Meeting of Amenities and Environment Committee Minutes

A meeting of the Amenities and Environment Committee took place on Tuesday 31st March 2026 19.00 in the Meeting Room, Tiptree Community Centre, 1A Caxton Close, Tiptree CO5 0AH.

Councillors Present:

Cllr Diana Webb - ***Chairman*** Cllr Barbara Wood

Cllr Jonathan Greenwood

Also in attendance: Clerk to the Council the Head groundsman and three members of the public.

161/25 Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence from Cllr Kitley and Cllr Peck was proposed, seconded, and unanimously accepted as they were away on holiday

162/25 Declarations of interest:

No Declaration of Interest were made.

163/25 Chair's Announcements:

The Chairman informed the meeting that:

- There was a grand Moped rescue from Grove Lake by the Ground Staff for a local resident.
- The Conservation Volunteers will be applying mulch to the hedge at Windmill Green on Thursday the 2nd of April.
- She and Cllr Greenwood had attended the Maldon Road appeal last week and, should planning permission be granted, there was a possibility of TPC being able to adopt the open space.

164/25 Minutes of Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 10th of February 2026 were proposed, seconded, and unanimously Resolved as an accurate record and duly signed.

165/25 Public questions:

The public asked the following questions:

Resident one and two:

Expressed concern over recent land management work at Warrior's Rest and questioned the impact of the work on the nature conservation of the area.

Resident three:

confirmed that a request to close Tiptree Christmas Festival CIC had been made.

166/25 The Clerks report and Head groundsman updated the committee on the following points:

- Toilet vandalised at grove road playing field
- Caxton Close's new play equipment
- Fencing repairs on the Warriors' Rest Woodland boundary with Thurstable school.
- Warriors Rest regarding the remaining Year One scheduled work left to be completed.

167/25 Financial Overview:

The Committee received the financial overview from the Clerk.

168/25 Consideration of hiring application for Grove Road playing field:

After discussion It was proposed, seconded and unanimously **resolved** that the Tiptree Christmas Street Festival CIC application for Hiring Grove Road Playing Field could be resubmitted in the name of Mrs Wendy McNulty and approved subject to references to Tiptree Street Festival being deleted.

169/25 Consideration of extra dog bin quote for Warriors' rest woodland and Parklane:

After discussion It was proposed, seconded and unanimously **resolved** that the Colchester City Council trade waste contract would be increased to include the new dog bins.

170/25 Grove road playing field site visit:

After discussion It was proposed, seconded and unanimously **resolved** that the Clerk would investigate:

Getting quotes to fix the wet pour at the basket swing,

Quotes for extension of the carpark towards the fence,

The cost of upgrading the skate park so the committee has an Idea on costs,

Small fixed ramps for the minibike track.

171/25 Grove lake site visit:

After discussion It was proposed, seconded and unanimously **resolved** that the Clerk would gather quotes for shaping the holly trees, removing the dead tree and discuss shaping the re growth of a chestnut tree. The groundsmen are to sensitively and proportionally cut the vegetation up to the level of the fence between the horse chestnut trees.

172/25 Consideration of how to move forward with Torquespeed:

After discussion It was proposed, seconded and unanimously **resolved** that the council will speak to Cllr Dundas on this issue.

The committee would ask for a meeting with both Torquespeed and Tiptree Heath FC to find a way forward.

173/25 Consideration of placement of Windmill Greens notice board:

After discussion it was **resolved** unanimously that the Notice board would be placed near the pre-existing concrete pad near the bus stop.

174/25 **Consideration on funding for thyme road:**
After discussion it was **resolved** unanimously that the committee recommends to Full Council request for use of S106 monies to be allocated for the Thyme Road project.

175/25 Chair closed the meeting at 21.12.
Date of next meeting Tuesday 14th April at 19.00.

Signed ……. **Date** 14th April 2026