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**General Meeting
Wednesday 15th July 2015
6.00pm at the Park Office**

Agenda

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Notes of General Meeting of 17th June and Matters Arising (attached)**
- 3. The Rotherhithe Family Centre – Kellie Ansell**
- 4. Summer Activities Programme and Bermondsey Carnival Feedback**
- 5. Park Manager's Report – Andy Chatterton**
- 6. Key Projects Update – (attached)**
- 7. Bowling Club Update**
- 8. West Lane Memorial Gardens Issues**
- 9. King's Stairs Gardens Issues**
- 10. Planning Matters Update**
- 11. Any Other Business**

12. Dates of Future Meetings

**Pat Kingwell
Secretary
3 July 2015**

Notes of General Meeting of 17th June 2015

Present: Rose Ades; Clare Armstrong; Sharon Bassey; Mark Bean; Jean Brims; Judith Carlton; Andy Chatterton (London Borough of Southwark); Alison Clayburn; Jean Cunliffe; Michael Daniels; Judith Deschamps; Dave Fisher; Peter Gazey; Gary Glover; Debra Gosling; Colin Hartridge-Price; Marjorie Hill; Stephen Humphrey; Jill Jerram; Michelle –Jones; Simon Kenward; Pat Kingwell; Cllr. Sunny Lambe; Cllr. Richard Livingstone; Gary Magold; Stewart Morgan; Jean Mulholland; Kate Nottidge; Andrea Pita (London Borough of Southwark); Steven Potter; John Reid (London Borough of Southwark); Jim Saunders; Tracy Scales; Sue Sexton; Colin Smith; Amanda Squires; Graham Taylor; John Taylor; Sheila Taylor; Susan Vaughan; Rich Wale and George Witsey.

	Item	Action
1.	Apologies Cllr. Anood Al-Samerai; Barry and Jan Duckett; Neil Coyle M.P.; Cllr. Stephanie Cryan; Cllr. Barrie Hargrove; Nick Lane; Jim and Stephanie Lodge; Pam Miller; Wilma Nelson; Colin Smith; Cllr Kath Whittam and Cllr. Bill Williams	
2.	Notes of General Meeting of 20th May 2015 The notes were agreed as a true record.	
2.1	Matters Arising None not covered on the agenda	
3.	The Old Nursery Site Update Rebecca Towers, Head of Parks, updated on the latest position. Phase 1 of the public consultation had been completed and of 256 survey forms completed 47% of people favoured the idea of relocating the café and offices to the art gallery site and 33% for the current office and café site. The next steps are: ³⁵ ₁₇ Appointment of lead design consultant by September 2015 ³⁵ ₁₇ Second phase design consultation completed by February 2016 ³⁵ ₁₇ Planning approval by May 2016 ³⁵ ₁₇ Contractor procured by July 2016 ³⁵ ₁₇ Works completed by December 2016 In the discussion the following points were made: ³⁵ ₁₇ There is still a good deal of consultation to be undergone over any co-location of café/offices with the gallery ³⁵ ₁₇ 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 ³⁵ ₁₇ The Old Nursery site should have controlled access ³⁵ ₁₇ 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. ³⁵ ₁₇ 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.	
4.	Park Manager's Report Andy Chatterton reported:	
4.1	Southwark Park - Bowling Green Condition A representative from the Sports Turf Research Institute has reviewed the condition of the green and a detailed report has now been provided. It has been strongly recommended that the end of season operations are undertaken week commencing 3 rd August as the weather conditions are likely to be more favourable. It is hoped that play will then resume shortly afterwards.	

- 4.2 **Southwark Park – Sports Centre**
Tim Clee has confirmed restoration of the old athletics track will resume week beginning 22nd June.
- 4.3 **Southwark Park - Hanging Baskets**
QSL have very kindly agreed to sponsor the continuous provision of the hanging baskets for a further year. **Agreed to write and thank QSL.** Pat Kingwell
- 4.4 **Southwark Park - Former Swedish Church Boundary Wall**
The new owners of the former Swedish church have attempted to create an access point into the park and this has been brought to the attention of Legal Services. The owners have been advised that the wall will have to be restored and they will be invoiced for the work including any management costs. **It was agreed Andy would let us know the name of new owner and this has been subsequently reported as Yan Feng Qiao.**
- 4.5 **Southwark Park - Horses**
A Parks Liaison Officer spoke to the horse riders a couple of weeks ago and advised them it was against the byelaws and they have not been seen since.
- 4.6 **Southwark Park - China Hall Trees**
Tree Services confirmed the trees are being managed and they will continue to be watered on a weekly basis until the end of August. One of the trees is not in leaf but we have been advised that it will recover, especially now that mulch has been applied to the tree bases.
- 4.7 **Southwark Park Incident**
A full investigation has been undertaken and a detailed response has been sent to Ms X from the Parks & Open Spaces Manager confirming where the CCTV cameras are located and advising that the Repairs & Maintenance Manager has arranged for an Engineer to visit Southwark Park as soon as possible to carry out a thorough inspection of the cameras and recording monitors. Ms X has been advised of the Parks Liaison Officers roles, including hours of duty and their shifts and that one of the Park Attendants called the Police and Ambulance Service. **It was agreed that Andy would look at linking the park CCTV to the borough's system.** Andy Chatterton
- 4.8 **Southwark Park - New Tennis Courts**
The Gateway report has been signed off by the Departmental Contracts Review Board and the contract will be awarded on 29 June, with a start date for works on 6 July. Works are anticipated to be completed by 25th September 2015.
- 4.9 **King's Stairs Gardens - Area behind Cathay House**
The Pyracantha are now being watered on a regular basis and their condition will be monitored very closely until for the foreseeable future. Legal Services have recently been asked to review the planning application as there appears to be some uncertainty as to whether or not the unauthorised access was accepted when the application was approved. Andy Chatterton
- 4.10 **King's Stairs Gardens - Cleaner Greener Safer Programme**
The CGS Project Manager will be picking up the Cathy/Fulford Street project in June/July and will then discuss the details more in depth.
- 4.11 **West Lane War Memorial Gardens**
Asset Management have confirmed the memorial fund can be used to restore the lettering but they are unable to give an exact timescale, as they are currently seeking quotations for the work. Andy Chatterton
5. **Any Other Business**
- 5.1 **King's Stairs – Rough Sleepers**
Simon Kenward raised the issue and John Reid gave the legal context that essentially there is no prohibition to rough sleeping. In this particular case the help of St. Mungo's has been sought.
- 5.2 **Bin Collecting in Parks**

- The question of last collection of the day was raised as the bins get full and need emptying before close. Andy would confirm.
- 5.3 Southwark Park Walkabout** Andy Chatterton Open to All
It was agreed to do one on Wednesday 8th July – meet at 4pm at Park Office.
- 5.4 Dog Signs near Boat House** Andy Chatterton
Sue Sexton raised a question about the signs and need to remove the old signs.
- 5.5 Dolphins Sculpture** Pat Kingwell
Tracey Scales asked about progress on the scheme. Pat reported that planning approval had been gained and would chase the Arts team about installation.
- 5.6 Former Working Men’s Club**
Pat reported that Cllr. Cryan has asked the Planning Department to check if there has been a breach of planning conditions. It could take up to 12 weeks before we know. The contact officer is Alison Brittain.
- 5.7 River Thames Society**
Clare Armstrong drew attention to this organisation which members may find of interest. For more information www.riverthamessociety.org.uk
- 5.8 Primary Schools Athletics Festival Tuesday 23rd June 9am-3pm**
An event is being organised by PE and Sport Network at Bacon’s College to take place in Southwark Park. It was agreed we would sponsor a trophy for the winning school and run a stall on the day.
- 6. Dates of Future Meetings 2015/16**
- ³⁵/₁₇ 15th July 2015
 - ³⁵/₁₇ 16th September - Annual General Meeting
 - ³⁵/₁₇ 21st October 2015
 - ³⁵/₁₇ 18th November 2015
 - ³⁵/₁₇ 20th January 2016
 - ³⁵/₁₇ 17th February 2016
 - ³⁵/₁₇ 16th March 2016
- All Wednesdays 6.00pm at The Park Office unless otherwise notified.
- 7. Graham Taylor gave a very interesting and well-received talk on ‘Famous Women of Bermondsey and Rotherhithe’. Many thanks to Graham.**

Key Projects Update – July 2015

Project Description	Current Position
<p>1 Southwark Park Sports Centre Refurbishment (Ref: 14/AP/2455) 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 the 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 discuss circle and cycles.</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 was to help secure capital funding.</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. The key issues are now to do with planning. Head of Parks gave a report back to FOSP in June 2015. The next steps are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">³⁵/₁₇ Appointment of lead design consultant by September 2015³⁵/₁₇ Second phase design consultation completed by February 2016³⁵/₁₇ Planning approval by May 2016³⁵/₁₇ Contractor procured by July 2016³⁵/₁₇ Works completed by December 2016
<p>3 Southwark Park Relocation of ‘Family of Dolphins’ Sculpture (Ref: 14/AP/0558) 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 12th 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. The key issue now is for the contractor to find a design solution to progress the scheme.</p>
<p>4 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 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. The issue therefore remains of how to improve the south-western boundary.</p>
<p>5 Southwark Park New Tennis Courts 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 13th February 2015.</p>	<p>Key milestones of the project are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Out to tender week commencing 9th March 2015Return of tenders 13th April 2015Evaluation and Gateway 2 award end May 2015Commence works mid-JuneWorks 12 week programme end of works late August 2015Opening late August 2015.
<p>6 Southwark Park Bandstand Refurbishment 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 2nd July and it is expected works will commence in September and be completed by October 2015.</p>

