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General Meeting
Wednesday 18th November 2015
6.00pm at the Park Office, Southwark Park

Agenda

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Notes of General Meeting 21st October 2015 and Matters Arising (attachment 1)**
- 3. Fireworks Event Feedback**
- 4. The Friends of Southwark Park 20th Anniversary Programme (attachment 2)**
- 5. Neighbourhood Fund 2016**
- 6. Park Manager's Report**
- 7. Key Projects Update – (attachment 3)**
- 8. King George's Field Issues**
- 9. Bowling Club Issues**
- 10. West Lane Memorial Garden Issues**
- 11. King's Stairs Gardens Issues**
- 12. Planning Matters Update**
- 13. Any Other Business**
- 14. Dates of Future Meetings**

Attachment 1

Notes of the General Meeting Wednesday 21st October 2015 6.00pm at the Park Office

Present: Kellie Ansell (Rotherhithe Primary School); Sharon Bassey; Alison Clayburn; Cllr. Stephanie Cryan; Jean Cunliffe (Chair); Jackie Davies (Rotherhithe Primary School); Lorraine Davis; Dave Fisher; Colin Hartridge-Price; Marjorie Hill; Tom Holder; Simon Kenward; Pat Kingwell; Mike Krotosky; Denis McMillan; John Mannering; Jean Mulholland; Helena Norval; Andrea Pita (London Borough of Southwark); Rachael Roe (London Borough of Southwark); Jim Saunders; Tracy Scales; Sue Sexton; Colin Smith; Julie Webb; Graham Whiteley (Southwark Park C.C.) George Witsey; Jon and Sarah (Southwark Park C.C.) and Max?

	Item	Action
1.	Apologies Clare Armstrong; Andy Chatterton; Neil Coyle, M.P.; Judith Deschamps; Barry Duckett; Gary Glover; Jill Jerram; Martin Kovats; Jim and Stephanie Lodge; Gary Magold; Pam Miller; Stewart Morgan; Amanda Squires and Cllr. Bill Williams	
2.	Notes of General Meeting of 16th September 2015 The notes were agreed as a true record.	
2.1	Matters Arising	
2.1.1	King's Stairs Gardens – Cobbles outside Angel Pub Colin Hartridge-Price reported that a Cleaner, Greener, Safer Fund application is to be made to help resolve the problem.	
2.1.2	Southwark Park- Fireworks Display 5th November It will be a free but ticketed event due to expected large attendance. Some questions raised about people turning up without tickets and access.	
3.	The Rotherhithe Family Centre Kellie Ansell and Jackie Davies attended and gave an outline of the Centre's activities since 2012. Services are both open and targeted, with a priority for vulnerable families. Key aspects are tackling obesity; improving health; raising achievement and guiding families to other services. The staffing consists of a Co-ordinator, Claire Hartigan and two play workers. The Centre is publicised locally through leaflets and other means. Kellie and Jackie praised the Parks team for the use of the nature area for the Forest School. In the discussion comments were made about the need for fencing/screening around the Centre which not only meets the concerns of parents about security but also works for park users. It was agreed Parks would submit a CGS Fund application for natural hedging in conjunction with the Centre.	Andrea Pita
4.	'The Family of Dolphin' Sculpture Racheal Roe gave a progress report on the project. F.M. Conway contractors have engaged Kasco Fountaineers to install the sculpture on an aluminium sub-structure, which will have to be carefully craned into the lake. It is hoped that the sculpture will be in place by January 2016. In the discussion it was confirmed that Parks will have to fund maintenance costs; the lake membrane should not be affected; the sculptor is happy with the installation suggestion and will be invited to the opening; and security should not be an issue as the sculpture and structure are very heavy and considered difficult to remove easily.	

5.	<p>Southwark Park Cricket Club Graham Whitely, Jon and Sarah from the club attended and a report on the season was given. The club was formed in 2014 and this year had 6 fixtures, four of which were in Southwark Park. They are looking for more fixtures for 2016 and new players. They are looking to recapture the Bobby Abel Cup. The club has a website: http://www.southwarkpark.cc/</p> <p>In the discussion it was agreed Parks would discuss with the club the possibility of enlarging the playing area which is currently a bit small. Colin Smith suggested the Met Police as potential opponents next season.</p>	Andy Chatterton
6.	<p>Park Manager's Report Andrea Pita reported:</p>	
6.1	<p>Southwark Park - New Dual Purpose Litter Bins The litter bin review has been completed and the bins will be phased in gradually, subject to funding availability.</p>	
6.2	<p>Southwark Park - New Tennis Courts A handover meeting is scheduled with the contractor on 23rd October and some litter bins will be installed outside each entrance, once the project has been completed.</p>	
6.3	<p>Southwark Park - Car Parking Review The consultation findings and recommendations were presented to Bermondsey and Rotherhithe community council meeting on 17th October and a final decision will be made by the cabinet member in November. It is envisaged that the new Controlled Parking Zone will be in place early in 2016.</p>	
6.4	<p>Southwark Park – Lake Duck Boxes The Parks Ecology Officer believes it would be beneficial to utilise some of the boxes elsewhere and enquires will be made to see if they could be used at Canada Water or Surrey Water.</p>	
6.5	<p>Southwark Park – Lake Wire Netting The Parks Ecology Officer believes it would defeat the object of installing the netting to protect the reeds if we chose to remove it. Therefore it will remain in place for the time being.</p>	
6.6	<p>Southwark Park – Lamp Columns The condition of the lamp columns has been reviewed and the remedial works will be brought to the attention of Asset Management (Lighting) as soon as possible.</p>	Andy Chatterton
6.7	<p>Southwark Park – Ada Salter Garden Handrail The new handrail has been colour coated black as previously agreed.</p>	
6.8	<p>Southwark Park – Old Lido Fountain The fountain is an ongoing project as new plants are added periodically. However some of the plants have died off and they will be replaced in the spring. At this time of the year most of the plants are dormant but they will flower again in the spring, along with bulbs that were put in earlier in the year.</p>	
6.9	<p>Southwark Park - Drains The condition of the drains will be monitored on a regular basis in order to determine whether further action needs to be taken.</p>	
6.10	<p>King's Stairs Gardens – 14 King's Stairs Close Unauthorised Access The issue remains ongoing as no further progress has been made to date.</p>	Andy Chatterton
7.	<p>Key Projects Update A table of key projects was given – see attachment 2</p>	
7.1	<p>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.</p>	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 A reminder that the Remembrance Day event will be taking place on 11 th November – all welcome. Sue Sexton will be laying a wreath on our behalf.	
11.	King's Stairs Gardens Issues None	
12.	Planning Matters Update Cllr. Cryan advised of an application submitted for The Lodge, Lower Road, SE16 2UB (ref: 15/AP/4047). It is for the demolition of the former park lodge two storey dwelling and construction of a new mixed use building on basement, ground and three upper floors consisting of commercial unit for assembly and leisure use at ground and lower ground levels with 8 flats at first, second and third floors. Landscaping of surrounding external spaces and one off-street disabled car parking space. The deadline for comments is 30 th October 2015.	
13.	Any Other Business	
13.1	Community Infrastructure Project List CIPL is a list of ideas for publically accessible physical improvements that could be funded from planning agreements or local Southwark Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The contributions come from new developments. All suggested projects are assessed and agreed by Community Councils. It was agreed to submit at the appropriate time the idea of converting the existing Southwark Park cafe building into a Southwark Park Heritage Centre with facilities for the users of the Old Nursery site.	
13.2	Parks Ground Maintenance Contract Renewal The Council is in the process of procuring the new Parks Grounds Maintenance Contract which is due to commence in October 2016. They are seeking comments and views from stakeholders on the Specification document. The Specification describes how various areas in our Parks and open spaces will be maintained and the standards of service expected – please see attached link if you wish to comment by 16 th November: http://www.southwark.gov.uk/downloads/download/4343/draft_specification_new_parksgrounds_maintenance_2015 The Council is also seeking nominations from Friends groups for representatives to participate in the tender evaluation process for the new contract. Denis McMillan agreed to be nominated.	
13.3	Southwark Park - Relocation of Brownies' Mural Satisfaction at relocation to the café from Scout House – thanks to Andrea.	
13.4	Southwark Park – Dangerous Cycling The issue was raised again and it was confirmed that a ban on cyclists was not supported. The suggestion of a design solution was put forward. Also Cllr. Cryan reported that the new TFL lanes might help in the long term.	
13.5	Southwark Park - Scout House Development It was confirmed that there is no plan for a 'private' entrance into the park.	
13.6	Southwark Park – Former Swedish Church Boundary Wall The owner has not repaired the wall. An update asked for November meeting.	Andy Chatterton
13.7	PB Races Donation It was reported that the organisers of the summer Fun Run had donated £400 to the Friends. Our thanks were expressed.	

13.8	<p>Seven Islands Leisure Centre Tom Holder informed the meeting about a campaign objecting to a Council proposal to relocate to a wildlife area near Hithe Grove. More details of how to get involved at canadawaterwest@gmail.com</p>	
14.	<p>Dates of Future Meetings 2015/16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18th November 2015 • 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 - The Friends of Southwark Park 20th Anniversary Programme

Idea

In March 1996 the first meeting proper of The Friends of Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Parks was held at the Southwark Park T&RA Room. In 2016 it is suggested we celebrate our 20 years with a programme of activities; a mix of events which have proved popular in the past and some new initiatives e.g.:

Previous

- Bandstand concerts x 2
- Caryatides acoustic shows x 2
- Bermondsey Carnival traditional children's games
- Ada Salter Garden tour
- Bee Experience
- Bat Walk
- Tree Walk
- Guest speakers at FOSP meetings x 2
- Bobby Abel Cricket Cup for primary schools
- Bobby Abel Cricket Cup for adults – Southwark Park C.C. v Burgess Park C.C.
- Southwark Park Football Cup for children

New

- Bermondsey Carnival Tennis Tournament
- Bird Walk
- Southwark Park Bowls Cup for children
- Wildlife guide for children
- Twinning with an urban park

- Celebration dinner/show

- Booklet about the story of The Friends

- Etc.?

Funding

Cost is likely to be several thousands. We can try to get support from:

- Southwark Council Neighbourhood Fund
- United St. Saviour's Charity
- North Southwark Environment Trust
- Metropolitan Public Gardens Association
- Bermondsey Square Community Fund

Attachment 3 - Key Projects Update – November 2015

	Project Description	Current Position
1	<p>Southwark Park Sports Centre Refurbishment 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 discus 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>All planning approvals were obtained and Blakedown Group contractors are on site working on the first phase track works which are due to complete by the end of November 2015.</p> <p>For the second phase Faithful and Gould have been appointed Project Managers and a planning application for the improved changing rooms is scheduled for December 2015. The building alterations are expected to be completed by summer 2016.</p>
2	<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. 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
3	<p>Southwark Park Relocation of 'Family of Dolphins' Sculpture David Backhouse's sculpture was gifted to the Council by Tesco, Surrey Quays and a new home was sought. The Council agreed Southwark Park lake for relocation. 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. It is hoped that the sculpture will be in place by January 2016.</p>
4	<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 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>
5	<p>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>Works commenced in July 2015 under contractors E.T.C. Sports Surfaces Ltd. The surfacing has been completed. The old courts have also been resurfaced rather than just spray coated as originally planned. The main base coating for both the new and the old courts has been carried out and the final coating was expected in w/b 5 October but weather delayed that. Completion was scheduled for 9th October but will slip. Formal opening by Greg Rusedski on 9th November 2015.</p>

6	Southwark Park Bandstand Refurbishment The Council's CGS Programme has provided £15,000 to carry out improvement works; repainting; cleaning; electrics; surfacing and information board.	The works began in early October under contractors PDC and a specialist sub-contractor Multimac to carry out the resurfacing. Estimated completion is early November 2015.
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