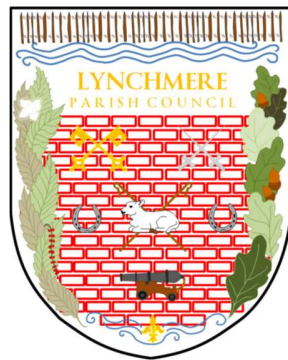


LYNCHMERE PARISH COUNCIL

Shottermill Ponds Allotments

Rules & Regulations



EXPLANATORY NOTE

These rules and regulations have been approved and adopted by the Parish Council at a meeting on 6th April 2010.

They set out the conditions of tenancy of your allotment, which must be followed. The rules ensure that the allotments are used for their intended purpose and that no activities are carried out which contravenes the law, prejudices public safety, causes annoyance or offence to others or damage to property both on the allotment site and adjoining properties. A copy of the rules and regulations is provided for all allotment tenants. By signing the allotment tenancy agreement, allotment tenants undertake to accept these rules and regulations.

These rules are made under Section 28 of the Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908 (as amended).

Any queries regarding this site should be addressed in the first instance to: Councillor Emma Hackett
Tel: 01428 643789 / Email: emma.hackett@sky.com If for any reason she is unavailable, please contact the Parish Clerk-Kate Bain Tel: 01428 621234 /Email: lynchmerepc4@gmail.com

These are the Rules & Regulations of the allotments – they are in addition to the Tenancy Agreement and should clarify some of the points therein - they are for your benefit please read!

Vacant Allotments on this site will be offered by the Council to applicants in order of application on the waiting list.



All allotment holders must abide by the terms of their tenancy agreement.


All Allotment holders are members of the allotment association, which will meet at least 3 times per year.

The Council has no objections to family and friends helping the tenant to work on the plot, although such assistance does not give the individuals concerned any claim to the tenancy of the plot or the produce from the plot.

Water may be turned off by the Council over the winter period to prevent water freezing in the pipes and causing burst pipes. The water should remain turned off until the spring.

Dogs on a leash are very welcome on the site, but please ensure that any faeces are cleared immediately!

Please don't leave tools lying across the paths-people may trip!

Pesticides – No-one wants their crops ravaged by bugs, but please only use chemicals on the approved list! 

_____Waste produced from the allotment that cannot be composted should be removed from the site. A communal composting area will be provided on the site and individual compost bins are permitted on the individual allotments.

The use of ground cover is a legitimate technique for temporarily discouraging weeds from an area of an allotment. Unfortunately a minority of gardeners neglect to take up the ground cover and leave it as a semi-permanent fixture. If ground cover has been in place for an exceptional length of time it eventually becomes swamped by weeds, and very difficult to remove. This is especially true of old carpets. If a tenant subsequently vacates the plot it is very difficult (and more expensive) for the Council to then prepare the plot for an incoming tenant. Therefore the Council reserves the right to request that tenants remove any ground cover that it feels will cause potential problems in the future.

Storage of tools – tenants are welcome to use the storage provided for their tools, but this is entirely at their own risk.

No ball games are allowed on the site.

Please close gates behind you, if you are the last to leave, lock it!

Be aware of fellow growers, help if needed!

Cultivation standards - helpful definitions

1. Removal of seed heads before the seed has set
2. Control of pernicious weeds such as those spread through the extension of roots (eg couch grass, ground elder) or by generating new plants from growing tips in contact with soil, eg brambles
3. Removal around plots of detritus and long grass which are likely to harbour slugs and snails

4. Keeping paths free of hazards to allow free and unimpeded access and to ensure grass paths are trimmed
5. Non-cultivation means more than 20% of the plot to allow for land to lay fallow

Dates of the June and October inspections will be displayed in advance on the Notice Board

The Parish Council is responsible for cutting the main paths

Thank you

Lynchmere Parish Council

Signed (Tenant) Plot No.....

Date

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