

## Sutton-on-Trent Parish Council

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>An update on the status of the allotments</b>
<b>Report by:</b>	Cllr Grayson

**1. Background**

The Sutton on Trent Parish Council have in the past provided some allotments in according with Section 23 of the 1908 & 1950 Allotments Acts.

The allotments are located behind gardens off Station Road and Sternthorpe Close, with access from the playing field.

**2. Recommendation**

Previously a recommendation was made in December 2025 to bring the Sutton on Trent Parish Council allotments up to a satisfactory condition and make them an available asset to the community.

**3. Present Position**

The Sutton on Trent Parish Council allotments were in a state of poor repair with members of the public complaining that they are essentially an “eye sore.” There are also currently others in the parish who have expressed an interest in utilising the allotments.

Following the report dated 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025 this is an update on the current situation at the allotments:

- Originally there were four allotment plots.
- The allotments have been re-mapped out and five allotments are now available. A copy of the plan is attached as appendix 1. The plots are to be numbered 1-5 right to left, with #1 being the closest to the playing fields.
- The areas have been divided as evenly as possible. Three cover 130m<sup>2</sup>, with two plots being slightly larger at 135m<sup>2</sup> & 140m<sup>2</sup>. That is due to the geography of the whole area and also to compensate for the loss of growing space, where the footpaths cross over allowing access to other plots.
- Allotment #1 is currently being retained by the original tenant. The area occupied is currently larger than that shown on the plan as the tenant retains the right to have the original plot allocation. This will remain as is, until the tenant either returns some or all of the plot.
- Plot #2 will be temporarily smaller until the space is relinquished by the tenant on plot #1, as detailed above. As a result, the plan is to offer reduced rates to the tenant on plot #2, until the full plot is made available.

- A quote has been received from a contractor to remove waste materials from the plots and tidy the general areas. If the quote is approved, then that will clear the allotments of the current detritus and allow new tenants to begin cultivation.

**4. Further work**

Still to be confirmed:

- The chargeable costs per plot, taking into consideration the current and temporary reduced size of plot #2.
- Responsibilities of the Parish Council and the plot holders.
- Plans to ensure that the allotments remain a viable asset to the community and that they do not fall into disrepair again. This will require the co-operation of the future tenants with regular meetings to be held on site.

**5. Appreciation**

My thanks go to Cllr Sloan for his assistance with this project

Cllr Grayson