

Huish Episcopi Parish Council

Allotments Acts 1908 to 1950

PIBSBURY ALLOTMENTS RULES

The following are the Rules made by Huish Episcopi Parish Council with respect to the Pibsbury Allotments:

1. Persons eligible to be tenants of Pibsbury Allotments. Any man or woman residing in the Parish of Huish Episcopi is eligible to become a tenant of an allotment. Parishioners of Langport Town Council and Muchelney Parish Council may be considered on an individual basis.

2. General Conditions under which allotments are to be cultivated.

The tenant of an allotment must comply with the following conditions:

- a. The tenant must keep the allotment clean, in a good state of cultivation and fertility and in good condition. This includes clearing flowering weeds before they seed.
- b. The tenant must not cause any nuisance or annoyance to the tenant of any other allotment or any other part of the Pibsbury Allotments Field, or obstruct any path set out by the Council for the use of occupiers of the allotments. Stones removed from allotments must not be thrown onto the access road and all litter must be removed from the site.
- c. The tenant may not underlet, assign or part with the possession of the allotment, or any part of it, without the written consent of the Council.
- d. The tenant must not, without the written consent of the Council, cut or prune any timber or trees or take, sell or carry away any minerals from the field.
- e. The tenant must keep every hedge that forms part of their allotment boundary properly cut and trimmed and, where necessary, all ditches properly cleansed.
- f. The tenant must not, without the consent of the Council, erect any building or shed on the allotment. Before requesting permission in writing for a shed, tenants should be aware of, and consider, the lack of security at the Pibsbury Allotments. The Council will not be held responsible for any loss or damage arising, directly or indirectly, from the use of the allotment facility.
- g. Tenants must request permission, in writing, of the Council to keep any livestock, including bees, on the allotment.
- h. The tenant must not use barbed wire on any part of the allotment.
- i. No additional fencing may be erected by a tenant and existing anti-rabbit fencing must be maintained.

j. Tenants may not interfere with Council owned property at the Allotments, for example the gates, pump and its associated equipment.

k. The tenant must observe any other special conditions which the Council considers necessary to preserve the allotment area from deterioration.

3. Payment of Annual Rent. The annual rent is £30 with effect from 1 February 2016, rising to £36 with effect from 1 February 2018. The annual rent is to be paid in advance to the Clerk to Huish Episcopi Parish Council - Mrs J M Redfearn, 7 Bishops Drive, Huish Episcopi, Langport, Somerset TA10 9HW - by 1 February each year. Cheques should be made payable to "Parish Council of Huish Episcopi".

4. Increase in Annual Rent. The Council must give existing tenants written notice of any increase in rent by 30 April of the previous year (nine months' notice) at the latest.

5. Termination of tenancy of an allotment. The tenancy of an allotment is terminated on the annual rent day next after the death of the tenant. It may also be terminated by the Council after one month's notice if:

i. the rent is in arrears for forty days or more, or

ii. the tenant is not duly observing the Rules of the Pibsbury Allotments, or any other terms or conditions of their tenancy, or if the tenant becomes bankrupt or compounds with their creditors.

The tenancy may also be terminated by the Council by at least twelve months' notice in writing expiring on 31 January in any year.

Although statute provides that the tenant may terminate the tenancy by six months' notice in writing, the Council is prepared to accept notice of termination to expire at any time. However no part of the annual tenancy rent can be reimbursed at any time.

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(para 2 amended to clarify include tenants' responsibility for sheds and equipment, fencing and interference with Council property 20 Mar 17)

(para 3 updated 21 Nov 16 to reflect increased rent from 1 Feb 18))

(para 1 updated 21 Mar 16 to include Muchelney residents)

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