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**General Meeting
Wednesday 18th May 2016
6.00pm at the Park Office, Southwark Park**

Agenda

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Notes of General Meeting 20th April 2016 and Matters Arising (attachment 1)**
- 3. Filming in Southwark Park – Andy Pavord**
- 4. Park Manager's Report**
- 5. Key Projects Update (attachment 2)**
- 6. King George's Field Issues**
- 7. Southwark Park Bowling Club Issues**
- 8. West Lane Memorial Garden Issues**
- 9. King's Stairs Gardens Issues**
- 10. Planning Matters Update**
- 11. Any Other Business**
- 12. Dates of Future Meetings**

Attachment 1

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

Present: Cllr. Anood Al-Samerai; Sharon Bassey; Andy Chatterton (London Borough of Southwark); Alison Clayburn; Judy Feasey; Dave Fisher; Gary Glover (chair); Marjorie Hill; Jill Jerram; Simon Kenward; Pat Kingwell; Mike Krotosky; Denis McMillan; Gary Magold; John Mannering; Pam Miller; Jean Mulholland; Andrea Pita (London Borough of Southwark); Scott Renken (Cancer UK); Sallie Rickerby; Jim Saunders; Colin Smith; Zoltan Zavody and some unreadable names on attendance sheet.

	Item	Action
1.	Apologies Clare Armstrong; Neil Coyle, M.P.; Cllr. Stephanie Cryan; Jean Cunliffe; Judith Deschamps; Colin Hartridge-Price; Simon Hughes; Josie Moore; David Potter; Amanda Squires and Cllr. Bill Williams	
2.	Notes of General Meeting of 16th March 2016 Correction that Barry and Jan Duckett had sent apologies otherwise the notes were agreed as a true record.	
2.1	Matters Arising None	
3.	Cancer Research UK Shine Night Walk 24th September 2016 Scott Renken outlined the plans for the walk which are similar to last year. The main difference will be the use of the China Hall entrance as the main access point. Scott confirmed there is a damage bond.	
4.	Parkrun Mike Krotosky spoke about the value of Southwark Park to the weekly run and several members made comments of support. Reference was made to the recent introduction of charges in another park which was strongly opposed by the meeting. Cllr. Cryan had written to confirm that no such policy would be introduced in Southwark, which was warmly received.	
5.	Car Crashes Affecting Southwark Park Following a discussion about the recent, and previous car crashes into the Jamaica Road boundary fencing it was agreed to write to the new Greater London Assembly member for Southwark once the elections have concluded. Andy reported that Central Insurance Services have sent related documents to Opus, the company they use to pursue recoveries and they have confirmed the work can now be undertaken. The In-House Metal Work Team have advised that they can start the removal of the damaged panels on Tuesday 3 rd May and will carry out repairs and fabricate replacement panels. They will return back to site to complete the work by the end of May.	Pat Kingwell Andy Chatterton
6.	20th Anniversary Summer Programme Update Pat Kingwell circulated the programme of events and thanks were given to the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council for funding. Subsequent to the meeting the Summer brochure was published and a downloadable copy is on www.friendsofsouthwarkpark.co.uk Hard copies can be collected from the Park Office and a notification was put on our Facebook and Twitter pages.	

7.	Park Manager's Report Andy Chatterton reported:	
7.1	Southwark Park - Rotherhithe Family Centre A meeting took place with Deborah Lawson (Transition Consultant) who will be working with the newly formed (Bermondsey & Rotherhithe Children's Centre's) group until the summer holidays. The transition period commenced on 1 st April and the RFC has been handed over to the group but it will continue to operate at the same level until the summer holidays. The BRCC is being led by Pilgrims Way Primary School & Children's Centre in conjunction with Kintore Way and there may be some adjustments to how it is run on a long term basis. A discussion took place regarding the current bamboo fencing and DL agreed to review alternatives with the group in order to push this forward. The group are currently reviewing signage and usage of the containers.	Andy Chatterton
7.2	Southwark Park - Carriageway Drains The extent of the work has yet to be reviewed and an update will be provided at the May meeting.	Andy Chatterton
7.3	Southwark Park - Lamp Columns Traded Services are reviewing the condition of the lamp columns and renewal costs, for the scheme to be included in the 2016/17 Lighting Programme.	Andy Chatterton
7.4	Southwark Park - Car Parking Review The scheme is now due to be implemented on Monday 9 th May.	Andy Chatterton
7.5	Southwark Park - Compass / UK Power Networks UK Power Networks are installing a cable between Jamaica Gate and Gomm Road Gate, will commence on Monday 25 th April and they will minimise disruption to park users. The trenched area will be reinstated with matching materials and finishes similarly to the surrounding surface.	
7.6	Southwark Park - Weekend Cover Arrangements The Parks Liaison Officers generally operate from 9am to 5pm (April – September) and from 9am to 3pm (October to March) but these times can vary subject to tasking. Although the PLO's are based in Southwark Park, they have a responsibility to visit another 24 sites with Southwark Park Operational Area. The Park Attendants operate on a 3 day on / off shift basis and their starting / finishing times are variable. A copy of the Park Attendant's hours will be attached to the minutes for reference purposes.	
7.7	Southwark Park – Cycle Control Works to install additional cycle calming measures at the areas of concern have been issued to a local contractor, in order to help park users in general.	
7.8	King's Stairs Gardens Moto Cross Bikes If they are observed by the PLO's, a report will be produced and the police will be notified on 101. Park users should also call 101 to report an incident or call 999 if they believe anyone is in immediate danger.	
7.9	King George's Field - Drain Covers The Repairs & Maintenance Manager has yet to confirm when the damaged drain covers will be replaced.	Andy Chatterton
8.	Canada Water Consultative Forum Representation It was agreed Gary Glover would represent us on the forum with Jean Mulholland as deputy. It was agreed to come up with a list of Southwark Park priority projects for inclusion in the Project Bank.	Pat Kingwell
9.	Cleaner, Greener Safer Programme 2016/17 Update £12,000 has been granted for an outdoor classroom in the Southwark Park nature area and £5000 for an outdoor table tennis table. Project management fees have to come from the award. Following a discussion about the application process Cllr. Al-Samerai agreed to ask the officers to liaise with us.	

10.	The Mayor of London's 'Find Your London Festival' Event Feedback Positive feedback was given about the show and thanks extended to Gary Magold and park staff for organising.	
11.	Key Projects Update A table of key projects was given as an attachment to the agenda.	
11.1	Southwark Park South Western Boundary Improvements Beverley Anderson-Skyers / Kevin Orford have been asked to provide an update on the progress of the Maydew House project and we are currently awaiting a response from them.	Andy Chatterton
11.2	Southwark Park Sports Centre Refurbishment The Project Manager recently met with the consultants and contractors regarding the track and has provided the following bullet points:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The infield is to be cultivated and seeded in the next couple of months and a further phase of drainage works is to take place once the grass has been established. This will involve slitting the ground to eliminate surface run off. • The infield will not be ready to use until summer 2017. • The track surfacing works are now complete. • The landscaping works are being finalised with tree planting agreed last week with the Tree Services Manager and they are aiming to complete by the end of April/May. • The line marking is the final thing left on the track however this requires a period of dry weather to allow it to set. • The building itself is not yet out to tender so if the track was to be open for the summer there wouldn't be any facilities on site – the leisure team are currently thinking of ways to take this forward. 	
11.3	The Old Nursery/Café Project Our Executive Committee meeting on 18 th April reaffirmed our position on the project as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We support the proposal to relocate the café near to the lake and that we support the building design proposals so far put forward. • We support the Old Nursery project but do not agree with the proposals to restrict access to the general public or to demolish the existing café building. • On access to the Old Nursery site we fully recognise the importance of meeting the security concerns of neighbouring residents and recommend the use of substantial natural hedge screening or other suitable measures to prevent the oversight of properties and undue intrusions to privacy. • On the use of the Old Nursery site we welcome the idea to make it available to local community groups and schools, but do not agree with it otherwise being locked up or the general public being excluded. We believe ways can be found to manage the site flexibly to meet all reasonable needs. • On the existing café we strongly believe that demolition would unnecessarily remove a building which could be helpful for schools and other community groups who use the Old Nursery site as well as a support facility for the nature area. We are ready to talk with the Council about how the building can be used productively and economically. • On the detail of the Old Nursery landscape design we do not agree with the 'either or' options put forward in consultation, 	

	but support instead a mixed-use approach which will offer more amenity value.	
12.	Challenge Network Volunteer Day Andrea Pita agreed to liaise with the organisers over a date for the day.	Andrea Pita
13.	King George's Field Issues None	
14.	Southwark Park Bowling Club Issues Colin, John and Jim reported back on a very successful visit to the club by employees of the Danish company CTE. Over 60 people tried the game.	
15.	King's Stairs Gardens Issues – Planters in Covered Area The difficult issue of ascertaining responsibility for watering was discussed.	
16.	West Lane Memorial Garden Issues Jill and Pam reported the heads of poppies had been cut off. Lynne Olding to be notified.	
17.	Planning Matters Update - The Former Lodge Lower Road (Ref 16/AP/1416) Developers have submitted a bat buffer zone plan to help protect bats and to recognise that Southwark Park is a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation. The plan includes information on current site conditions, planting schedule and five year management plan and is based on recommendations provided by the LBS ecologist. The buffer zone will incorporate a native hedgerow, wildflower grassland and bulb planting, which will provide a food source for wildlife throughout the year in the form of nectar, berries and insect prey. It looks comprehensive. Consultation deadline is 6 th May 2016.	
18..	Publicity and Promotion It was agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to retain flexibility within our budget on publicity matters and to offer reimbursement to individual members who may have spent their own money on group publicity to improve the ways in which mutual publicity between FOSP and other local community groups could be improved to publicise our existing communication channels such as website, Facebook page and now Twitter - @southwark_park. 	
19	Any Other Business	
19.1	Rotherhithe Tunnel Approach Christmas Tree Amanda Squires requested the replacement of the Xmas tree at R tunnel approach by November SCAN to hang lights on (Nov 18).	Andy Chatterton
19.2	Bee Observation Hive Sharon reported it is almost ready.	
19.3	Tree Cutting at Former Lodge Southwark Park Road Margie reported trees appearing to have been cut down. Andy to investigate.	Andy Chatterton
20.	Dates of Future Meetings 2016 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18th May 2016 15th June 2016 20th July 2016 21 September 2016 – Annual General Meeting <p>All Wednesdays 6.00pm at The Park Office unless otherwise notified.</p>	

Attachment 2 - Key Projects Update – May 2016

	Project Description	Current Position
1	<p>Southwark Park south-western boundary improvements</p> <p>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>18 months on and no progress. The issue remains of how to improve the south-western boundary. Beverley Anderson–Skyers / Kevin Orford have been asked to provide an update on the progress of the Maydew House project and we are currently awaiting a response from them.</p>
2	<p>Southwark Park Sports Centre Refurbishment</p> <p>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</p> <p>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. Planned works include the remodelling of the internal areas of the building to support the delivery of athletics track and field activities. Blakedown Group contractors were appointed to implement the scheme and Faithful and Gould are Project Managers.</p>	<p>Track surfacing works are now complete with only the line markings left. This requires a period of dry weather to allow it to set. 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 is to be seeded in the next couple of weeks and a further phase of drainage works is to take place once the grass has been established. The infield will be available to use from Summer 2017.</p> <p>Landscaping works are set for practical completion by the end of May</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 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. 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