

**Minutes of the Committee of The Friends of Brockwell Park.
July 10th 2017 Norwood Lodge, 7.30 pm.**

Members present: Peter Bradley (PB), Chair; Adam Steinhouse (AS), Vice-Chair; Noshir Patel (NP), Secretary; Dean Littler (DL), Treasurer; Laura Morland (LM), Parks Liaison; Michael Boyle (MB): Alice Playle (AP): Edward Lavender (EL).

Apologies: Antonia Gross (AG), Membership Secretary; Sandra Watts (SW), Benches; Alice Salisbury (AS), Montage.

Minutes of June 19th 2017: AS requested change: to remove his name in 4.2 from the list of Members unable to attend the LCS.

The Minutes were approved thereafter, and signed by the Chair.

Matters Arising:

From June 19th: Matters Arising: NP to do bullet list of issues to be raised with councillors, plus a list of dates when they hold their surgeries. PB to talk to Ann re Events Team and to Fusion re bollards/chevrons. DL/NP to circulate further notes from away day.

Also Item 7. On this month's Agenda.. Arrangements for Norwood Lodge tidy-up:

Action: all forwarded to next meeting, September 2017.

Fixed Business:

1. Website: DL reported that Madeleine Boomgaarden has agreed to the new contract. She is going to adjust the Membership section. She has integrated Keith Fitchett's recent data and advice. She will arrange Website, Blog & Twitter feedback on noise at Events during the Summer. She has volunteered to do *another* teach-in *gratis* for Committee Members, when convenient.
2. The new Leaflets and Membership Forms are delayed, pending acquisition of Park photos, and coordination of wording with the Website.
3. The points EL made re Park conditions were all taken at the recent Brockwell Park Management meeting, and action promised...but none visible so far.

Go-Ape. Some Committee Members attended the recent presentation as possibly applied to Brockwell Park, for a Junior installation only. Two possible sites were identified by the organization, with suitability inspections to be made after the leaves have fallen. Details were vague. Viability is calculated on visitor numbers of between 20,000- 34,000. It would be a ticketed enterprise, with a £17 admission fee for about 45mins experience. AS has visited the Battersea Park one, and raised concerns about its exclusivity at that price, echoed by the Committee. There was talk of a subsidy from Go-Ape for disadvantaged children, with the funds managed by the Council.

4. . Footfall damage and disfigurement of the Park were other considerations. The Committee speculated on the share-out of the revenues of the operation. The Committee is concerned by the Council's relentless attempts to commercialise Brockwell Park. **Action:** Committee Members will try to visit the Alexandra & Battersea sites, for first hand experience; or to view the structures online.
5. Lambeth Country Show.

- a). NP had received the news that set-up must be completed on Friday, instead of on the Saturday morning as in the past. This required re-jigging of personnel to achieve this.
 - b). It seems that the new information leaflets and membership forms will not be available. The old ones will be used instead.
 - c). It seems however, that PB will be able to get a large single poster decorated with Park photos assembled and printed in time for display.
6. Mini-Railway funding. It now seems that £2,000 has been given by BPCP and the Bowling Club. NP has been informed that FOBP is to be refunded the £500 it loaned for the Norwood Road boundary railings. It was agreed that this sum should be offered to the Mini-Railway project.
7. The commercial-style 'For Rent' sign outside the Temple building was brought up by AP. It met with Committee disapproval. **Action:** AP will photograph it for possible use in the next Newsletter; PB will write to Kevin Crook; it will be brought up at the next PMT meeting.

Reports:

Chair:

- a). sad account of two vandalizing attacks on the w/end of July 8th & 9th on the Lido. CCTV was not working, it seems; so there is no lead on the culprits. From Twitter comments, Councillors are aware of them.
- b). discussion of how to advertise PB's Sept 17th Brockwell Hall talk "Brockwell Park: creation and early years". PB feels that it will get adequate coverage in the local press.
- c). The Autumn Walk: question of who to invite. No decision made.

Vice-Chair:

- a). brought up the need to organize the remaining Car Boot events, August 6th & Sept 10th; this was done on the spot.
- b). The AGM is dated for Oct 15th, but the proposed Constitutional Amendment on insurance liability to be submitted by AG has not been followed up yet. Also, It needs 3 weeks prior public circulation before the AGM can vote on it. It was agreed to change the AGM date to October 29th. **Action:** PB will follow up with AG.

Secretary: no issues

Treasurer: the two accounts stand at: £25,099.25 & £12947.00

Park Liaison:

- a). LM relayed message from SW that the last 8 benches subscribed are now installed, under the guidance of Theresa Hoare, now Council representative for all Parks benches. **Action:** Madeleine Boomgaaden to amend the Website to reflect this new arrangement.
- b). The FOBP-sponsored trees. There is supposed to be a Park commitment to water them for 3 years after planting, though this seems not to have been fully implemented. Some have been in dire straits. When LM called for emergency care, there was a pleasing, though incomplete response, to water them; though the promised mulching has not occurred yet. **Action:** The matter will be brought up at the next PMT meeting by NP.

AOB: AP suggested that a cold water container be bought so that cold drinks can be sold at the Car Boot stand, in response to public demand. This was agreed, but probably for next year.

Meeting closed 9.40pm. Next meeting Sept 18th 2017.