

Friends of the Selly Oak Park

Minutes of the Pre Flight Committee Meeting held on 23rd June 2026 on Teams

Present: Andrew Schofield (Chair), Sue Whitmarsh, Helen Murie, Marian Evans, Annette Lawson, Louise Francis Taylor, and Beth Delwiche (Minutes)

1. Apologies Anne-Marie McCarthy 2. Minutes of previous meeting

Accepted with one correction, Beth's surname is spelled Delwiche.

3. Dog Show on the Saturday 27th June 2026

The show is now officially cancelled by the Chair due to the extreme heat and humidity which is predicted to continue over the weekend. Consequently, social media publicity and signage in the park will need to be updated. Refreshment vendors will also need to be notified of the postponement.

The consensus is the best time to reschedule the show is on either the 12th or 19th of September dependent on key people's availability. Some committee members stated they may not be available to help with those dates. The idea of combining the dog show with the history talk was raised but determined it would be too much.

Action: Lou to check with Isabel and other colleagues in the dog world to see if they are free on the above dates.

Action: Lou to inform the ice cream van

Action: Andrew to contact the coffee van.

Action: Andrew put an announcement on FB and take down or posters.

Action: Helen and Beth notify respective What's App groups (Woolacombe Lodge and Corisande Rd.

4. Handover Meeting

Andrew suggested we have a meeting in July to answer any questions about the role of the Chair.

5. AOB

Helen reminded us Love Parks week takes place from 24 July to 3 August. .She suggested offering activities for kids such as gardening or chalk drawing to create a broader reach.

Dates of Future Meetings and Events:

Handover Meeting: 13 July 2026 at Andrew' home

Committee meetings: September 7.00pm on TEAMS

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

Gardening: 1st Sunday and 3rd Monday of every month 10.00am to 12.00 am