

**Friends of Kennington Park AGM
Held at Kennington Park Cafe
2.00pm Sunday 18th June 2017**

Welcome and Chair's Report for 2016/2017

The Chair, Marietta Crichton Stuart, welcomed the attendees to the AGM, noted change of location from the previous venue, and she explained that the change of timing was designed to allow the event to be held as part of the Great Get Together Weekend (in memory of Jo Cox, MP).

The Chair reported on events and issues for the Friends during 2016/17 and the priorities for 2017/18. No questions or matters arising from the report were raised

Minutes of the 2016 AGM

The Chairman said that the draft minutes of the 2016 AGM had been circulated to all members and paper copies were available at the meeting. There were no matters arising.

Approval of the draft 2016 AGM minutes:

- Proposer: Priscilla Baines
- Secunder: Jill Johnston

The minutes were approved by the AGM

Financial Report by the Treasurer

The Treasurer outlined the main points of the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2017. He proposed that no change should be made to subscription rates for the current year. He thanked HW Associates for their timely completion of the accounts and recommended that they be appointed for another year. (PDF attached)

Approval of the 2016/17 Accounts and the re-appointment of the auditors

- Proposer: Marnie Searchwell
- Secunder: Suzanne Jansen

The accounts were approved by the AGM

Election of the Office Holders and committee for 2017/18

Marietta Crichton Stuart was nominated as Chair for a further year

- Proposer: Priscilla Baines
- Secunder: Rob Pateman

Marietta Crichton Stuart was elected un-opposed.

The remaining office holders and other members of the committee (details below) had also agreed to stand for a further year and the AGM was asked, and agreed, to conduct a single vote for all.

- Proposer: Rob Pateman
- Secunder: Brenda Wheeler

Name	Post
Dave Sellers	Treasurer
Emily James	Membership Secretary
Rita Sammons	Secretary
Adam Blacklay	Committee Member
Christian Clark	Committee member
Colin Hunte	Committee Member
Kathryn Penn-Simkins	Committee Member
Marnie Searchwell	Committee Member
Nikki Smiton	Committee Member

All Office Holders and Committee Members were elected un-opposed

Any Other Business

1. **Litter in the park** – a suggestion by Suzanne Jansen that everybody should be urged to pick up items of litter rather than leave it all to the park staff. Marietta pointed out the “Take your litter home posters” designed by Maddie for an FOKP art competition
2. **Number of Events** – concern expressed by Suzanne Jansen about the number of events being held in the park, although noting that few had happened so far this year. Chair replied that all events closely monitored by the Committee, challenged where appropriate and pre and post event site meetings are attended. Appointment of new lead cabinet Member for the post including parks noted and the role of Cllr Amos in park liaison. Matt Meynell asked how events income was distributed by Lambeth and Marietta responded
3. **Fitness Area – Noise Complaints**– raised by Suzanne Jansen. Marietta confirmed that Friends, parks management and community police all aware of noise complaints, and advised that community police presence had been increased.
4. **Fitness Equipment** – raised by Suzanne Jansen . Request for a different type of equipment to be included in the fitness area based more on agility. Marietta replied that the Kenguru equipment installed in 2015 and funded by Lambeth was the first stage of the fitness trail, money would need to be raised for the next stage. Secretary advised that a consultation was currently taking place on equipment for a possible junior activity zone near the table tennis tables and urged those interested to submit comments.
5. **Misuse of general park areas by footballers** – the nuisance of organised football games in the heritage park instead of the formal football pitches on the extension and the difficulty of challenging the groups of young men usually involved was expressed by Priscilla Baines. Marietta confirmed that Friends and park management had this issue under review

The AGM was closed by the Chair at 2.55pm.

Post- AGM Visits/Talks:

Richard Galpin – Fruit Trees near Bee Urban

Amanda Rew – Herbs