leading into the Park to ensure the final design is in keeping with the history and design of the Park
Southwark Park bee pollen used by Horniman Museum for electron microscope photography
Royal Holloway University of London student filmed Southwark Park bees for research

March 2017

Gained Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council grant for summer activities programme
Willow tree by the lake found to have a split trunk and had to be removed
'Its our Park' film mentioned in East London Garden Society newsletter

April 2017

Pond training for volunteers to learn how to identify pond flora and fauna
Harold Mugford VC service held at West Lane Memorial Stone

May 2017

Published and distributed Summer Activities programme
Bobby Abel Cricket Cup for primary schools won by St Joseph's Primary School.
Brownies use the skiff for a planting project
PB Race and Go Dad Run both held at Southwark Park

June 2017

Supported the Schools Athletics Day and awarded the Nellie Stockwell Cup to Pilgrims Way Primary School
Old Nursey is behind in development due to the contamination of the site with giant hogweed
Crystal Palace Band played at the bandstand
Organised a guided tour by Pat Kingwell of King Stair Gardens
Supported the Southwark Park Football Cup and awarded trophy to Southwark Park F.C.
Quadron idverde's organised for a volunteer group to do lake maintenance

July 2017

Organised guided tour of Ada Salter Garden led by Lynne Olding, Head Gardener
Bermondsey Carnival and FoSP contributed with Bee Experience, tennis and games for the children
Installed the bee observation hive mesh funded by the Cleaner, Greener Safer award
Ran a stall at the Rotherhithe Festival

August 2017

Arranged for The Fabulous Honeys show on the bandstand.
Installed West Lane Memorial Gardens and King George's Field Information boards
Published and distributed The Trees of Southwark Park booklet, written and designed by Debra Gosling
Raised concerns with Southwark Council about the use of Southwark Park as a base for commercial filming

September 2017

Co-funded a bat walk in Southwark Park

Officers and Committee 2016/2017

We thank the following people who served on the committee: Gary Glover (chair), Sharon Bassey (vice-chair), Jean Cunliffe (treasurer), Sue Sexton (assistant treasurer), Gary Magold (treasurer), Marjorie Hill (assistant treasurer), Pat Kingwell (project manager), Sallie Rickerby (secretary),

Membership

We have 590 individuals on our member database, 178 Facebook members and over 1157 Twitter followers

Meetings 2016/2017

21st September 2016, 19th October 2016, 16th November 2016, 18th January 2017, 15th February 2017, 15th March 2017, 26th April 2017, 17th May 2017, 21st June 2017 and 19th July 2017,

Finances

Our account is in funds. Thanks to the support from St Saviours, Pat Kingwell, Veolia, PB Races and Community Neighbourhood Funding.

Thanks

Once again without the help of our members, Southwark Park staff and supporters we wouldn't have been able to manage as much as we have this year. We would like to give special thanks to Malcolm Taylor, Veolia, Southwark Council, Southwark Park Bowling Club, Southwark Park Football Academy, Southwark Libraries, Bede House Association, United St Saviour's Charity, North Southwark Environment Trust, London PE and Sports Network and Quadron idverde's.

**Sallie Rickerby
Secretary
September 2017**

Attachment 1

**Notes of Friends of Southwark Park
General Meeting
Held on Wednesday 19th July 2017**

Present: Gary Glover (Chairman); Sallie Rickerby (Secretary); Marjorie Hill;(Acting Assistant Treasurer); Nicola Cheetham (London Borough of Southwark); Andrea Pita (London Borough of Southwark); Dave Fisher; Mike Krotosky; Sharon Basse; J Saunders; James Tierney; Raphael Martines; John Mannering; Jean Mulholland; Pat Kingwell; Denis McMillan

	Item	Action
1.	Apologies for 19th July 2017 Cllr. Anood Al-Samerai; Cllr. Stephanie Cryan; Niky Rathbone; Stephanie Lodge; Simon Hughes; Sue Sexton; Andy Chatterton; Amanda Squires; Colin Hartridge-Price; Cllr Sunny Lambe; Bridget Galloway (Southwark Council); Helena Norval; Jean Brims; Amanda Squires; Simon Kenward; Alison Clayburn; Cllr Bill Williams; Jill Gibbs; Martin Kovats; Judy Feasey	
2.	Notes of Annual General Meeting and General Meeting of 21st June 2017 The notes were agreed as a true record (included closed items agenda 13).	
3.00	Matters Arising	
3.01 Update	<p>Maydew House Development – Farrer Huxley Associates Landscape; no formal boundaries and Bede House to have 2.5 metre wall with windows along boundary. Timeframe to implement; 3-4 years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gates/materials match style in park e.g. Gomm Road gates & Dilston Grove entrance (130 years old) must be retained as now. <p>Haworth Tompkins are sending a further design for consideration. Nicola has confirmed that planning permission does not include a new gate or pathway and the Planning officer will keep her informed of all developments. The planning team have noted that FoSP are not happy with the proposed entrance presented by the developers.</p> <p>24/8/17 Update from Elizabeth Flower, A rendered plan and CGI view of the proposal can be downloaded via this link - https://we.tl/HM9GccDAAH Following your feedback we have designed the new gate to appear more in keeping with the existing Victorian gates, in terms of size, proportion and arrangement. The proposed gateway now comprises four solid pillars with 3 pairs of tall metal gates between them, flanked by two low walls, with railings above, to either side. We have not yet confirmed a material choice at this stage, but it is likely that this will be some form of masonry i.e. brick, stone, or concrete.</p>	<p>Pat Kingwell</p> <p>Nicola Cheetham</p> <p>Elizabeth Flower Haworth Tompkins Architects</p>
3.02 Update	<p>Artwork Muteesa II The Friends have agreed to support an arts department project 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. Michael will give an overview of the proposed Muteesa project.</p>	<p>Michael Kigundu Barry Duckett</p>
3.03 Update	<p>Decathlon Sponsorship Decathlon would like to put an Artengo/Decathlon Banner on the tennis pitches all year round in exchange for supporting the tennis day at the carnival and organising a boys’ tennis tournament. Nicola is to ask the council about the advertising policy for the Park. If the council agree to a permanent advertisement, Denis and Pat will negotiate with Decathlon to agree that the tournaments should be open to both boys and girls and we</p>	<p>Pat Kingwell Denis McMillan Nicola Cheetham</p>

	would want them to organise a few more tournaments with the local primary schools.	
4.	Park Manager's Report – July Meeting	
4.01	Southwark Park - Carriageway / Paradise Gate Drains Specialist contractor carried out CCTV survey and awaiting results. To be carried out soon.	Open
4.02	Southwark Park – Carriageway Surface Repairs / Crossover Point Once budgets are confirmed, Conway Aecom will carry out the work in the new financial year. July meeting - Could £4k funding from an event be used to cover some of the costs?	Open
4.03 Update	Dolphin Fountain Dolphins fountain is now operating. We will ensure operating procedures are in place all plant and equipment that we are responsible for in the parks.	Closed
4.04 Update	Artwork Muteesa II See Item 3.02 to be discussed at September's meeting	Michael Kigundu
4.05 Update	Volunteer works Andrew Robinson is Quadron idverde's volunteer co-ordinator and will attend a later FoSP meeting. A new project for volunteers is to rejuvenate the planted area alongside the nature area to provide a better balance between screening and nature conservation. See Appendix 2	Open
4.06	Fields in Trust signs Waiting in the office for FoSP to confirm locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southwark Park – on mosaic wall of café, then wall of new café • King Stairs Gardens – wall of Church? 	
4.07 Update	King Stairs Gardens Pathways and Locks at St Peters Church - See KSG 8.02	
4.08 Update	King George's Field Drains -Asset Management have been instructed to clean out the drains and we are currently awaiting a condition report from them. Andrea to follow up. Pathways Remedial work on pathways is agreed in the Capital works for 2018 and is being booked in and Nicola is to check that this is correct with the ordered works	Nicola Cheetham
4.09	Planting – Lynne has recommended Kerria shrubs and a seed mix of shade-tolerant herbaceous species.	Closed
5. Update	Key Projects Update – Attachment 2 A table of key projects given as an attachment to the agenda. See attachment 2 for updates	Pat Kingwell
5.01 Update	Southwark Park New Café – Attachment 2 1) Update in appendix 1	Pat Kingwell
5.02	Southwark Athletics Building - Attachment 2 Refurbishment of the Southwark Athletics Building: FoSP propose the Council organise a grand opening and suggestions for Open Day to be discussed. TBC	Gary Glover Pat Kingwell
5.03 Update	Children's Play area - Attachment 2 See attachment 2 for updates	Gary Glover Pat Kingwell
6. Update	Bowling Club Update On 30 th July, the club will be holding the Barry Albin Trophy event for all London clubs.	
7.	West Lane Memorial Garden Issues	
8.	King's Stairs Gardens Issues	
8.01	Dead oak tree by Light 32 needs removing & Nicola is to follow up with	Nicola Cheetham

Update	Gary Meadowcroft to check if this has now been taken away.	
8.02 Update	Pathways and Locks at St Peters Church 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. Nicola to update FoSP in September.	Nicola Cheetham
8.03	Cathay Grass tree replacement What is the plan for the oak tree replacement on the Cathay grass? It should have happened last winter.	Nicola Cheetham
9.	King George's Field Issues –	
9.01	General condition of park See Park Manager's report for update on planting suggestions - Item 4.11	Closed
10.	Planning Matters Update – Attachment 3 A table of current planning applications attached to the agenda.	
11.	Any Other Business –	
11.01	Left hand side of Morton Gate has been broken	Nicola Cheetham
11.02	Base of street lamps are corroded in the driveway and need attentions	Nicola Cheetham
11.03	Is there an update on the LED replacement lights for the driveway?	Nicola Cheetham
11.04	Hedges and fences have been broken down by The Lodge	Nicola Cheetham
12.	Dates of Future Meeting 2017 18 th October, 15 th November, 17 th January 2017, 21 st February 2018, 21 st March 2017, 18 th April 2017, 16 th May 2017, 20 th June 2017, 18 th July 2017 Wednesdays 6.00pm at The Park Office unless otherwise notified.	
13.	Closed Items July Meeting	
13.01	Tennis Courts – notice from Nicola 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 th August.	Closed
13.02	From Manager's Report; Jon Best is organising a Bat Walk by Huma and members suggested Saturday 2 nd 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. 12 July 2017 Huma has come back with dates; Sunday 3rd Sept or 28th-31st Aug, or Sunday 10th Sept. Agreed at meeting 03/09/17	Closed
13.03	Bandstand Concerts – Ask Gary Maygold for dates	Closed
13.04	Walkway linking Southwark Park & Kings Stairs Gardens. Raphael's design concepts included a walkway linking the two parks and commercial buildings which would fund the building and maintenance of the bridge (as at Mile End park). There is agreement in principle to the bridge but not to the buildings as it is out of keeping with the heritage and principles of the Park.	Closed
13.05	Fixed Penalty Notices 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. 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. 20/08/17 FoSP responded to survey with agreement in principle and also to fee reduction for early payment.	Closed
13.06	Southwark Park New Café – Attachment 2 2) Keeping the Old Café for the Cricket Club Martin Kovats has expressed an interest in the cricket club using the Old café. We	Closed

	<p>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.</p> <p>13/07/17 Martin will contact John Wade and British Land and others to develop a business plan to include keeping the old café building and running it for the community. Also, he is exploring using the Athletics Track to store the cricket nets. Pat has sent the original business plan for guidance to Martin.</p>	
13.07	<p>Kings Stair Gardens - Cycle race with security and loos set up in the grounds. KSG were not informed of this sporting event. Nicola to ask Events manager to inform KSG of future events.</p>	Closed
13.08	<p>Kings Stair Gardens reported a <u>second</u> tent in the park to the Outreach team.</p>	Closed
13.09	<p>Kings Stair Gardens small logs from past tree cutting were distributed round the park for beetles, but inevitably have been used as “seats” on the grass during the nice weather. To enable grass cutting they have been dumped behind garden walls, this provides a <u>security issue</u> as they offer a step up and over back fences. Can they please be moved back to their original low risk positions. Nicola will action.</p>	Closed
13.10	<p>Drains overflowing on small pathway to Bowling club</p>	Closed

Attachment 2 - Key Projects Update – May 2017

	Project Description	Current Position
1	Southwark Park south-western boundary improvements October 2014 we agreed that boundary improvements were needed.	The Maydew Project Team are designing a new park entrance & boundary planting. 21 June 2017 - Despite constructive guidance, the gate design still does not meet the Friends approval
2	Southwark Park Sports Centre 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.	The second phase building refurbishment planning application is taking longer than was expected. Southwark Athletics Building: Work delayed until May 2017 – 20 weeks construction period 12 July 2017 - Update to follow
3 Update	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.	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contractor starts November 2017 • Works completed by May 2018 August update – Appendix 1 20/08/17 FoSP have asked to review the final plans.
4	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.	Kinnear Landscape Architects have developed a plan for the site. This is seven months behind schedule which is due to giant hogweed contamination. 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.
5	Southwark Park Current Café Building Once the new café is in place it was proposed to demolish the existing building	FOSP asked that the design for the area ensures good boundary treatment with Gomm Road residences.
6	Children's Play Area The Council have identified Southwark Park playground as a priority for potential funding and investment - capital bid of £500,000 for this project.	At concept and consultation stage 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
7 Update	Cleaner Greener Safer Award Awarded £3,200 for; West Lane Memorial Information boards, King Georges Field Heraldic Panels & Bee Observation Hive Mesh	Interpretation boards at West Lane Memorial Gardens and King George's Field installed 21/08/17. Many thanks to Emma Ellis Closed

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	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.
Application Type	Council's Own Development – Reg 3
Applicant	Southwark Council
Status	Registered as valid application
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
Application Type	Council's Own Development – Reg 3
Applicant	Southwark Council
Status	The application was approved by Planning Sub-

Appendix 1
Southwark Park New Café update

Dear All,

At our last meeting in April we presented plans for the new Southwark Park Café, park office and public toilets which had been amended to fit within our budget but still maintained the original look, form and shape. We used these designs to retender the scheme and we invited seven contractors to submit a quotation, four of which were invited during the first tender process. The procurement process is now complete and are pleased to say we have appointed ROOFF Ltd to take this scheme forward.

We are currently working with ROOFF to finalise the designs with construction planned to start on site early in the New Year. As the amendments we are proposing to the scheme are material changes we are not required to resubmit a planning application.

In the meantime, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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Appendix 2
Email from Andrew Robinson Quadron idverde to Gary Glover

Certainly the lake can be within my remit in terms of tasks for volunteers to undertake. I did run a session a few weeks ago where we removed some fairly large quantities of blanket weed. These tasks tend to be a bit better suited to smaller groups due to logistics and availability of waders! Many of the waterfowl tend to nest quite late so this is consideration, but from mid-August onwards we should be OK to carry out some positive interventions. I'm presuming reducing some of the weeds and the overhangs from the perimeter, particularly at the north end of the lake, would be welcome? There may be work we could carry out on the islands, subject to access, and maybe some habitat construction tasks, e.g. nesting raft building?

If you have a list of preferred tasks that you could drop over to me on email that I can plan in as and when I have groups available, that would be a great start.

I'm afraid I have no knowledge of the hanging baskets so can't shed any light on this I'm afraid.