



NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BONSAI SOCIETY Affiliated to FoBBS

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING at 19.30 on 19th February 2026

At Joe Murphy's House

Present: Joe Murphy, Jim Walsh, David Tipler, Richard Boyles, Alex Grieve

Apologies: David Horner

1. Approve previous AGM minutes and matters arising

2. Treasurer' report. Current balance £1,847.57 See spreadsheet attached below

FoBBS renewal and insurance certificate Richard to ask David H for details.

3. Discuss treasurer's handover to Alex

David Horner gave a verbal handover to Alex and Richard at the February meeting. Awaiting final funds transfer as we open the new bank account.

Suggest a section on the spreadsheet to indicate cash held not in bank account

4. Progress on application for a new bank account at NatWest

Alex, Richard and Joe have signed the appropriate paperwork and sent it to NatWest.

Richard spoke to NatWest this week and our application is progressing slowly.

5. Discuss next meetings. 5th Mar Mark Moreland

Joe to agree his presentation & confirm his fee

14th Mar Saturday workshop

22nd Mar Bonsai Fest Newark

2nd Apr Workshop

6. Discuss topic or speaker for Nov 5th 2026

Joe to investigate some options

7. Alternative venue for 2026 Annual Show

Options discussed.

Venue Alex suggested has moved from Weeden to Nether Heyford

Tesco WF shops

Wicksteed Park

Moulton Show

Harleston Garden Centre

8. Reminder to committee members to respond to e-mails just to confirm receipt so I know the information has been shared.

9. Sort out contents of cupboard in WFPH - Sort out during Saturday workshop

10. Any Other Business

Bonsai collection Oadby - No interest as trees do not look to healthy

Change August 6th Member's Workshop to include the Annual Show

11. Next committee 30th April

30th July

29th October

2026 PROGRAMME

March 5th **Speaker Mark Moreland** Propagation & Miniature Bonsai

March 14th **Saturday** FREE Member's Workshop 10am-4pm

March 22nd Sunday - Bonsai Fest at Newark

April 2nd Member's Workshop

May 7th **Speaker Tony Tickle** - (Topic TBA) Members £4 Visitors £5)

June 4th Bring in your bonsai/oriental favourite items to discuss

July 2nd Five tree event where groups of members work on a tree

August 6th Member's Workshop / Annual Show

September 3rd David Tipler demonstration

September 19th **Saturday** FREE Member's Workshop 10am-4pm

October 1st **Speaker Corin Tomlinson**

Member's Trees Critique - Members £4 Visitors £5

October 4th Sunday - Heathrow Show

November 5th **TBC**

December 3rd AGM and Christmas Buffet

Bonsai Accounts 2026

	Dec-25		Jan-26		Feb-26		Mar-26		Apr-26		May-26		Jun-26		Jul-26		Aug-26		Sep-26		Oct-26		Nov-26		Totals		
	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	
Membership			430.00																						430.00	0.00	
Refreshments																										0.00	0.00
Coach Trips																										0.00	0.00
Library																										0.00	0.00
Visitors																										0.00	0.00
Raffle			55.00																							55.00	0.00
Donations																										0.00	0.00
Workshop deposit																										0.00	0.00
Guest Speakers																										0.00	0.00
Stationery/ Web																										0.00	0.00
Hire of Hall		30.00		30.00																						60.00	0.00
Fobbs																										0.00	0.00
AGM		85.00																								85.00	0.00
Auction/Sales																										0.00	0.00
Workshops																										0.00	0.00
Merchandise																										0.00	0.00
Exhibitions																										0.00	0.00
Totals	0.00	115.00	485.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	485.00	145.00
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