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**Sharon Bassey
Jean Cunliffe
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Dave Fisher
Gary Glover (Chairperson)
Marjorie Hill (Assistant Treasurer)**

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

**Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 21st September 2016
6.00pm at
The Park Office, Southwark Park**

Agenda

1. Apologies

Annual General Meeting

- 2. Notes of Annual General Meeting of 16th September 2015 and Matters Arising (attachment 1)**
- 3. Annual Report 2015/2016 – Draft for Discussion and Approval (attachment 2)**
- 4. Election of Officers 2016/17**
 - 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 20th July 2016 and Matters Arising (attachment 3)**
- 7. Maydew House Development – Farrer Huxley Associates**
- 8. Park Manager’s Report**
- 9. Key Projects Update – (attachment 4)**
- 10. Bowling Club Update**
- 11. West Lane Memorial Garden Issues**
- 12. King’s Stairs Gardens Issues**
- 13. King George’s Field Issues**
- 14. Planning Matters Update**
- 15. Any Other Business**
- 16. Dates of Future Meetings**

Attachment 1

Notes of Friends of Southwark Park Annual General Meeting Held on Wednesday 16^h September 2015 at the Park Office

Present: Sharon Bassey; Andy Chatterton (London Borough of Southwark); Alison Clayburn; Cllr. Stephanie Cryan; Jean Cunliffe; Barry Duckett; Dave Fisher; Gary Glover; Marjorie Hill; Jill Jerram; Simon Kenward; Pat Kingwell; Denis McMillan; Pam Miller; Jean Mulholland; Andrea Pita (London Borough of Southwark); Tracy Scales; Sue Sexton; Colin Smith; Amanda Squires; Julie Webb and Cllr. Bill Williams

	Item	Action
1.	Apologies Cllr. Anood Al-Samerai; Clare Armstrong; Judith Carlton; Judith Deschamps; Jan Duckett; Rt. Hon. Simon Hughes, M.P.; Jim and Stephanie Lodge; Gary Magold; Helena Norval and Nicky Rathbone	
2.	Notes of Annual General Meeting of 18th September 2014 The notes were agreed as a true record.	
2.1	Matters Arising There were no matters arising.	
3.	Annual Report 2014/15 and Matters Arising 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. 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.	
3.2	Alison Clayburn asked if out-of-date information could be removed from the website, which was agreed.	Pat Kingwell
4.	Election of Officers Officers for 2015/16 were agreed as follows: Chairperson: Gary Glover; Vice-chairperson: Amanda Squires; Secretary: Pat Kingwell; Treasurer: Gary Magold; Assistant Treasurer; Marjorie Hill; Membership Secretary: Jean Mulholland	
	Election of Committee Members Committee Members for 2015/16 were agreed as follows: Sharon Bassey; Jean Cunliffe; Barry Duckett; Dave Fisher; Denis McMillan and Sue Sexton.	
6.	Any Other Business None	

Attachment 2



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The Friends of Southwark Park Annual Report 2015/16 – 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 Field 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 2015

- Successfully called for repairs to the outdoor gym and the provision of a handrail in the Ada Salter Garden
- Received a grant from Amicable Trust to support beekeeping activities
- Hosted young volunteers from the National Citizenship Programme Network Challenge
- Achieved the renewal of lettering on the West Lane War Memorial
- Secured confirmation from Southwark Council that King George's Field would not be opened 24 hours a day

October 2015

- Saw two new tennis courts opened by Cllr. Barrie Hargrove and Greg Rusedski following our Cleaner, Greener, Safer Fund award
- Relocated the Brownies' mural from Scout House to the cafe
- Commented on the planning application for flats at The Lodge, Lower Road

November 2015

- Attended the Remembrance Day event at West Lane Memorial Gardens and laid a wreath
- Completed the bandstand refurbishment works following our Cleaner, Greener, Safer Fund award
- Raised concerns about the pulling down of the boundary wall of the former Swedish Church

December 2015

- Ran a promotional stall in Surrey Quays Shopping Centre
- Held a public consultation event about the proposed new Café

January 2016

- Completed the relocation of David Backhouse's sculpture 'Family of Dolphins' to Southwark Park lake
- Raised questions about quad bike and motor scooter riding in King's Stairs Gardens

February 2016

- Raised concerns about water pooling on the refurbished athletics track and called for protection of worn ground in other parts of the park

March 2016

- Hosted presentations by Bell Phillips Architects on proposed new café and Kinnear Landscapes on the Old Nursery
- Gained funds from The Mayor of London's 'Find Your Festival' programme and organised a free bandstand concert by the Southwark Concert Band

April 2016

- Organised the first of four bee workshops for children
- Gained confirmation from Southwark Council that Parkrun would not be charged for their weekly sessions
- Raised concerns about car crashes on the Jamaica Road boundary
- Helped Southwark Park Bowling Club organise a visit by 60 employees of the Danish company CTE
- Set up a twitter account - @southwark_park

May 2016

- Organised music shows at Southwark Park Caryatides by Hugh Barwell and The Fabulous Honeys
- Saw our campaign for car parking regulations implemented and also the installation of safer cycling control measures
- Sponsored the Bobby Abel Memorial Cricket Tournament for schools, won by St. Joseph's Primary School
- Completed demonstration beehive works following our Cleaner, Greener, Safer Fund award
- Called for urgent repair works in King George's Field children's playground
- Supported Café Gallery's application for a licence to use Dilston Grove for marriages and civil partnerships

June 2016

- Called for pruning back of the mature shrub bed near Hawkstone Gate
- Provided an article on the old lido for Southwark Heritage Blog
- Organised a free guided walk, 'From Dump to Delight: Southwark Park 1996-2016'

- Organised 'The Bee Experience' tour and demonstration of the park beehives
- Arranged for the Greenwich Concert Band show on the bandstand
- As part of National School Sports Week sponsored the Athletics Festival and the Nellie Stockwell Cup, won by Pilgrim's Way Primary School
- Sponsored the Southwark Park Football Cup won by Southwark Park F.C.
- Saw King George's Field drain covers renewed
- Drew attention to inadequate tree stump cutting in King's Stairs Gardens

July 2016

- Called for more shade in the children's playground during the summer months
- Organised a talk on 'The Blitz in Bermondsey and Rotherhithe' by Neil Bright
- Gained a grant from Veolia for adult bee suits
- Ran creative writing sessions for adults with a view to publication of a booklet
- At the Bermondsey Carnival organised traditional children's games and a Tennis Day
- Ran free guided walks, 'The Trees of Southwark Park' by Nick Lane; 'Bermondsey Smells!' by Debra Gosling and 'Flower Power: the Ada Salter Garden' by Lynne Olding
- Installed two outdoor table tennis tables following our Cleaner, Greener, Safer Fund award
- Raised public concerns about the impact of large-scale film productions on the park
- Ran a promotional stall at the Rotherhithe Festival

August 2016

- Petitioned Southwark Council to retain the existing café building after the new facility is opened in 2017
- Organised a talk by Keith Wainwright, M.B.E., on his memories of Southwark Park, Bermondsey and his hairdressing career
- Organised a free guided walk, 'King George's Field'.
- Arranged for The Fabulous Honeys show on the bandstand
- Sponsored the annual Bobby Abel Trophy match between the Southwark Park and Burgess Park Cricket Clubs
- Commenced a Saturday Bee Club for families following a grant from North Southwark Environment Trust

September 2016

- Organised guided tours of the West Lane Memorial Garden by Gary Magold and King's Stairs Gardens by Pat Kingwell

Officers and Committee 2015/16

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

Membership

We have 596 individuals on our member database; 135 Facebook members and over 400 Twitter followers

Meetings 2015/2016

Meetings were held on the following dates: 16th September 2015; 21st October 2015; 18th November 2015; 20th January 2016; 17th February 2016; 16th March 2016 ; 20th April 2016; 18th May 2016; 15th June 2016 and 20th July 2016.

Finances

Our account is in funds. Thanks to PB Race Events for a generous donation towards our costs.

Thanks

Anything we achieve is through our members, the Southwark Park staff and our supporters. This year we give a special mention to Amicable Trust St. Mary's Church; Bacon's College PE and Sport Network; Bede House Association; Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council; Café Gallery Projects; Gerry Callaghan; Decathlon; Deli Felice; Stephen Fidler and Co.; Galleywall Primary School; I Live in SE16; North Southwark Environment Trust; Quadron Services Ltd.; Rotherhithe Festival Committee; Shortwave Cinema; Southwark Council; Southwark Libraries; Southwark Park Bowling Club; Southwark Park Football Academy; Malcolm Taylor; Thames Barge Driving Trust; United St. Saviour's Charity and What's On In Rotherhithe Group.

Pat Kingwell
Secretary
September 2016

Attachment 3

**Notes of the General Meeting
Wednesday 20th July 2016
6.00pm at the Park Office**

Present: Sharon Basse; Alison Clayburn; Michael Daniels; Mohamed Elhamdouni; Gary Glover (chair); Marjorie Hill; Simon Kenward; Pat Kingwell; Lynn Kinnear (Kinnear Architects); Nick Lane; Denis McMillan; John Mannering; Grant Mitchell (Bell Phillips Architects); Jean Mulholland; Andrew Pavord (London Borough of Southwark); Andrea Pita (London Borough of Southwark); Jim Saunders; Ben Smith (Kinnear Architects); Colin Smith; Amanda Squires; Hemali Topiwala (London Borough of Southwark) and Julie Webb

	Item	Action
1.	<p>Apologies Cllr. Anood Al-Samerai; Cllr. Maisie Anderson; Clare Armstrong; Cllr. Stephanie Cryan; Judith Deschamps; Jean Cunliffe; Jill Gibbs; Colin Hartridge-Price; Jill Jerram; Gary Magold; Pam Miller; David Potter; Sallie Rickerby; Sue Sexton; Malcolm Taylor; Cllr. Bill Williams and Eleanor Wright</p>	
2.	<p>Notes of General Meeting of 15th June 2016 Agreed as a true record.</p>	
2.1	<p>Matters Arising None</p>	
3.	<p>Café and Old Nursery Project – Bell Phillips Architecture and Kinnear Architects Hemali, Lynn, Grant and Ben updated the meeting on consultation progress and presented some amended scheme plans and drawings. The key programme dates for the café and the Old Nursery are noted in item 6 Key Projects Update (see attachment 4). Great interest was shown in the schemes and many questions asked and comments made, including:</p> <p><u>Café:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will the flexible meeting space be large enough? • How many trees will be lost? Four out of five. • Concerns about concrete. Can timber composite be used instead? • Timber would reflect the heritage of the area. • Can we have a biodiverse roof? • Where resin bonding is used can we avoid later service installation creating an ugly effect by using concrete culverts? <p><u>Old Nursery:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are neighbouring residents happy with the limited opening times 10am-4pm? Yes. • Have local schools been consulted about using the Old Nursery? Yes. • Can we ensure any water features are easily maintained and that spare parts are readily obtainable? • Is the future maintenance of the Old Nursery in the grounds maintenance contract? Yes. • What will the site be called? It was agreed The Friends would circulate members for suggestions. 	<p>Pat Kingwell</p>

4.	<p>Filming in Southwark Park – Andy Pavord</p> <p>Following recent concerns about a large-scale production in Southwark Park Andy attended to report back on how things will be managed better in future. He set the scene of borough-wide filming which has generated inward investment – Southwark is the third busiest London borough for filming. As far as Southwark Park goes our concerns have been accepted by Councillors and senior managers and we will be invited to contribute towards a formal policy review. Several comments were made, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation needs to improve – often there is a brief time between notification and comment deadline • For medium to large productions there should be notices to inform the public that filming is to take place in their park • The Park staff should not be expected to bear the weight of on-the-day management of film productions – they are stretched enough as it is • Why does only 25% of income generated go directly to Southwark Park –it should be more. 	
5.	<p>Park Manager’s Report</p> <p>Andrea Pita reported:</p>	
5.1	<p>Southwark Park - Carriageway Drains</p> <p>The feedback condition report provided by FM Conway will be reviewed as soon as possible, in order to determine which of the drains require further remedial works.</p>	Andy Chatterton
5.2	<p>Southwark Park - Lake Maintenance</p> <p>Jon Best (Ecology Officer) has reviewed some of the areas around the lake and will be inviting London Wildlife Trust to visit Southwark Park as soon as possible to provide some recommendations.</p> <p>It is felt that LWT would welcome some volunteers from the FoSP to undertake some minor dredging work in the autumn and this will be confirmed following their visit.</p> <p>The Litter Management section of the new specification includes removal of litter from all areas but it does not refer to removal of leaf fall in the lake.</p>	Andy Chatterton
5.3	<p>Southwark Park - Children’s Playground – Lack of Shade in Hot Weather</p> <p>Options for the provision of any semi-permanent structures could be considered when the Cleaner Greener Safer window opens in November.</p>	
5.4	<p>Southwark Park – Children’s Playground Water Feature</p> <p>The feature is now working fine and is being well used especially in the exceptionally hot weather.</p>	
5.5	<p>Southwark Park - Carriageway Crossover</p> <p>Photographs and measurements for re-dressing the surface of the crossover point have been sent to FM Conway for costing purposes.</p>	Andy Chatterton
5.6	<p>King’s Stairs Gardens - Trees behind Pilgrim House</p> <p>The large stumps have been grinded out and the arisings will be left on site to rot down.</p>	
5.7	<p>King’s Stairs Gardens - Fulford Street</p> <p>The remedial works to remove the old path behind Cathy House should be completed by the end of the week.</p>	
5.8	<p>King George’s Field - Drain Covers</p> <p>All of the drain covers have now been replaced.</p>	
6.	<p>Key Projects Update</p> <p>A table of key projects was given as an attachment to the agenda.</p>	
6.1	<p>Southwark Park South Western Boundary Improvements</p>	Pat Kingwell

	It was agreed to meet with Council Project Officers and Architects and to invite them to a future meeting to make a presentation.	
6.2	Southwark Park Old Nursery and Café It was agreed to petition the Council for the retention of the existing café building.	Pat Kingwell
7.	Southwark Park Future Projects List A list of priority capital and revenue projects for future Council or other funding was circulated and agreed.	
8.	King George's Field Issues None other than 5.8 above	
9.	Southwark Park Bowling Club Issues	
9.1	Miles was congratulated for his maintenance work on the green.	
9.2	The club is helping Age Concern Yalding Road to run a 12-week programme.	
10.	West Lane Memorial Garden Issues There was a good attendance at the Somme memorial event. Thanks and congratulations to Gary Magold for his work.	
11.	King's Stairs Gardens Issues Who is responsible for clearing the riverside litter bins? There is a need to do so on Mondays after heavy weekend use.	Andy Chatterton
12.	Planning Matters Update None	
13	Any Other Business	
13.1	Southwark Park – Paradise Gate Drains They have been flooded and need to be looked at.	Andy Chatterton
13.2	Southwark Park – Dog Bins Have we got enough in the park? Can we have an audit and condition survey?	Andy Chatterton
13.3	Southwark Park Saturday Bee Club We have been awarded a grant by North Southwark Environment Trust to run a family bee club for the remainder of this summer. Thanks to NSET.	
13.4	Keith Wainwright M.B.E. Talk/Social 17th August Keith is a well-known hairdresser, born and raised in Bermondsey. A social evening for members and friends has been arranged where Keith will reminisce about the park and his career.	
13.5	Southwark Park Outdoor Table Tennis Tables The Council's Cleaner, Greener, Safer Programme has allocated £5,000 for the provision of table tennis tables in the park. On 28 th July two tables are to be installed just north of the new tennis courts.	
13.6	Southwark Park - Unused Skiff We have asked Parks team to consider using the skiff for a planting project with the Brownies.	Andy Chatterton
13.7	Southwark Park Picnic Tables One of our members – Linda Smith – has asked about the provision of picnic tables in the park.	Andy Chatterton
13.8	'True Colours' by Debra Gosling Debra has an exhibition of posters about Bermondsey and Rotherhithe at the Deli Felice in Albion Street until September. Includes Southwark Park and many other local scenes.	
13.9	Southwark Dementia Action Alliance Caroline Clipson of the Alliance is interested in arranging some activities in our parks for people with dementia.	
13.10	Veolia Envirogrant Veolia has agreed to part fund some adult bee suits. Thanks to Veolia.	

14.	Dates of Future Meetings 2016/2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 21 September 2016 – Annual General Meeting• 19th October 2016• 16th November 2016• 18th January 2017• 15th February 2017• 15th March 2017• 19th April 2017• 17th May 2017• 21st June 2017• 19th July 2017 <p>All Wednesdays 6.00pm at The Park Office unless otherwise notified.</p>	
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Attachment 4 - Key Projects Update – September 2016

	Project Description	Current Position
1	<p>Southwark Park south-western boundary improvements In October 2014 we agreed that boundary improvements were needed. We asked if the Maydew House redevelopment scheme might help provide a solution.</p>	<p>The Maydew Project Team will attend our September meeting to advise on progress.</p>
2	<p>Southwark Park Sports Centre A major refurbishment scheme including reconstruction and layout changes of synthetic athletics track, conversion of synthetic turf football/hockey pitch to natural grass, installation of a hammer and 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>As a second phase the changing rooms will be improved, including remodelling of the internal areas of the building.</p>	<p>Blakedown Group contractors were appointed to implement the scheme and Faithful and Gould are Project Managers.</p> <p>Track surfacing and landscaping works are now complete. On pooling of water contractors and consultants have confirmed that this is because the surface is non-porous. The surface has been laid at a slight gradient which meets the specification, however pooling has a tendency to occur on tracks of this type and in most circumstances is swept off. The infield has been seeded and will be available to use from Summer 2017.</p> <p>For the second phase building refurbishment the planning application has been submitted and consent will be determined at a planning sub-committee. Following approval we will be going out to tender for the works.</p>
3	<p>Southwark Park New Café In 2013 the Council's CGS Programme awarded FOSP funds to develop a plan to improve the café, toilet and office provision. Capital funding £1,650m has been secured and following public consultation the intention is to proceed with a re-location of café and office near the lake.</p>	<p>Bell Phillips Architecture have been appointed as building architects and Kinnear as landscape architects. Design consultation has been completed. Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning approval by September 2016 • Contractor procured by December 2016 • Works completed by July 2017
4	<p>Southwark Park Old Nursery In 2013 the Council's CGS Programme awarded FOSP funds to develop a plan to bring the Old Nursery site back into park use. Capital funding £817,899 has been secured.</p>	<p>Kinnear Landscape Architects have developed a plan for the site. The retention of the existing café building remains an issue to be resolved before plans are finalised.</p>