

## **Allotment Gardens – Rules.**

The Parish of Stokenchurch owns the Allotment sites in Stokenchurch Village and at Water End: the Council and its nominees are responsible for the allocation of plots and the general supervision of the sites for the benefit and amenity of the tenants.

1. The plots are let yearly from 1<sup>st</sup> October subject to either party giving 12 month's notice expiring on 30<sup>th</sup> September. The rent, payable yearly in advance, will be fixed by the Council. Plot rental will be assessed in units of 25 square metres.
2. Rent shall be charged at the rate of £2.50 per unit per annum. Plots taken up after 1<sup>st</sup> November will be charged proportionally.
3. Applications to fill plots must be made in writing to the Clerk, who will maintain a list of tenants and any waiting list for the allocation of plots.
4. Any plot holder who wishes to relinquish their plot must do so in writing or by personal visit to the Parish Council Office.
5. Priority will be given to applicants resident in the Parish of Stokenchurch, although available plots may be let to applicants permanently resident in the immediate area.
6. In the event of a Tenant leaving the Parish of Stokenchurch, the Parish Council may allow the tenant to retain the plot provided that by so doing they will not be depriving residents of Stokenchurch the opportunity to obtain a plot.
7. No tenant shall be allowed to rent or sub-let a plot. No tenant may take more than one plot if to do so would prevent another applicant from doing so.
8. The Parish Council shall not be responsible for the payment of compensation for Tenants' improvements.
9. The death of a tenant will immediately terminate the tenancy, provided always that any family member shall have the option of continuing the tenancy
10. Plots are to be kept cultivated, kept free from weeds and properly fertilised for the purpose of growing vegetables, soft fruit and flowers. No tenant shall plant any tree, shrub or any other plant so as to be injurious to the amenity of another plot holder; compost and manure shall be properly piled and stored and kept clear of paths.
11. Barbed wire must not be used on or around plots. Dogs are allowed only when on a lead or tethered.
12. The use of weed killer is restricted in that it can only be used between October and February and care must be taken to avoid it being windblown onto crops or other allotment plots.
13. Consideration and discretion, with due attention being paid to wind direction and the matter to be burned, should be used when lighting bonfires, particularly at weekends and in the summer. Bonfires should not be left unattended.

14. Tenants shall keep the paths surrounding their plots in good order
15. Sheds and greenhouses with a floor area no greater than 36 sq ft are permitted . Glazing must be of a translucent material other than glass.
16. Storage of fuel and chemicals in sheds is prohibited,
17. The Parish Council will inspect all allotments on a regular basis to ensure that tenants are not in breach of the tenancy agreement. If it is determined that a breach has occurred notification to the relevant tenant will be in writing.
18. The water supply is available from March 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>.each year. Tenants may use the water supply with watering cans or their own hand held hose which is to be removed from the tap after use. Sprinklers and/or soaker hoses are prohibited.
19. All rubbish and non-compostable material should be removed from the allotments site(s) and disposed of by the tenant
20. The Council reserves the right to eject summarily and without any compensation any tenant guilty of theft or other misdemeanour on the allotment site(s).
21. The Council reserves the right to amend any of the above rules as deemed necessary, with due notice being given to tenants.
22. The Parish Council holds Public Liability Insurance Cover, but will not be held liable for loss or damage to tenant's property.
23. The Tenant will be responsible for insurance covering any property i.e. shed or tools or personal accidents on their allotment plot.
24. The Parish Council arranges on an annual basis around March of each year the provisioning of a skip for the purpose of aiding the removal of Non-Compostable Material
25. These rules supersede any previous publication of rules or regulations relating to the use of the allotments.

The Parish Council recognises the Stokenchurch and Water End Allotment Gardeners Association, and permits the siting of their store on the hard standing adjacent to the motorway footbridge.

**NB. There is no public footpath or other right of way through or across the Stokenchurch allotments.**

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