



## **Box Parish Council**

### **RULES RELATING TO ALLOTMENT GARDENS**

Made by the Parish Council of Box in the County of Wiltshire with respect to allotment gardens within the Parish of Box.

1. Throughout these Rules the expression “the Council” means the Parish Council of Box and includes any committee of the Council or any allotment managers appointed by the council under the allotments Acts 1908 to 1950. The pronoun “he” is used throughout as the common pronoun, referring to either male or female individuals.
2. For any land designated for use as allotment gardens the Council shall prepare a plan showing the position of each allotment plot and distinguishing it by a separate number. This plan may be modified at any time to suit the demands and abilities of existing or potential tenants.
3. Any man or woman who is resident in the Parish of Box shall be eligible to be a tenant of an allotment garden. If he should become resident outside the parish, the Council may terminate the tenancy.
4. In letting an allotment plot for which there are two or more eligible applicants, preference shall be given to those who do not already have the use of an allotment garden or other cultivable land (apart from a garden less than 500 square metres in area attached to their personal residence). Subject to that preference, the plot shall be offered to the applicant whose name appears first on the list in the Council’s register.
5. An agreement to let an allotment garden to an applicant may be signed by the Clerk of the Council on behalf of the Council and shall incorporate these rules.

#### **6. Conditions relating to cultivation of the allotment gardens.**

The tenant of an allotment garden shall comply with the following conditions:

- (1) He shall keep the allotment garden tidy and in a good state of cultivation and fertility.
- (2) He shall not cause any nuisance or annoyance to the occupier of any other allotment garden or obstruct any path set out by the Council for the use of the tenants.
- (3) He shall not sublet, assign, or part with the possession of the allotment garden or any part of it.
- (4) He shall not, without the written consent of the council, cut or prune any timber or other trees, or take, sell or carry away any mineral, soil, sand, gravel or clay.

(5) No buildings may be erected on the allotment garden, with the exception of a box suitable for containing necessary tools, equipment and materials and having dimensions no greater than 1.8 metres long and 0.6 metres wide, with the top no more than 0.8 metres above the ground.

(6) He shall not use barbed wire for a fence adjoining any path set out by the council on the allotment site.

(7) No materials or equipment other than those for horticultural use shall be kept on the allotment garden and any materials used for ground cover or plant protection shall be taken away or stored neatly when not in use.

7. Any member or officer of the council shall be entitled at any time when directed by the Council to enter and inspect an allotment garden.

8. The rent of an allotment shall be paid annually in advance on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January of each year.

9. The tenancy of an allotment garden shall, unless otherwise agreed in writing, terminate on the yearly rent day next after the death of the tenant.

It may also be terminated by the Council after 1 month's notice:

(1) if the rent is in arrear for more than 40 days after it falls due; or

(2) if the tenant is not duly observing the rules affecting the allotment garden, or any other term or condition of his tenancy. The tenant will be given a one month's period to rectify the situation failing which one month's notice to vacate will be given in writing.

The tenancy may also be terminated by the Council or tenant by 6 month's notice in writing expiring on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December in any year, or at shorter notice by mutual agreement.

10. No alcohol to be brought onto or consumed on the allotments without the prior consent of the Parish Council

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