

Huish Episcopi Parish Council

Allotments Acts 1908 to 1950

HUISH EPISCOPI ALLOTMENTS RULES -January 2020

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

1. Persons eligible to be tenants of Huish Episcopi Allotments. Any resident 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. Cultivation is defined as a minimum of 25% of the individual allotment plot area. The plot allocated to the tenant must be either cultivated with crops growing or in a condition that is deemed to be ready for planting to take place.

b. The tenant must not cause any nuisance or annoyance to the tenant of any other allotment or any other part of the Huish Episcopi 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. Materials that do not add to the fertility or the workability of the allotment soil must not be brought onto the allotment site, e.g., sub-soils and rubble. If they do, allotment holders will be deemed to be in breach of the allotment rules (see 5.ii below).

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. Permission for structures other than those stated in the Tenancy agreement, must be requested and confirmed in writing BEFORE placing on the allotment plot. 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 £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 L D Newby, Nyumbani, Bow Street, Langport TA10 9PS 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 Huish Episcopi Allotments, or any other terms or conditions of their tenancy, or if the tenant becomes bankrupt or compounds with their creditors.

iii. any attempt is made to connect to mains water.

iv. cultivation remains at less than 25% of the plot area despite a reminder of the allotment rules following an allotment inspection. A reminder letter will be sent after the annual inspection in April/May, and if there is clearly no attempt to cultivate the plot, one month's notice will be served

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.

6. Tenancy details. The tenant must agree that their contact details will be held on file by the Parish Clerk, solely for matters relating to the Allotments and their tenancy agreement with the Council. This agreement is a legal requirement from 25 May 18.

(Para 2a to define minimum percentage cultivation area of plot and 5iv to specify cultivation)
(para 2f to specify written permission required before placing structures onto the plot, para 5iii to specify mains water 2 Nov 18)

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