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Allotment Regulations 2026

These regulations are intended to support the proper management, use, and enjoyment of the allotment site by all tenants.

1. General Conduct

- 1.1 Tenants, and their guests, must conduct themselves in a reasonable and considerate manner at all times.
- 1.2 Abusive, threatening, or discriminatory behaviour will not be tolerated.
- 1.3 The Council reserves the right to take action, including termination of tenancy, in cases of serious misconduct.

2. Use of Allotments

- 2.1 Allotments are to be used solely for the cultivation of fruit, vegetables, and flowers for personal consumption in accordance with the tenancy agreement.
- 2.2 The use of allotments for commercial purposes is strictly prohibited.
- 2.3 Tenants must not reside on the allotment or use it for overnight accommodation.

3. Cultivation Standards

- 3.1 At least 75% of the allotment must be actively cultivated during the growing season.
- 3.2 Plots must be kept free of weeds, especially invasive or noxious species.
- 3.3 Untended areas must be covered to prevent weed spread, as required in the tenancy.
- 3.4 Failure to maintain cultivation may result in written warnings and possible termination.

4. Structures and Improvements

- 4.1 No sheds, greenhouses, polytunnels, or other structures may be erected without prior written consent from the Council.
- 4.2 Approved structures must:
 - Be of reasonable size and safe construction, as well as fully and safely secured
 - Be properly maintained
 - Not cause nuisance or overshadow neighbouring plots
- 4.3 The use of concrete or permanent hardstanding is not permitted unless authorised.

5. Trees

- 5.1 One tree may only be planted with written permission.
- 5.2 Trees must be of a dwarf variety or grown on dwarfing rootstock.
- 5.3 Branches may not overhang neighbouring plot.
- 5.4 Any trees planted must be maintained at a height that allows for harvesting without ladders or steps.
- 5.5 A deposit of £100 is required by the council, to be refunded when the tree is removed.

6. Paths and Access

- 6.1 All paths must be kept clear and unobstructed at all times.
- 6.2 Tenants must maintain any paths bordering their plot as stated in the tenancy.
- 6.3 Vehicles must only be used where permitted and must not damage site infrastructure.

7. Waste and Bonfires

- 7.1 Bonfires are strictly prohibited at all times.
- 7.2 Tenants must remove all non-compostable waste from the site.
- 7.3 Composting of organic material is encouraged but must be managed to avoid nuisance.
- 7.4 No materials may be brought onto the site to be burned – only dry allotment waste may be incinerated.
- 7.5 Small, contained metal incinerators may be used for dry garden waste only, providing they are attended at all times and do not cause a fire hazard or a smoke hazard / nuisance to highways, neighbouring houses or laundry and when wind will carry smoke away from highways and neighbouring houses.
- 7.6 Incinerators must be sited well clear of any fences, sheds, trees or other combustible material.
- 7.7 The Council may require any fire to be extinguished immediately and may prohibit further use following any complaint, safety concern or non-adherence to the rules.
- 7.8 Tenants must ensure that any use of an incinerator complies with all applicable laws, regulations, byelaws and site rules. Tenants remain responsible for any damage, nuisance, injury, complaint or enforcement action arising from such use.

8. Animals and Livestock

- 8.1 No animals or livestock may be kept on the allotment.
- 8.2 Dogs are only permitted if:
 - Kept on a lead at all times
 - Under proper control
 - Not causing nuisance

9. Health and Safety

- 9.1 Tenants are responsible for their own safety and that of visitors.
- 9.2 Hazardous materials (fuel, chemicals) must be stored safely and securely.
- 9.3 Tools and equipment must not be left in a dangerous condition.
- 9.4 Barbed wire must not be used adjacent to paths.

10. Security

- 10.1 Gates must be closed after entering or leaving the site.
- 10.2 Tenants should report any suspicious activity to the Council.
- 10.3 The Council accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to personal property.

11. Inspections

- 11.1 The Council reserves the right to inspect allotments at any reasonable time.
- 11.2 Tenants will be notified of any breaches and given reasonable time to rectify issues.

12. Subletting and Assignment

- 12.1 Subletting or sharing of plots is not permitted without written consent.
- 12.2 Tenancies are personal and non-transferable.

13. Disputes

- 13.1 Any disputes between tenants will be referred to the Council.
- 13.2 The Council's decision shall be final.

14. Termination and Plot Clearance

- 14.1 Upon termination, tenants must clear the plot of all personal items and structures unless otherwise agreed.
- 14.2 Plots must be returned in good condition.
- 14.3 The Council may recover costs for clearance if required.
- 14.4 The tenancy may be terminated due to general termination by either party, rent arrears or breach of conditions with one month's notice, or with three months' notice if required for building or industrial purposes.

15. Additional Rules

- 15.1 The Council may issue additional site-specific rules from time to time.
- 15.2 These regulations should be read alongside the tenancy agreement and do not override it.

Adopted by Worthington Parish Council

Date: _____