

RUDBY PARISH COUNCIL RULES FOR ALLOTMENT HOLDERS

1. The Tenant is the person or couple named as Tenant(s) on the record held by the Clerk to Rudby Parish Council (RPC). The tenancy cannot be passed to another person by the Tenant(s) and the allotment reverts to the Council should the Tenant(s) give up the tenancy.
2. A tenancy of an allotment shall only be held by residents of the area encompassed by RPC. If a Tenant moves from the area they must, within 3 months, give notice to RPC giving up the allotment; in any event the tenancy ceases at that point. At RPC's discretion it may allow the Tenant to retain the allotment until the end of the growing season.
3. A tenancy of the allotments will run from 1 January until the following 31 December each year.
4. The annual rent will be as fixed by RPC. At present this is £40 for a full allotment and £20 for a half allotment for a year or part thereof, reviewed annually.
5. All Tenants must have their own, suitable Public Liability cover, a copy to be provided to the RPC Clerk each year.
6. New Tenants will have to pay a returnable bond of £40 for a whole allotment and £20 for a half allotment or such fees as are applied annually by RPC.
7. Rent to be paid annually in advance to RPC by 1 January. Payment by bank transfer is preferred.
8. If the rent is unpaid by 15 January, it will be assumed that the Tenant no longer requires the allotment.
9. No person to cultivate more than one allotment.
10. The allotment shall be used for the recreational growing of fruit, vegetables or flowers. Produce from the allotments may not be sold for commercial gain.
11. At least 75% of the allotment must be used for the cultivation of fruit, flowers and vegetables. Up to 25% can be used for sheds, cold frames, storage, compost bins or seating.
12. The waiting list for the allotments is kept by the Clerk to the Council
13. Allotments can be changed on application to RPC after a tenancy of two years provided a vacant allotment is available. A prerequisite of any change would be strict adherence to these rules.
14. Tenants are responsible for leaving allotments clean and tidy when vacating their site and may be charged the cost of any clearance necessary at the end of the tenancy.
15. Allotments should be kept reasonably clean and tidy at all times. Tenants must keep their allotment clear of any weeds that can seed or otherwise spread to other allotments. RPC reserves the right to refuse renewal of tenancy should this rule be ignored.
16. Tenants must not dump rubbish or non compostables on any part of the allotments. Compost bins will be provided on a trial basis for compostable items only but Tenants are encouraged to keep and use their own compost bins. The Council reserves the right to cancel a tenancy if any rubbish or garden waste is deposited anywhere else on the allotments site.

17. Should an allotment site become dormant and unworked in whole or in part, without good reason, RPC may give the Tenant notice of a two month period to correct the situation, or be required to vacate the allotment.
18. Huts, cold frames, etc. can only be installed with the permission of RPC. They will need to be removed at the end of the tenancy unless the new Tenant wishes to take them over.
19. RPC encourages pesticide free allotment gardening. A separate leaflet is provided to all allotment holders to remind them of the benefits of this for allotments as a whole.

Allotments Committee

Councillors Tim Puttick, Cate Titterton.

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