



**Friends of South Park Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 19th April, 2016 19:00**

Il Pagliaccio, 184 Wandsworth Bridge Rd, London SW6 2UF

Minutes of the Meeting

Apologies for Absence

Introduction from Chairman, Andy Jones (AJ)

AJ welcomed the group and gave a short update on the past 18 months regarding what has been happening re development in the park and the continued push by the FOSP for toilets and changing rooms. This is an ongoing battle with the Council and although there has been little movement it is not due to lack of trying!

Northwest Corner Developments

- Ben Green of Tideway (BG) delivery manager for the West section was introduced to the group. He informed the group of the following points:
- Part of Tideway project is deliver legacy commitments to the community.
- Objective 10 of Legacy Document - deliver and fund local community investments.
- Tideway met with Council to see which local community groups are in need of funding and they introduced Tideway to Friends of South Park with a focus on the specific need for toilets for use in South Park.
- Other local community groups joined Friends in also stating the community need for a centre to replace the Broughton Rd facilities that were taken away.
- BG ran through detailed plans for how the new facilities could look and how they would like to work with the community to get to the next phase which is putting in for planning application.
- BG said that this investment could mount up to £10million pounds for Tideway so they needed to know that the Council and Community were serious in knowing how to

make these facilities work long term and also to work together - especially the Council re long term funding input.

The following questions were asked by the Group:

Q. Is it fully funded by Tideway?

BG: Significant capital investment from Tideway.

Cost £4-10 million. Phased project.

Will need to work on how it will fund itself in the future.

Commercial operation of café and maintenance commitment from the Council will be required.

Tim Prager: Tideway want to help community but Council won't provide any funds. How to move it forward? Need to ensure help move towards the Master Plan by everyone helping Council, Community and Tideway.

AJ: In an ideal world FOSP would be in governance of the buildings in the park with peppercorn rent from the Council. The building would be off council books and held in a community not for profit company.

Chris Stratford, Tideway: Temporary structure requires full planning and permanent structure outline planning permission in next few months. But it will cost £10's of thousands of pounds. Therefore need to have a well thought out plan for a future success otherwise this money will be wasted.

The Council and community need to move forward on the plans for this offer for the Community not to miss out.

Q. South Park needs maintenance & up keep, can't let any new buildings get into disrepair. So why not just one structure in the corner, why need 2?

The two structures are what is in the Master Plan and would serve very different purposes and have different revenue streams.

Q Why not make it all Green Space instead of community centre? Why do we need a Community Centre?

Tim Prager: Its not a good start to change the Master Plan which took years and years to get it together, with consultation with the community.

AJ asked for a show of hands Vote from those who want to see both buildings as per the Master Plan. The majority agreed that they did want to see both buildings as per the Master Plan.

Q Will it be eco & sustainability building?

Chris Stratford, Head Planner for Tideway: Yes, will fully qualify with all modern building and be the most eco it can be.

Q Why does it not look in keeping with the existing lodges?

AJ: Although many of us like the look of the old buildings, we need to move on and build effectively. Cost and sustainability must be considered highly.

Q Pathways are dreadful, disgraceful for a disabled gentleman such as myself, why have they not been repaired? Surely the council have a duty to repair?

There was money ear marked for the paths but when council changed we lost the promised pathways money. Sadly the council have few binding responsibilities to the park.

Robert Largin, Councillor for Sands End: All S106 money stopped when the Labour council came in to power as they want to build lots of new housing. Money from building in Sands End does not necessarily go into Sands End. The community need to lobby the council.

RL recommended that everyone contributes to the planning by going online when the planning applications are posted and make positive comments to the council. AJ will let the FOSP know when this happens.

Biodiversity Corner

Gareth Davies, Council Parks Officer: handed out plans for the Biodiversity Corner in the South West corner of the park.

Gareth is the Parks project Manager attached to South Park, he introduced himself and said he was there to help implement the Master Plan in South Park

Q Do local resident have any input into design & concerns? His concern was pests that would breed from the corner from the pond and fruit trees (mosquitoes, wasps, rates and foxes) as his house was just behind the corner.

Gareth & AJ: Yes, please do come and talk with us and we will look at the concerns.

Q South Park Mews resident asked if it was possible to move the pond away from the houses and more into the park. Gareth will look at this as an option.

Q Will there will York Stone within the area?

No, it will be self binding gravel. The majority of the York stone taken up will be sold to RBKC with some used to upgrade existing pathways in the park and keep 20% in the yard for future use.

Q Who will maintain the project?

Quadron and volunteers.

Q Have the schools been asked if they would use such an area

Yes, to apply for the grant from SITA every school in the local area had to consulted and write a letter saying that this is something they would use. The schools will be involved with the design of the wall.

Sweder Van Iterson: The South West corner is a dead area that can be expanded and made better by this plan.

Q Main worry is that it will not be maintained and the pond will dry up and it will look scruffy.

The plans have been specifically designed for the lowest possible amount of maintenance and about the same level as the existing space has. The Pond will be the main area of upkeep and this is being carefully planned.

AJ asked for a show of hands for those in favour of the biodiversity corner. The majority were in favour of the development of the area.

Parks Police Update

Jerry, Parks Police, Ambassador for South Park gave an update on crime in the park:

- Very little crime in South Park
- Mainly antisocial behavior and issues with vehicles in the Park.
- Arguments amongst the dog users. He has had to act as an intermediary quite a few times!

Q Please could there be more signs on how to call and contact on the park boards?

Jerry said he thought there were a few but he would look and add more in necessary.

Q There are a few bricks missing in the wall and it needs to be repaired so that kids can't squeeze in at night

Yes, Jerry can get that sorted

Q What is the professional relationship between PRARA & FOSP?

Minutes are exchanged and Dianne has both e-mail distribution lists.

Treasurers Report

AJ reported that there is £5k in the FOSP bank account. Not enough to make a big difference to a specific improvement, so will leave it in bank account to grow and when needed it can be utilised.

Election of Committee Members

AJ Proposed the new committee set up & new members that were all firsted and seconded by the group

Chair - Andy Jones - YES
Vice Chair - Dianne Imthurn - YES
Secretary - Clair Gordon - YES
Treasurer - Pricilla Ladha - YES

Existing Committee Members

Teo Catino
Ahmadou
Su Gahan
Gloria Guy
Sweder van Iterson - Maintenance

New Committee Members

Louise Barton - Flowers and Planting
Julian Bray
Caroline David
Sean Gibbons - Community Gardening

Non-Voting

Jamie Lester
Alex Kennaugh
Justin Kandiah

AOB

Q Bigger bins in the park? Need over Summer business.
Gareth will look into it. Swap existing bins to those that have covered lids.

Tim Prager: Parks Police and Jemm etc need to not to be so obstructive and work with the community not at odds with them.

Picnic in the Park will take place on Saturday 11th June

