



FEDERATION OF BRITISH BONSAI SOCIETIES  
AND FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL BONSAI COLLECTION

Joint meeting held at 10.30 am, Saturday, 31st January, 2026 at  
"The Woodlands", New Hall Drive, Walmley, Sutton Coldfield, B76 1QX  
Also held online.

**Minutes**

1. In attendance. Malcolm Hughes, Kim Turton, Chris Durne, Nigel Wright, Peter Fielding,
2. Apologies. Denise Baum-Pick, Barry Walker.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting. Agreed and approved. PF and MH.
4. Matters arising.
  - i. AGM. NW asked for reports for the AGM from PF, BW and MH, so that he could send them out prior to the AGM. He added that he would include a link to the AGM with the mailing.
  - ii. Chelsea. CD informed the meeting that the Bonsai Boys had agreed the budget as well as our agreement for van hire. Nick Lloyd would be arranging the stand rota.
  - iii. NTC. CD said that there were two candidates from the Twickenham club Victoria Miguel and Chris Haliwell.
5. Correspondence. In relation to the increased security requirements of Companies House MH has received ID numbers for MH and PF.
6. New Talent Competition 2026. UK heat. PF confirmed that Corin Tomlinson would be providing the material for the competition on a sale or return basis. PF to arrange suitable judges. The competition would run from 11 am to 2 pm.
7. Chelsea 2026. CD. As above.
8. John Naka demonstration recordings. MH has acquired a set of two DVDs of John Naka demonstrations hosted by FoBBS in 1984. KT agreed to publish them on YouTube and send a link to NW.
9. Reports.
  - i. Financial (FoBBS and FNBC)  
FoBBS  
Current holding £9042.26 and £5.08 in cash. DBP to audit. Payments due in 2026 of £377.90 for insurance and £154.33 EBA membership.  
FNBC  
£8536.06. MH explained that FNBC would need a removable hard drive.
  - ii. Companies House. No changes.
  - iii. Membership. 46 paid members.

- iv. FNBC Working group and state of collection and open days 2024. MH informed the meeting that plants from the Japanese garden had already been moved by BBGG staff via a gap in the wall created for the purpose. He continued by stating that the collection security was maintained by the existing separate gate and the cages. MH said that the exact timing is fluid, but it is intended that FNBC trees will be on display in one form or other during each stage of the renovations and that the new area would start to be used by early summer 2026.
- v. EBA & WBFF. MH. Communications have been problematic recently. Marc Noelanders has expressed an interest in EBA hosting the next world event but no more information is available. The Chair of WBFF is due for election shortly.

10. OB. NW showed the meeting the updated FNBC website that is ready for population when BW completes the work.

11. Date and venue for the next meeting. TBA after AGM.