

Open Spaces

Date: 1 June 2021

Title: Sunflower's request

Purpose of Report

To consider a request for Sunflowers to be incorporated in the displays in the Minster

Consideration:

Members to indicate their support for such an action to be implemented to officers.

Report:

1. The Town Council has been approached by Natalie Wainwright in order for the council to consider a request from Sunflowers of Somerset for Sunflowers to be incorporated in the front flower bed displays at the Minster.
2. The church leadership have confirmed that they are in support of the flowers being planted but feel that since the Town Council maintains the flowerbeds being proposed support should be obtained from members.
3. They are proposing that volunteers at the minster work with Town Council staff to identify a way to implement this. Their three options are:
 - a. Minster volunteers plant the seedlings in consultation with wardens, taking care not to disturb existing plants
 - b. Sunflower seedlings are supplied directly to the Wardens to include in any planned planting within these borders in the next two-three weeks
 - c. Town council to come up with its own proposal
4. It is suggested that if members are broadly supportive of this that, in order to ensure this happens smoothly the clerk suggests the best way is for the Wardens to liaise with the volunteers and find a solution that works best.

Mark Tredwin
Town clerk
28 June 2021