## Allotment rules:

The following rules are taken from section 7 of the tenancy agreement and additional rules as referred to in section 8

The tenant of an allotment shall comply with the following conditions in that he/she shall:

- Keep the plot clean, clear of weeds and in a good condition.
- Not cause any nuisance or annoyance to the occupier of any other allotment garden; obstruct divert or reduce the width of any path or use barbed wire fence adjoining any path set out by the Council for the use of the occupiers of the allotment gardens.
- Not underlet, assign or part with the possession of the allotment garden or any part of it without the written consent of the council.
- Not, without the written consent of the Council, cut or prune any timber of other trees, except his/her own, or take or carry away any mineral, gravel, sand, soil or clay.
- Not, without the written consent of the Council, erect any building on the allotment garden. Details of the permitted size, materials, etc can be obtained from the Council Office).

Observe and perform any special conditions which:

- 1. the Council consider necessary to comply with conditions and/or covenants under which the Council hold the land.
- 2. the Council may consider it necessary to introduce for any other reason (allotment tenants will be given written notice when such conditions are introduced).

Tenants shall not cause or suffer any dog belonging to them or in their charge to enter or remain on the allotment site ONLY assistance dogs are permitted. Evidence may be needed to prove these dogs are legally registered as assistance dogs.

- No bonfires will be permitted except for at agreed times and dates.
- No hosepipes will be allowed.
- Gates must be locked at all times.
- The key must be returned once the plot is given up.
- Action will be taken against any person causing malicious damage to Council property.
- No dumping on site or importing any garden waste/soil to site.

## **Penalty**

Tenants who do not comply with the Rules or who do not pay their Allotment rent within a period of 40 days of it becoming due will, after due warning, have their tenancy terminated.

Only those tenants notified in writing by the Council and registered in the Council's records will be considered as the proper tenant of any plot. Tenants wishing to give up the tenancy of their allotment should notify the Council in writing at the Didcot Town Council Offices. These rules and notes supersede all previous rules issued by Didcot Town Council.

During the tenancy, the tenant shall:

- a. keep the Allotment Garden clean and in a good state of fertility and cultivation;
- b. not cause a nuisance or annoyance to the owners or occupiers of land adjoining the Allotment Garden:
- c. not keep livestock or poultry in the Allotment Garden other than reasonable numbers of hens or rabbits which shall not be kept for a business or a trade;
- d. not bring to or keep animals in the Allotment Garden except those referred to in (c) above without first obtaining the Council's written consent;
- e. not assign the tenancy nor sub-let or part with the possession of any part of the Allotment Garden;
- f. except for buildings or structures which are reasonably necessary for the keeping of hens and rabbits referred to in (c) above and which may be subject to the tenant first obtaining planning permission, the tenant shall not erect a shed, greenhouse or other building or structure on the Allotment Garden without first obtaining the Council's written consent and if appropriate planning permission;
- g. not fence the Allotment Garden without first obtaining the Council's written consent;
- h. maintain and keep in repair the fences and gates forming part of the Allotment Garden;
- i. trim and keep in decent order all hedges forming part of the Allotment Garden;
- j. not plant any tree, shrub, hedge or bush without first obtaining the Council's written permission;
- k. not cut, lop or fell any tree growing on the Allotment Garden without first obtaining the Council's written consent and if appropriate planning permission;
- I. be responsible for ensuring that any person present in the Allotment Garden with or without the tenant's permission does not suffer personal injury or damage to his property;
- m. permit an inspection of the Allotment Garden at all reasonable times by the Council's employees or agents;
- n. not obstruct or permit the obstruction of any of the paths or roads which provide a means of access to and from the Allotment Garden or the Allotment Garden of another tenant.

## Notes:

Rents for all sites are due on the 1st April in each financial year, and must be paid within 40 days of this date.

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