

## **Meeting of Amenities and Environment Committee Minutes**

A meeting of the Amenities and Environment Committee took place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026 19.00 in the Meeting Room, Tiptree Community Centre, 1A Caxton Close, Tiptree CO5 0AH.

### **Councillors Present:**

Cllr Diana Webb - **Chairman**

Cllr Tony Peck

Cllr Jonathan Greenwood

**Also in attendance:** Clerk to the Council the Head Groundsman and one member of the public.

### **1/26 Election of Chair of the Committee**

After discussion It was proposed, seconded and unanimously **resolved** that Cllr Webb would be the Chair of the Committee.

### **2/26 Election of Vice-Chair of the Committee**

After discussion It was proposed, seconded and unanimously **resolved** that Cllr Peck would be the Vice Chair of the Committee.

### **3/26 Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence from Cllr Wood and Kitley was proposed, seconded, and unanimously accepted as they were unavailable for the meeting.

### **4/26 Declarations of interest:**

No Declaration of Interest were made.

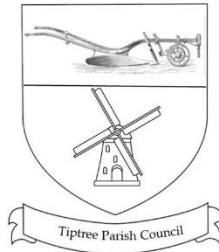
### **5/26 Chair's Announcements:**

The Chairman informed the meeting that:

- That Moldan Road appeal was overturned with the neighbourhood plan being upheld.
- On the 6<sup>th</sup> of this month the Chair attended the RCCE LNRS meeting to discuss local nature recovery strategy at Hatfield Peverel. The focus has shifted from net zero to nature recovery. LNRS has useful interactive maps that can assist parishes with nature recovery.
- The biodiversity net gain maintenance period for significant sites is 30 years, but smaller sites do not receive this, however there is no definition of what qualifies as a significant site
- There are Parish Councils that use the **I Report App** to record and monitor nature sitings in the parish

### **6/26 Minutes of Meeting:**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of April 2026 were proposed, seconded, and unanimously Resolved as an accurate record and duly signed.



**7/26 Public questions:**

There were questions from the public:

- Resident 1 raised concerns of the access to Thrustable School via Warriors' Rest Woodland.

**8/26 The Clerks report and Head groundsman updated the committee on the following points:**

- Teenagers have been littering and starting fires on land to the south of Grove Road Playing Field. This has been having has been reported to Colchester City Council.
- Signage at Warriors' Rest Woodland has been put up by the Grounds Team as well as new bins installed.
- Thyme Road playground project is waiting to start.

**9/26 Financial Overview:**

The Committee received the financial overview from the Clerk.

**10/26 Consideration criteria of whether to go for a fence, gate or kissing gate to access council facilities:**

After discussion It was proposed, seconded and unanimously **resolved** that the Clerk would gather quotes for a small gate and kissing gate at the third access point to Warriors' Rest Woodland.

**11/26 Consideration of the criteria for the workshops outside storage facilities:**

After discussion It was proposed, seconded and unanimously **resolved** that the Clerk is to look in to quotes for flooring for the whole back area of the workshop and options to create covered area to store the ground staff's equipment.

**12/26 Consideration of Dog bin quotes:**

After discussion It was proposed, seconded and unanimously **resolved** that the Committee went with Quote 2 from J R B enterprises for three 50 Liter dog bins at £612.

**13/26 Consideration of shade sail quotes for Grove Road Playing Field:**

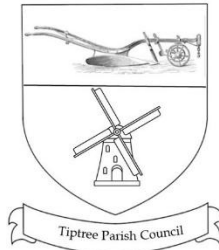
After discussion it was **resolved** unanimously that the Committee went with Quote 3 from Parry's Shades for one 6m x 6m shade sail at £10,172.16.

**14/26 Consideration of Car park extension quotes for Grove Road Playing Field:**

After discussion it was **resolved** unanimously that the Committee went with Quote 1 from E. King at £13,550.00.

**15/26 Consideration of quotes for tree work over the council's estate:**

After discussion it was **resolved** unanimously that the reduction of the holly at Grove Lake is to be carried out in September after the bird nesting season also the committee would like a site meeting to discuss the thinning of trees on Grove Road Playing Field. The Stump removal at warriors' rest, the removal of dead tree and bent over willow at Grove Lake is to be carried out by Roman Rivers at £2340.00.



**16/26 Consideration of the open space's narratives for the website:**

This Item is to be brought back to the committee.

**17/26 Consideration of the following items for the allotments:**

After discussion it was **resolved** unanimously that the draft terms & conditions and tenants agreement documents are to be worked on then the Clerk is to seek advice on the documents.

**18/26** Chair closed the meeting at 20.59.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 19.00.

Signed ..... **Date** 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026