STRETTON ON DUNSMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Maintenance Schedule for the Platinum Plott and Serenity Orchard 2026 – 27

1. Purpose

The purpose of this document is to set out the minimum maintenance required for the Platinum Plott and Serenity Orchard from January 2026 – March 2027.

2. Grass

A metre either side of the gravel pathway in the Platinum Plott will be mown between 5 – 8 between April and October 2026. This may be paused for campaigns such as No Mow May or to allow plant recovery or to accommodate a drier summer or other reasons deemed appropriate by the Parish Council or Parish Clerk (under delegated authority). The grass will be left wild in all other areas of the Platinum Plott with the exception of a mown pathway towards east of the plot as established in the previous year. This work will be undertaken by preferred contractor Roland Robinson at the agreed rate of £260.

The grass Serenity Orchard will be mown and strimmed by the contracted village handyman. This will take place 5-8 times year between March and October 2026. This may be paused for campaigns such as No Mow May or to allow plant recovery or to accommodate a drier summer or other reasons deemed appropriate by the Parish Council or Parish Clerk (under delegated authority).

3. Planting and Weeding

The Village Handyman, volunteers or contractors under the instruction of the Parish Clerk (within the agreed budget) can plant additional bulbs and bedding plants through-out the year within the Platinum Plott. Wildflower has already been spread on the mounds within the plot but more maybe be required. Weeding and grubbing bramble roots can be undertaken by contractors, volunteers or the Village Handyman.

4. Trees

There is not a plan within the agreed maintenance schedule to plant new trees – proposals to do so must be brought to the full council and considered alongside the Memorial Policy and Biodiversity Policy. Trees should not be pruned or coppiced without the permission of the Parish Clerk (if delegated authority applies) or Parish Council.