Meeting of Tiptree Parish Council Minutes

The meeting of the Full Council took place on Tuesday 6th October 2026 at 18.45 in the meeting room, Tiptree Community Centre, 1A Caxton Close, Tiptree CO5 0AH.

Councillors Present:

Cllr J Greenwood **– Chair**	Cllr D Webb **- Vice Chair**	Cllr S Allen-Shepherd
Cllr B Wood	Cllr M Woodcraft	Cllr A Peck
Cllr C Kitley	Cllr S Akano	Cllr M Hatton

Also in attendance: The Clerk, The Deputy Clerk to Tiptree Parish Council and two members of the public also in attendance was Cllr Perera from Essex County Council and Cllr Dundas the leader of Colchester City council.

119/26 **Apologies for absence:**
Apologies for absence from Cllrs Osborne who was unable to attend due to personal matters proposed, seconded, and unanimously accepted.

120/26 **Declarations of interest:**
No declarations of interest were made.

121/26 **Chair's Announcements:**
The Chair welcomed Ruth who is helping to cover the office. She has been a Clerk at Manningtree town Council and is the Colchester Associations of Local Councils Clerk.

122/26 **Minutes of Meeting:**
The minutes of the meeting held on 1st September 2026 were proposed, seconded, unanimously **Resolved** as being an accurate record and duly signed.

123/26 **Public questions:**
There were no questions from the public.

124/26 **Receipt of Approved Minutes:**
Council **unanimously** determined to receive and note the following minutes in full:

Planning & Highways committee	4th August.
Amenities & Environment- committee	11th August and 8th September.
Staffing Sub committee	16th June.
Community Youth Hub Sub Committee	9th July and 27th August.
Policy & Finance Committee	28th July.

125/26 **County and City Councillor reports**
Cllr Chris Perera from Essex County Council:

- I have become an independent councillor at Essex County Council.
- Reform have announced their 100-day plan if elected at the next election.

- Local government reform has been removed by the government as the council see it.
- Essex Council spends 1.6 million pounds on Police communication support officers, and we only have two in Tiptree and Mersea area which costs £74,000 a year.
- Operation Vanguard is going to cost £500,000.00 for individuals that have no statuary powers whereas this could have funded ten extra police officers instead.
- I'm pushing for more change for the residents to help the public.

Cllr Paul Dundas from Colchester City Council:

- Colchester City Council are looking in to recouping costs spent on the local government reorganisation planning from the government fund that was put aside for the work.
- The May 2027 elections for Colchester City Council is back to normal.
- The CEO and the leader of Colchester City Council are preparing to use all the Councils enforcement powers against Crest Nicholson at Nine Acers.
- The Grounds staff contract for Colchester City Council is ending, and we are looking to bring this facility back in house.
- There has been no set date for the changeover to wheelie bins yet.
- We have hired two more street cleaners for the City Centre and brought new equipment for the street cleaning.
- It is an aspiration to work with Essex County Council on Operation Vanguard to hire two extra wardens for the city as the current wardens are part of the wider policing system and have statutory powers.
- From the 31st of October the power for City Councillors to call in planning applications will be removed and the planning officer will be delegated the power to call in planning applications at Colchester City Council.

126/26 **Payment List:**

The payments for the month of September were Proposed, seconded and **unanimously** approved, having been previously approved by email.

127/26 **Financial Overview:**

Full council received a report from the Clerk about the finances of the council.

128/26 **Bank Reconciliations:**

Cllr Wood informed the Council the bank reconciliation was completed for August and September.

129/26 **Consideration of Co-opt Mr A Dicky to Tiptree Parish council:**

At 2010 The member of the public left the room.

At 2015 The member of the public returned to the room.

After discussion it was Proposed, seconded and resolved **unanimously** approved to Co-opt Mr A Dickey to Tiptree Parish Council.

130/26 **Consideration of the Bullying and harassment policy and related documentation:**
After discussion it was Proposed, seconded and resolved **unanimously** that after the agreed amendments are made all three documents were accepted.

131/26 **Consideration of working alongside the residents surrounding Thyme road, to improve the play areas safety**:
Following discussion, it was proposed, seconded and resolved **unanimously** that the Council work with residents whose properties adjoin Thyme Road Play Area, subject to a site visit by the Amenities and Environment Committee.

132/26 **Consideration of AGAR 2025-2026:**
After discussion it was Proposed, seconded and resolved **unanimously** the council accept the AGAR.

133/26 **Consideration of council's internal auditor being independent**:
After discussion it was Proposed, seconded and resolved **unanimously** the council confirm that Heelis and hodges is independent from the council.

134/26 **Consideration of standing orders**:
After discussion it was Proposed, seconded and resolved **unanimously** the new wording for section 19.E was accepted.

After discussion it was Proposed, seconded and resolved **unanimously** the council approved the Standing Orders.

135/26 **Consideration to move the bus shelters to the Planning and Highways committee**:
After discussion it was Proposed, seconded and resolved **unanimously** the Bus shelters and bus stops come under the Planning & Highways committee.

136/26 **Consideration of Projectors for the Community Centre:**
After discussion it was Proposed, seconded and resolved **unanimously** the office will look into alternative ways to display information at the meetings.

137/26 **Consideration of keynote speaker for the Annual Parish Meeting:**
After discussion it was Proposed, seconded and resolved **unanimously** the council would contact the Scouts, and Tiptree first responders to seek a keynote speaker at the Annual parish meeting.

138/26 **Consideration of Council funded research into Tiptree councils past**:
After discussion, it was proposed, seconded and unanimously resolved that Cllr Peck is to become the Councils historian and can apply for reasonable expenses when carrying out his research.

139/26 **Chair closed the meeting at 20.11.**
Date of next meeting 3rd November 2026.

Signed ……. Date: 3rd November 2026