

Friends of Selly Oak Park

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 6th May 2025 on TEAMS.

Present: Andrew Schofield (Chair), Sue Whitmarsh, Ann-Marie McCarthy, Annette Lawson, Simon Stafford, Louise

1. **Apologies:** Bob Curry, Marian Evans

2. Previous minutes

Ann-Marie's name is mis-spelt

3. Matters Arising

Treasurer position. No volunteers so far. It is important to have a treasurer. Andrew to email committee to ask for a volunteer.

Communication. Template for newsletter still to be produced. We need to encourage more volunteers, especially for the gardening group.

4. Dog show

Date : 24th May. We are still waiting for permission from the council. The process has been changed. Andrew will change approval. We will have access to the scout toilets but will need a steward positioned there. We will have a fenced off area for the dogs arena and two gazebos. Need to start setting up about 9.00am for 11.00am registration and 12.00 show start. Then clear up. Ice cream van haven't responded to confirm they can attend. Burger van is interested in coming but big and not sure where it could be parked. Andrew to ask Sue Amey about access to the park for the van or the scout car park but it would take up most of the car park. The show has been advertised on Face book and signs are on the notice boards. Andrew to order two banners that could be seen from the road. Andrew to email pdf of the posters for people torrent out. Louise will see if one can be put on notice board in Pets for Us store. Money is being saved on rosettes this years as there are some left over from last year to be used.

About 4 volunteers will be needed. Andrew will email out for volunteers and will do a rota.

5. Football tournament

For a variety of reasons this tournament will not happen this year.

Without the support of the festival in terms of first aid, defibrillator, toilets etc, risks are considered too high. In addition Bob is unable to contribute as much as previously and his input has been essential previously.

9. Reports from groups:

Gardening group. - Andrew gave report. Gardening sessions have taken place as planned with only the odd session cancelled. Rose bushes have been pruned. Weeds are becoming a problem as not enough volunteers and too many beds to look after. Andrew to put next two meeting on Facebook: 16th May (3rd friday of the month) and 3rd June (1st sunday of the month) 10.00am.

Litter Picking: - continuing as planned. More rubbish along Gibbins road than usual but probably not from park goers, more likely being blown over from uncollected bins on Gibbins Road. Next pick is 10th May. Sue to put on Facebook.

Conservation:- Groups hasn't met for a while. Paul has suggested a plan for the Willow sculpture maintenance. It can be cut down next year to between knee height and waist height and allowing to sprout for weaving in later. However its felt that this makes it too low for small children to access safely. Better to aim to cut down to adult chest height.

10. AOB:

DO we have access to a PA system for the dog show. The one used for the carols is available but not very strong. Also need someone with good voice to do the announcements.

10 . *Dates of Future Meetings and Events:*

Committee meetings: 7.00pm on TEAMS

Tuesday 20th May 2025

Groups

Litter picking: 2nd Saturday every month 10.00am to 11.00 am

Gardening: 1st Sunday and 3rd Friday of every month 10.00am to 11.00 am