

**Friends of Brockwell Park
Minutes of Committee Meeting
Norwood Lodge, 7.30pm, September 19 2016**

Present: Peter Bradley (PB), Chair;
Adam Steinhouse (AS), Vice-Chair;
Noshir Patel (NP), Secretary;
Laura Morland (LM), Park Liaison;
Antonia Gross (AG), Membership Secretary;
Michael Boyle (MB), Newsletter;
Sandra Watts (SW), Bench Liaison

Apologies: Dean Littler (DL), Edward Lavender (EL), Alice Salisbury (AS).

Minutes of last Committee Meeting July 17 2016: approved and signed by Chair.

Matters arising:

1. Kennington Park Flower Gardens networking event postponed. New date tbc
2. Disability Access: Lucia has sent Survey Questionnaire to BPCP for distribution to Brockwell Park Stakeholders to complete.
3. Query whether DL has received a formal written request for the agreed donation of £250 for the Jungle Book play in the Walled Garden this year.
4. Trolley update - has to remain in Container as too big to get through door to FOBP room. Therefore key needed for Container. Key safe outstanding. **Action: NP to purchase Key Safe. NP to check whether he has a Container key**

Fixed Business.

1. Event Strategy.
 - LBL Response - Meeting to be held on **Wednesday 21st September 6pm at Olive Morris House** with Councillor Hopkins to discuss Events Policy (with other park groups). MB and NP kindly offered to attend, using FOBP paper sent to LBL as basis for arguments. **Action: MB & NP to study paper & familiarise themselves with points.**
 - Sound Levels 1 - FOBP Bench donor (Rory Huston?) is an acoustician and has offered to help FOBP. Agreed that he should be invited to November Committee meeting to see what expertise he can provide. **Action: AG to contact him.**
 - Sound Levels 2 - Information on Sunfall Event and FOBP survey on Sound Levels to be collated. **Action: PB ongoing**
 - Grass / Ground damage - query as to how to measure this. Agreed longer-term challenge to find relevant expertise. **Action: ALL committee to ponder who they might know who could help. PB to mention at AGM**
2. AGM

Reminder that this to be held on **Sunday October 16**. October Committee Meeting brought forward to **October 10**. SW kindly agreed to stand for election - the Committee thanked SW. **Action: PB to write report. SW to stand for Committee election.**

Accounts to be approved at the October 10 meeting.

3. Website

First view is imminent. All agreed that the 'go live' date should be at the convenience of FOBP. AG suggested a meeting was necessary with Keith and the website team.

Action: NP to liaise with Madeleine, AG to organise Keith meeting

4. Local Government Select Committee Inquiry

MB produced an excellent submission for comment. The Committee officially thanked him for his work. Several additions suggested by Committee including:

- Use of 'green deprivation' argument - parks are used by those without green spaces of their own.
- Confirming that FOBP would be prepared to give oral testimony at the Inquiry.
- Possible contacting of Select Committee Clerk
- Some toning down of the language used

Agreed that best way to fine-tune document was to leave in capable hands of MB and AS

Action: MB and AS to finalise document and send to Select Committee direct by 30th September deadline

5. Theatre in the Park Proposal

FOBP unanimously opposed the proposal and support the BPCP official response.

Action: PB to write letter to this effect.

6. BPCP Public Meeting

To be held on **Sunday 25th September at 11am**

MB to attend on behalf of FOBP. (AG will be there but on behalf of BPCG)

It was agreed to ask EL whether he can attend. **Action: AG to ask EL**

Reports

• Chair

Winter Fair: NP confirmed he would send invitations in October. **Action: NP to send invitations**

Autumn Walk: Agreed that posters should be put up week beginning 26th September
Action: LM and AS and others?

Brockwell Bird: Following meetings with Clarence, seemingly a contractor is required to dig the hole and concrete for footings for sculpture. The artist (Lucy Casson) and Clarence Riley to draw up a draft spec. for this. There is a query over the cost of this and how it should be paid. To be discussed further.

Jean Kerrigan is to be invited to chat to Committee about membership engagement & action.

• Vice-Chair

Japanese Talk: AS congratulated PB on behalf of the Committee for his fascinating talk.

• Secretary

Rosendale Gate Shelter: Various people (FOBP members) are frustrated that this is still not repaired. Suggested that FOBP should be chasing this - best forum the Park Management Team Meeting.

- Park Liaison

Benches: SW updated on current situation and that for 2017, vis: 2016 benches all installed and paid for.

LBL and Clarence Riley reluctant to over-bench the park BUT eight sites have been agreed (most by park entrances & places with few benches) for 2017. 8 people were on the waiting list, of whom 4 have already paid the £750 deposit. SW to contact others. It is likely that one bench will become free but final numbers unknown at this stage. Bench suppliers, Ogilvy, to confirm current costs for benches as this changes slightly each year.

For 2018 onwards, various suggestions tbc include putting plaques on existing benches (CR seemed amenable to this) probably at Pergola opposite Pond 1 in first instance (as these were installed with 106 money according to FOBP plan)

Trees: Management and care of park trees to be part of Borough-wide policy, and FOBP scheme included within it. New cost for donating a tree to be £350 including 3 years maintenance.

Specific details to be discussed further with Clarence and Tree Team

(post-meeting note - LM and AG met with Clarence on Tue 20th Sep and it was confirmed that Robert Allan would be managing a Tree Team for all LBL parks. Still some question marks around maintenance but, essentially, most issues addressed to a positive outcome)

Yellow Rattle: At Bio-Diversity Meeting (with Helen Firminger, Ann Kingsbury and LM), it was agreed that to continue with YR would require prohibitively expensive and resource-heavy work (due to soil and conditions of slope)

Therefore, there would be no further pro-active action with it. Rather, it was agreed that LM would monitor the success of current sowing.

Other: Kevin Crooks has re-booted idea of planting a Wildflower Meadow in walk-through 'field' between BMX Track and Gravel Football Pitch.

Parks Dept will no longer use Seasonal bedding plants in either Walled Garden or around Brockwell Hall. LM to work closely with Parks team to design alternative plantings.

AOB

Security: BMX Track has suffered following several incidents of people driving round and through the track and thereby damaging it. There is talk of a fence being put up around the track to prevent this.

BPCG continues to suffer from regular break-ins from young teenagers, some of whom cause considerable damage.

EIF Fund: FOBP encouraged to make a 'Wish List' of projects they would like funded. To be discussed further

John Roberts: Sadly, JR's wife died unexpectedly recently. FOBP to send a card. AG to check John's address and find suitable card?

Meeting concluded at 8.58pm.

NEXT MEETING: 10th October 7.30pm Norwood Lodge