Agenda Item: 10.3 Parish Council 9th December 2025

Sutton-on-Trent Parish Council

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| **Subject:** | **To consider Newark & Sherwood District Council's (NSDC) Greener Gateways proposal.** |
| **Report by:** | **Cllr Tyers** |

**1. Recommendation**

To consider the purchase of wildflower seeds and bulbs for the Greener Gateways proposal with financial consideration of the upkeep of the area.

**2. Background**

A meeting was held with NSDC representatives on 18th November where they outlined their proposal for their Greener Gateways collaboration and discussed areas for planting.

Greener Gateways is an initiative that encourages local parishes to plant wildflowers and bulbs within their areas.

**3. Present Position**

Typically this initiative would see planting around gateways to the village. However, as all of our gateways are on 50mph roads, health and safety concerns mean that this is not possible.

NSDC have proposed four areas within the village for planting:

- Land at the top of Palmer Road
- Sternthorpe Close
- Land near project timber
- The entrance of Saxon Meadows.

The Parish Council may decide to go forward with all of these, or could pick and choose the desired options.

NSDC will supply the labour for this project and will contact Via to get their grass cutting schedules amended. For the area owned by Persimmon, we would have to be a middle man for contact but if they allowed it, NSDC would supply the man power.

The Parish Council would be responsible for the cost of the seeds and bulbs. The total amount for this project would be £957.20.

NSDC would care for the areas for the first year until they were established. Any subsequent watering that would be required could either be done by the Parish Council or arranged with NSDC. If, during the hottest periods of the year, the

Parish Council wanted NSDC to water the beds this would be a one week slot, watered 3 times at a cost of £156 per week.

The beds would need to be reseeded every 2-3 years to ensure that the wildflower annuals remained present. It's absolutely not mandatory, however it would ensure the beds remained vibrant. This would incur a cost of £365 for day labour and roughly £118 for 100% wildflower seeds. These future costs are estimations and may fluctuate.

If the Parish Council chose to go ahead with this proposal and space was available on the next planting cycle, this project could begin in March 2026. If space was not available for March 2026 the next available cycle would be March 2027.

Cllr Steph Tyers