

## TIPTREE PARISH COUNCIL



### MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting took place at 19.30 pm on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April in the Main Hall of the Community Centre, 1A Caxton Close, Tiptree CO5 0HA.

Present Councillors

Cllr J Greenwood - **Chair**  
Cllr A Girling  
Cllr S Allen-Shepherd  
Cllr A Peck  
Cllr D Webb  
Cllr C Kitley

Cllr A Dickey  
Cllr S Gulleford  
Cllr E Birkin  
Cllr W McNulty  
Cllr B Wood

Also, in attendance – Eighty members of the public, Andy Bryant of the Community Special Constable for West Mersea, Ross Gurney (Clerk), Jill Williams, Julie Webster, Dave Philpott, and Neal Yelland (TPC staff)

1. **Welcome and Approval of the minutes from the meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

The Chair welcome the members of the public, councillors, and the Police officer. He explained that the format of the meeting different to previous years, as Tiptree Parish Council (TPC) are aiming to improve their engagement with the community.

He then called on the TPC councillors present for a resolution to sign the minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting. This was **Resolved** unanimously, and the minutes were duly signed.

2. **Dance Presentation Starlight Dance Group-**

The dance group took to the stage and performed their dances for the community.

3. **Presentation from Andy Bryant – Community Special Constable for West Mersea.**

Andy provided a comprehensive presentation to the community of the Essex Police Community Special Constable Scheme and explained how an interested person could apply to the scheme. He then asked for questions from members of the public.

4. **Chair's report.**

Cllr Greenwood gave an overview of what TPC had been working on in 2024/25, providing an overview of the assets that TPC manage and the team that manage them. He thanked the elected member of the council for their work over the past year. Cllr Greenwood reminded the members of the public that the council meetings are open to the public.

He then talked about further improvements at our open spaces including Grove Road Playing Field, the installation of the information boards in Parklane, the taking over of the VAS signs and upcoming projects the council will be taking on.

5. **Public Questions on any item relating to the Parish.**

- i. A member of the public asked about cars parking on the paths.  
Cllr Greenwood advised that the council were working with North Essex parking partnership to address the issue but that enforcement was difficult.
- ii. A member of the public asked about alternative routes for lorries instead of them using the double roundabout on Maldon Road.  
Cllr Greenwood advised that Tiptree is the main link road to the A12 from Mersea unfortunately.

6. **Closure of the Meeting**

The chair once again thanked the members of the public, staff, councillors and the Essex Police Service for their attendance and closed the meeting at 20.55.

Signed .....

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026