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**General Meeting
Wednesday 20th January 2016
6.00pm at the Park Office, Southwark Park**

Agenda

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Notes of General Meeting 18th November 2015 and Matters Arising (attachment 1)**
- 3. The London Flower Show 2017 - Geoff Juden (East London Garden Society)**
- 4. 'Naija in the Park' Event Consultation – Revised Application**
- 5. The Mayor of London's 'Find Your London Festival' March 2016**
- 6. Park Manager's Report**
- 7. 20th Anniversary Programme Update**
- 8. Key Projects Update – (attachment 3)**
- 9. King George's Field Issues**
- 10. Bowling Club Issues**
- 11. West Lane Memorial Garden Issues**
- 12. King's Stairs Gardens Issues**
- 13. Planning Matters Update**
- 14. Any Other Business**
- 15. Dates of Future Meetings**

Attachment 1

Notes of the General Meeting Wednesday 18th November 2015 6.00pm at the Park Office

Present: Sharon Basse; Andy Chatterton; Jean Cunliffe; Lorraine Davis; Dave Fisher; Gary Glover (chair); Colin Hartridge-Price; Marjorie Hill; Simon Kenward; Pat Kingwell; Denis McMillan; Cllr. Eliza Mann; John Mannering; Helena Norval; Andrea Pita (London Borough of Southwark); David Potter; Sallie Rickerby; Jim Saunders; Tracy Scales; Sue Sexton; Colin Smith; Amanda Squires; Julie Webb and George Witsey.

	Item	Action
1.	Apologies Cllr. Anood Al-Samerai; Clare Armstrong; Alison Clayburn; Cllr. Stephanie Cryan; Neil Coyle, M.P.; Judith Deschamps; Barry and Jan Duckett; Jill Jerram; Jim and Stephanie Lodge; Cllr. Hamish McCallum; Gary Magold; Pam Miller; Jean Mulholland; Sue Sexton; Cllr. Bill Williams and Cllr. Kath Whittam	
2.	Notes of General Meeting of 21st October 2015 The notes were agreed as a true record.	
2.1	Matters Arising	
2.1.1	Rotherhithe Family Centre Fencing/Screening Andrea Pita reported that a CGS Fund application for natural hedging had not been submitted due to timescales, but the matter will be pursued.	Andy Chatterton
2.1.2	Southwark Park Carriageway Drive Drains Andy was requested to investigate use of a “gully-gulper” to clear the drains.	Andy Chatterton
3.	Fireworks Display Feedback It was a successful event, and the display was of a high quality. For the first time it was a ticketed show and 26,000 were issued, although it was believed the attendance was probably about 8,000. Comments were made about the need for better communications over road and gate closures. As usual we will contribute to Southwark Council’s Events review. Andy reported that the majority of grass areas have now been reinstated and they will be re-seeded again in the spring, as and where necessary. The large areas within The Oval are already showing signs of recovery and they will continue to do so when the weather conditions improve.	
4.	The Friends of Southwark Park 20th Anniversary Programme A draft programme was circulated, discussed and agreed. Subject to funding it will consist of activities which have proven popular in the past and some new ideas. Funding applications will be made to various bodies and a progress report back in January 2016.	Pat Kingwell
5.	Southwark Council Neighbourhood Fund 2016 The deadline for applications is 6 th January 2016. It was recommended it be made clear that our application will serve the communities in several wards.	Pat Kingwell
6.	Park Manager’s Report Andy Chatterton reported:	
6.1	Southwark Park - Southwark Park Cricket Club A meeting took place with Graham Whiteley on 12 th November and a number of local issues were discussed. It was agreed that a site meeting should take	

	place in the middle of March to review the condition of the outfield and preferred boundary size.	
6.2	Southwark Park - Main Carriageway Lamp Columns & Pathways The Lighting Engineer has advised that the condition of the lamp columns will be added to the structural programme. FM Conway have now applied the surface dressing to the paths alongside the carriageway. In the discussion Andy was requested to replace the orange light bulbs with white ones to increase light and feeling of security.	Andy Chatterton
6.3	Southwark Park - Car Parking Review It had been reported that the new Controlled Parking Zone will be in place early in 2016. It was agreed for Andy to ask for a progress report from the Council's Transport team.	Andy Chatterton
6.4	Southwark Park – Former Swedish Church Boundary Wall The wall has been repaired and an external invoice will be sent to RF London Investment Limited who is the registered owner of the property, with the hope of reclaiming the cost.	
6.5	Southwark Park - Compass / UK Power Networks – Utility Installation Due to redevelopment at the site of the former Decathlon store, UK Power Networks have a requirement to install an 11kv armoured cable between Verney Road / Surrey Quays Road, part of the route will involve laying the cable within Southwark Park between Jamaica Gate and Gomm Road Gate, in February 2016. They have given assurances that two teams will be committed to the works which will be completed within a maximum period of 10 days and that they will do everything in their power to minimise disruption to park users. The trenched area will be reinstated with matching materials and finishes similarly to the surrounding surface. Compass / UK Power Networks have been asked if they would be willing to make a donation to the FoSP for any disruption caused. They have advised that last time they voluntarily resurfaced the entire path/roadway with stone dressing as opposed to the trench width and have confirmed they would be willing to make a similar donation.	
6.6	King's Stairs Gardens – 14 King's Stairs Close Unauthorised Access The issue remains ongoing as no further progress has been made to date.	Andy Chatterton
6.7	Riverside Planters Although it will not be possible for Parks to adopt the planters as part of King's Stairs Gardens, further enquiries will be made to ascertain which department is responsible for the management and maintenance of the area	
7.	Key Projects Update A table of key projects was given as an attachment to the agenda.	
7.1	Southwark Park South Western Boundary Improvements This is the only Key Projects which has not progressed. It was agreed Parks and FOSP should come up with a plan to move things along and that contact be made with the Maydew House project team, including Winston McLeod.	Andy Chatterton Pat Kingwell
8.	King George's Field Issues The condition of the drains will be monitored on a regular basis in order to determine whether further action needs to be taken.	
9.	Bowling Club Update Colin Smith reported regular meetings with Parks and Quadron were scheduled. The scarifying machine had broken down.	
10.	West Lane Memorial Gardens Issues None	
11.	King's Stairs Gardens Issues None	

12.	Planning Matters Update None	
13.	Any Other Business	
13.1	Southwark Park Bees Sharon Bassey reported that the bee works should be complete by January 2016 and that recent fundraising had secured 10 new bee suits.	
13.2	Surrey Quays Christmas Stall The management of Surrey Quays agreed to a FOSP information stall on 20 th December. Several members volunteered to attend.	
13.3	‘Naija in the Park’ June 2016 The Council’s Events team requested our view on the proposal. As it was described as a fee-paying ticketed event with major public access issues it was agreed not to support the application. Subsequently a revised application has been submitted to be considered at the January 2016 meeting.	
13.4	‘Go Dad Run’ June 2016 The Council’s Events team requested our view on the proposal. As it is a known charitable event with community benefit and limited disruption to the park it was agreed to give our support.	
13.5	Bermondsey Care for the Elderly Notice was given of a fundraising event in the Stanley Arms organised by one of our members, Phil Burkett. All encouraged to attend.	
13.6	‘I Live in SE16 Sports Festival’ June 2016 Notice was given of a meeting on 19 th November at Time and Talents called by one of our members, Mark Parker. Sports interests encouraged to attend.	
13.7	Scandi Market Albion Street 20-22 November 2015 Notice was given of the market – all encouraged to attend.	
14.	Dates of Future Meetings 2015/16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20th January 2016 • 17th February 2016 • 16th March 2016 • 20th April 2016 • 18th May 2016 • 15th June 2016 • 20th July 2016 <p>All Wednesdays 6.00pm at The Park Office unless otherwise notified.</p>	

Attachment 2 - Key Projects Update – January 2016

	Project Description	Current Position
1	<p>Southwark Park south-western boundary improvements</p> <p>In October 2014 we agreed that improvements to the boundary were needed. We asked if the Maydew House redevelopment scheme might provide a solution.</p>	<p>The issue therefore remains of how to improve the south-western boundary.</p>
2	<p>Southwark Park Sports Centre Refurbishment</p> <p>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. As a second phase the changing rooms will be improved.</p>	<p>Blakedown Group contractors are on site on the first phase track works which are in the final stages of completion. The new track surface has been laid, and all field event facilities are in place. The central grass pitch and surrounding areas are being completed.</p> <p>For the second phase building refurbishment Faithful and Gould have been appointed Project Managers and they are at detailed design stage. Planned works include the remodelling of the internal areas of the building to support the delivery of athletics track and field activities, and an enhancement of the appearance of the building. Structural investigations are being carried out and a planning application ready for December. The building alterations are expected to be completed by summer 2016.</p>
3	<p>Southwark Park Old Nursery Master Plan</p> <p>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>Bell Phillips Architecture have been appointed as building architects. Other key events are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landscape architects to be appointed by November 2015 • Second phase design consultation completed by February 2016 • Planning approval by May 2016 • Contractor procured by July 2016 • Works completed by December 2016
4	<p>Southwark Park Relocation of 'Family of Dolphins' Sculpture</p> <p>David Backhouse's work was gifted to the Council by Tesco. It was agreed to relocate to Southwark Park lake. The planning application was approved on 12th May 2015.</p>	<p>F.M. Conway contractors have been appointed to implement the scheme. Kasco Fountaineers have been appointed to install the sculpture on an aluminium sub-structure. The sculpture is now in place and fountains scheduled for February 2016.</p>
5	<p>Southwark Park New Tennis Courts</p>	<p>The works have been completed and the courts were formally opened by Greg Rusedski on 9th November 2015. The event was well attended with a strong representation of children from local schools.</p>
6	<p>Southwark Park Bandstand Refurbishment</p> <p>The Council's CGS Programme provided £15,000 for improvement works; repainting; cleaning; electrics; surfacing and information board.</p>	<p>The works have been completed.</p>