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**General Meeting
Wednesday 16th March 2016
6.00pm at the Park Office, Southwark Park**

Agenda

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Notes of General Meeting 17th February 2016 and Matters Arising (attachment 1)**
- 3. The Old Nursery/Café Project – Presentation by Bell Phillips Architects**
- 4. Park Manager's Report**
- 5. Key Projects Update – (attachment 2)**
- 6. Any Other Business**
- 7. Dates of Future Meetings**

Attachment 1

Notes of the General Meeting Wednesday 17th February 2016 6.00pm at the Park Office

Present: Sharon Basse; Alison Clayburn; Jean Cunliffe; Dave Fisher; Gary Glover (chair); Colin Hartridge-Price; Jill Jerram; Simon Kenward; Pat Kingwell; Denis McMillan; John Mannering; Andrea Pita (London Borough of Southwark); David Potter; Sallie Rickerby; Jim Saunders; Tracy Scales; Sue Sexton; Amanda Squires and George Witsey.

	Item	Action
1.	Apologies Matthew Allgood; Cllr. Anood Al-Samerai; Andy Chatterton; Neil Coyle, M.P.; Cllr. Stephanie Cryan; Judith Deschamps; Barry and Jan Duckett; Marjorie Hill; Simon Hughes; Gary Magold; Cllr. Eliza Mann; Colin Smith and Cllr. Bill Williams	
2.	Notes of General Meeting of 20th January 2016 The notes were agreed as a true record.	
2.1	Matters Arising	
2.1.1	Rotherhithe Family Centre Fencing/Screening Andrea reported that due to budget constraints nothing can be done at the moment but it will be looked at in the new financial year in April.	Andy Chatterton
2.1.2	Fireworks Display Agreed to ask Paul Cowell of Events for some formal feedback on the event.	Pat Kingwell
3.	Park Manager's Report Andrea Pita reported:	
3.1	Southwark Park - Carriageway Drains FM Conway carried out the work on the date specified at the previous meeting but they were unable to clean out the gully by Paradise Gate as the cover is broken. Some of the covers along the carriageway also need replacing and this will be reviewed in the new financial year.	Andy Chatterton
3.2	Southwark Park - Lamp Columns Asset Management will be asked to carry out an extensive survey of the lighting in the new financial year as part of their programme for upgrades, as they have advised it will not be possible to replace the bulbs with the preferred type, until the work has been undertaken.	Andy Chatterton
3.3	Southwark Park - Car Parking Review The formal statutory consultation is currently being undertaken and notices have been placed on the lamp columns notifying park users of this.	
3.4	Southwark Park - Tennis Courts Quadron have confirmed the courts are being locked / unlocked at the specified times and the padlocks have been replaced with a different type, in order to help prevent early morning play.	
3.5	Southwark Park - Trees On Lake Islands The Tree Services Manager has agreed to check if a survey of the trees has already been undertaken and this will be confirmed as soon as possible.	Andy Chatterton
3.6	Southwark Park - Lakeside Metal Posts The metal posts will remain on site until the landscape designs have been confirmed for the area around the new multi-purpose building.	

3.7	Southwark Park - Boats Bluebird Boats have been asked to confirm whether they will be operating boats in the park this year and we are currently awaiting their response.	
3.8	Southwark Park – Swans and Geese Andrea reported on cygnets being attacked by foxes and their removal to a sanctuary. Some Egyptian geese chicks are on the lake.	
3.9	King’s Stairs Gardens – 14 King’s Stairs Close Unauthorised Access The issue remains unresolved.	Andy Chatterton
3.10	King George’s Field - Drains The Asset Management – Small Works Team recently cleaned 21 of the 22 drains and they have advised that 7 of the drain covers will need to be replaced. The work will be scheduled and undertaken by them as soon as possible.	Andy Chatterton
3.11	King’s Stairs Gardens - Benches near The Angel Pub Three benches of a new design have recently been installed in the paved recessed areas, as part of a CGS project.	
3.12	King’s Stairs Gardens - Covered walkway at the back of 1-14 King Stairs Close - See attachment 3	
4.	Cleaner, Greener Safer Fund Applications The final decisions will be made by Community Council in March.	
5.	The Mayor of London’s ‘Find Your London Festival’ 20th March 2016 The Southwark Concert Band will be playing on the bandstand from 3-5pm on Sunday 20 th March. Andrea agreed to organise some hot refreshments on the day. Thanks to Gary Magold for setting the event up.	Andrea Pita
6.	Canada Water Masterplan Exhibitions The meeting was advised of British Land’s mini-exhibitions from 18-25 th February. In the discussion the physical scale of the proposals (a mini-Manhattan) and the need for infrastructure and services was commented upon. It does not appear that any of our parks are specifically at risk.	
7.	20th Anniversary Summer Activities Programme Update A decision on the funding for our programme should be made at the Community Council meeting on 15 th March. In the meantime plans have been advanced with several activities confirmed, subject to funding. A suggestion to host the Ada Salter play in the Garden was agreed but subsequent to the meeting it has not been possible to arrange for this year.	
8.	Key Projects Update A table of key projects was given as an attachment to the agenda.	
8.1	Southwark Park South Western Boundary Improvements A request had been made to Winston McLeod for an update on the Maydew House project, but had yet to be received.	Andy Chatterton
8.2	Southwark Park Sports Centre Refurbishment It was agreed to ask Southwark Council who will be replacing Tim Clee as lead officer on the Southwark Park Sports Centre scheme. Hemali Topiwala has since been confirmed as lead and she will provide an update soon.	Hemali Topiwala
8.3	Southwark Park Old Nursery/New Café and Offices A Stakeholder consultation is planned for 9 th March and Bell Phillips Architects will attend our meeting on 16 th March.	
8.4	Southwark Park Relocation of ‘Family of Dolphins’ Sculpture Much appreciation for the installation of the sculpture and looking forward to the water feature. It was agreed to ask about unveiling ceremony and possibility of linking to ‘Find Your London’ Festival – see 5 above.	
9.	King George’s Field Issues None.	
10.	Bowling Club Update	Andy Chatterton

	A meeting with turf specialists has been arranged over the condition of the green.	
11.	West Lane Memorial Gardens Issues None	
12.	King's Stairs Gardens Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A rough sleeper issue has been resolved • There has been dog damage to lamppost 24 • Subsidence of the path by Elephant Lane entrance was raised. • Question raised about bat boxes 	Andy Chatterton
13.	Planning Matters Update – Former Southwark Park Lodge, Lower Road Concerns raised about the boundary being breached and also the provision of an entrance into the park.	Andy Chatterton
14.	Any Other Business	
14.1	Cycling Routes The Friends of Burgess Park alerted us to the installation of routes in that park, apparently without consultation or regard to the needs of the general users. The routes are a combination of The Mayor of London's quietways and Southwark Council's spine route. It was agreed to seek clarification y if any such routes are planned for our parks.	Andy Chatterton
14.2	Cancer Research 'Shine Night Walk' The organisers request to come to our meeting to discuss the September event. Agreed they attend in April. Andrea to confirm.	Andrea Pita
14.3	Foxes in Southwark Park Concerns expressed about foxes in the lake and wildlife area and suggestion of control measures. Also to ask the café not to leave food out.	Andy Chatterton
14.4	Southwark Park - Ground Conditions near Boat House There is excess water and rutting. Investigate please.	Andy Chatterton
14.5	Southwark Park – Edging Throughout the park the edging is not of a good standard. Rectification please.	Andy Chatterton
14.6	Graham Taylor's Book – Another Reminder! Graham's excellent book, <i>Ada Salter: Pioneer of Ethical Socialism</i> , has recently been published and is available from Lawrence and Wishart https://www.lwbooks.co.uk/book/ada-salter or on Amazon.	
15.	Dates of Future Meetings 2016 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 – March 2016

	Project Description	Current Position
1	<p>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.</p>	<p>The issue remains of how to improve the south-western boundary.</p>
2	<p>Southwark Park Sports Centre Refurbishment 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 the these changes and the movement north of the fence at the southern boundary. As a second phase the changing rooms will be improved. Blakedown Group contractors were appointed to implement the scheme.</p>	<p>The phase 1 project is now nearing completion. The new track surface has been laid, and all field event facilities are in place. The central grass pitch and surrounding areas have some minor works outstanding which will be completed early 2016. For the second phase building refurbishment Faithful and Gould have been appointed Project Managers. Planned works include the remodelling of the internal areas of the building to support the delivery of athletics track and field activities. Structural investigations have been carried out and the planning application is now live. The building alterations are expected to be completed late summer 2016.</p>
3	<p>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. Capital funding £2.468m has been secured and following public consultation the intention is to proceed with a re-location of café and office near the children’s playground.</p>	<p>Bell Phillips Architecture have been appointed as building architects and Kinnear as landscape architects. Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second phase design consultation completed by March 2016 • Planning approval by May 2016 • Contractor procured by October 2016 • Works completed by February 2017
4	<p>Southwark Park Relocation of ‘Family of Dolphins’ Sculpture David Backhouse’s work was gifted to the Council by Surrey Quays Shopping Centre. 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 installed the sculpture on an aluminium sub-structure. The water flume has been installed but requires further adjustment. A formal unveiling is to be arranged.</p>

Attachment 3 – Park Manager’s Report

King’s Stairs Gardens - Covered walkway at the back of 1-14 King Stairs Close

The area in red is adopted highway, the area hatched with blue line is parks, but the other yellow bit is Southwark owned. It appears the Highways Team has managed the river walkways in the past but in the absence of a concrete answer of who is responsible, we have been advised to approach them. Therefore the issue remains on-going.

