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General Meeting
Wednesday 18th February 2015
6.00pm at the Park Office

Agenda

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Notes of General Meeting of 21st January and Matters Arising (attached)**
- 3. Southwark Park Old Nursery Update – Rebecca Towers, Head of Parks**
- 4. Cleaner, Greener, Safer Programme Update**
- 5. Park Manager’s Report – Andy Chatterton**
- 6. Friends of Southwark Park Activities Programme 2015 – Pat Kingwell**
- 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
3 February 2015

Notes of General Meeting of 21st January 2015

Present: Sharon Bassey; Andy Chatterton (London Borough of Southwark); Alison Clayburn; Jean Cunliffe; Judith Deschamps; Dave Fisher; Jill Gibbs; Colin Hartridge-Price; Marjorie Hill; Jill Jerram; Pat Kingwell; Gary Magold; Pam Miller; Jak Purcell (London Borough of Southwark); Andrea Pita (London Borough of Southwark); David Potter; Jim Saunders; Tracy Scales; Colin Smith; Amanda Squires and George Witsey

	Item	Action
1.	Apologies Cllr. Anood Al-Samerai; Clare Armstrong; Cllr. Neil Coyle; Cllr. Stephanie Cryan; Gary Glover; Cllr. Sunny Lambe; Stephanie Lodge; Kate Nottidge (Grosvenor Estates); Nicky Rathbone; Sue Sexton; Rebecca Towers (London Borough of Southwark); Cllr Kath Whittam	
2.	Notes of General Meeting of 19th November 2014 The notes were agreed as a true record.	
2.1	Matters Arising	
2.1.1	Southwark Park – Cancer Research Shine Night Walk Pat said his email to Graham Gordon of the Council’s Chief Executive’s department seeking funds for table tennis tables had received no reply	
2.1.2	Improving Southwark Park’s south-western boundary Pat Kingwell reported he and Gary Magold met with Council officers and the architect working on the Maydeu House development. The outcome seems promising with the prospect of new and improved boundary railings and possibly an improved Dilston Grove entrance. It was confirmed there are no plans for a new park entrance or changes to the boundary. Andy Chatterton reported that Kate Nottidge of Grosvenor Estates had provided a list of potential new trees. It was agreed Andy would arrange a site meeting with Ian Williams, Pat, Marjorie, Dave and Sharon to look at options.	Andy Chatterton
2.1.3	Fireworks Event Sharon Bassey reported a good meeting with Grosvenor Estates who are investigating possible support for various bee-related items/activities. Andy said he had received a post-event evaluation report which he would provide to Gary Glover and Pat Kingwell for information.	Andy Chatterton
3.	Old Nursery Plan Update Rebecca Towers, Head of Parks had to send her apologies. Andy reported on her behalf that an update will be given to a future Stakeholder Group meeting in a couple of weeks. It was agreed to invite Rebecca to our February meeting	Pat Kingwell
4.	Cycling in Southwark Park Jak Purcell updated on signage measures to overcome dangerous cycling. The signs are in place, and after initial lack of awareness, they may now be having an impact. In his morning monitoring Jak has noticed speeds are slower and pedestrians are being given a wider berth. It was agreed to have some late afternoon monitoring and the meeting thanked Jak for his work on this matter.	Jak Purcell
5.	Park Manager’s Report Andy Chatterton reported:	
5.1	Southwark Park Sports Centre Refurbishment The information is currently being pulled together for planning condition sign off and it is anticipated that the work will commence over the next few weeks.	
5.2	Southwark Park – South Western Boundary Grosvenor Estates have recently provided an update on the availability of specific trees and the Parks Tree Officer would like clarification of whether a group of trees is preferred to a linear row and would like to discuss the effect /	

- purpose of the chosen species. See also item 2.1.2 above
- 5.3 Southwark Park – ‘150’ Gates**
The new gates were installed on 8th December to positive feedback.
- 5.4 Southwark Park - Unauthorised Access** **Andy Chatterton**
A good response has been received from the residents of the privately owned properties and the Housing Officer has notified the tenants of 35 37 42. A Contractor will seal the unauthorised access points towards the end of January. The meeting thanked Andy for getting a grip on this long-running issue.
- 5.5 Southwark Park – Foxes**
An advisory booklet produced by Bristol City Council and adopted by the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health – Living with Urban Foxes, was provided and it offers some practical advice / suggestions:
- ³⁵₁₇ Keep all domestic refuse in wheelie bins or closed containers, NOT plastic bags.
 - ³⁵₁₇ Only put your refuse out on the morning of collection.
 - ³⁵₁₇ Protect all animals and livestock.
 - ³⁵₁₇ Do not leave food out for other animals. Be extremely careful where you put food to feed birds, this should be in approved containers.
- 5.6 Southwark Park – Caryatides Lectern** **Andy Chatterton**
Browse Bion will be completing the repairs by the second week of February.
- 5.7 Southwark Park - Jabez West Memorial Taps** **Andy Chatterton**
A contractor is still attempting to source similar taps and they will be replaced as soon as possible.
- 5.8 Southwark Park – Bandstand Oil and Quadron Depot Building**
The remedial works were undertaken by Southwark Cleaning on 16th & 17th January, following concern raised at previous meetings.
- 5.9 Southwark Park – British Association of Landscape Industries Award**
Quadron Services Limited were awarded coveted Principal Award for its maintenance of Southwark Park in the Grounds Maintenance: Free Public Access category. Members of the QSL Team and Officers from Southwark Council attended the awards ceremony at the Grosvenor House Hotel on 5th December, where they were presented with the award by Michael Portillo.
- In discussion** Gary Magold asked why so little publicity had been given in the local press. The meeting congratulated Quadron and its staff.
- 5.10 King’s Stairs Gardens – Tree Damage**
The recent damage by dogs has been brought to the attention of the Park Liaison Officers and although they cannot issue fixed penalty notices to perpetrators, they are accredited to the Metropolitan Police and have the power to acquire names and addresses for anti-social behaviour. The current advice would be to contact the police if an incident is witnessed. QSL will apply bamboo protection to damaged trees, where it is possible to do so.
- In discussion** Jill Gibbs and David Potter commented on the damage. Andy agreed to look at the option of notices such as those used in Tabard Gardens and also the possibility of using a similar spray as Cherry Gardens. **Andy Chatterton**
- 5.11 King’s Stairs Gardens – Dangerous Cycling**
In reference to the long standing and continuing problem of cyclists on the path near the Angel Pub there is a need to contact Sustrans for advice, as this route forms part of the existing cycle network. There is two way directional signage on the lamp column close to the tall narrow building, highlighting route 4.
- In discussion** Andy agreed to look at options for removing the cobbles. **Andy Chatterton**

6. **Friends of Southwark Park Activities Programme 2015**
Pat updated on progress - more detail will be provided at the next meeting. **Pat Kingwell**
7. **Bowling Club Update**
Nothing to report.
8. **West Lane War Memorial Issues**
Gary Magold would check on the wreaths from Remembrance Day ceremony. **Gary Magold**
9. **King's Stairs Gardens Issues**
See items 5.10 and 5.11 above
10. **Planning Matters Update**
None reported.
11. **Key Projects Update**
An update of key projects was given and will be amended for each meeting. **Pat Kingwell**
12. **Any Other Business**
- 12.1 **Boris Bikes**
Jill Jerram asked if it is possible to have some bikes near the park. It was agreed to pass on the suggestion to local Councillors. **Pat Kingwell**
- 12.2 **Big Bang Fair and Southwark Park Lake**
The meeting expressed disappointment and surprise that The Friends had not been informed of the launch of the national Science Exhibition in Southwark Park. Young students and an engineer had floated an origami boat on the lake. A video of the event can be seen at:
<http://www.video11.com/science/giant-origami-paper-boat-is-launched-in-southwark-boating-lake-h252553.html>
- 12.3 **Terrapins**
David Potter asked about terrapins in Southwark Park lake. Andy and Jon Best to provide and update. **Andy Chatterton
Jon Best**
- 12.4 **Southwark Park Club**
George Witsey asked if there was any news about the re-opening of the social club which was part of the former Working Men's Club development. Pat agreed to ask the local councillors. **Pat Kingwell**
- 12.5 **'It's Our Park' Film**
Pat reported the film has been submitted for showing at a number of film festivals. He would report back if it is selected. The film will be shown, along with the 1972 Thames TV documentary on Bermondsey, 'We Was All One' at Sands Films Studio on 7th March. Free booking may be made online at:
http://www.sandsfilms.co.uk/Sands_Films_Studio/Cinema_Club.html
- 12.6 **'Heritage Comes to SE11' Film**
Rose Ades and Peter Gazey – have produced a short documentary about the restoration of an 18th century house in Kennington. using traditional techniques and materials. The film can be viewed for free at: [Vimeo.com/113332172](https://www.vimeo.com/113332172)
- 12.7 **The Friends of St. James Churchyard**
A new group holding a launch meeting on Monday 26th 6pm in the church.
- 12.8 **Annual Report**
Debra Gosling is designing a copy for community distribution and our website.
- 12.9 **Neighbourhood Fund**
We will be making an application to this new fund for community groups. **Pat Kingwell**
- 12.10 **Southwark Park Scout's Field Trees**
The meeting asked for clarification of the Council's plans for trees in that area. **Andy Chatterton**
13. **Dates of Future Meetings 2015 - All Wednesdays 6.00pm at The Park Office unless otherwise notified**
18th February 2015; 18th March 2015; 15th April 2015; 20th May 2015; 17th June 2015; 15th July 2015

Key Projects Update – February 2014

Project Description	Current Position
<p>1 Southwark Park Sports Centre Refurbishment After a decade of decline the centre is undergoing a major refurbishment. Works include a new athletics track and improved changing facilities.</p>	<p>Planning approval is near sign-off. Blakedown Group have been appointed as contractors. Works are due to commence in February/March 2015 with complete in summer 2015.</p>
<p>2 Southwark Park Old Nursery Master Plan 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>The delivery of the Master Plan is over a year behind the original target date. The Head of Parks is due to attend the Stakeholder Group on 2nd February to provide an update.</p>
<p>3 Southwark Park Unauthorised Access FOSP has called for action over unauthorised access from properties on the boundaries of the park, in particular from Frankland Close. Enforcement letters were delivered to the relevant properties in November 2014</p>	<p>Residents of Frankland Close have responded positively. A contractor will seal the unauthorised access points by February 2015.</p>
<p>4 Southwark Park Relocation of 'Family of Dolphins' Sculpture David Backhouse's sculpture was gifted to the Council by Tesco, Surrey Quays Shopping Centre and a new home was sought. Following a feasibility study the Council agreed Southwark Park lake as the relocation site. In October 2014 we were advised that an engineering solution was being sought and that discussions were taking place with FM Conway contractors.</p>	<p>FM Conway have been appointed and their engineer is 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 is estimated for the end of March.</p>
<p>5 Southwark Park south-western boundary improvements 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 resource trees and/or other environmental improvements for the park It was agreed to seek support from Grosvenor for about 30 new trees.</p>	<p>A positive meeting was held with the Maydew House project team in January and they promised to consult us on the type of fencing to be used on the park boundary.</p>
<p>6 Southwark Park New Tennis Courts There is a high demand for tennis facilities so 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 and in July 2014 we were advised that works would commence in December 2014 and be completed by March 2015.</p>	<p>The project is delayed due to planning consent approval. The arboriculture report has raised some questions of tree protection. Planning approval is hoped for by the end of Feb 2015. The revised programme is: Planning approval – Feb 2015 (end of the month) Tender works Mar 2015 to April 2015 Award works April 2015 (end of the month) Commence May 2015 (8-12 weeks) Completion July 2015</p>

