

SPOIL LANE ALLOTMENTS: REGULATIONS August 2021

1. The gates are to be kept locked when the site is empty and closed at all other times to prevent wildlife entering – e.g. deer. There is a security numbered padlock in place.
2. Plots will be let for 12 months from 1st April each year. Payment of £35.00 (or £15.00 for concessions) is to be made by the end of April. Failure to do so will result in your tenancy ending. Any increase in fees will be advertised by 1st April in the preceding year. Please inform the Clerk in writing or by email of any change of address, domestic or email.
3. Plots are to be always kept in good order and cultivation and free from weeds. Plots will be inspected regularly, and warnings issued as and when necessary. A tenancy will be ended by failure to start work on a plot within one month of the issue of a warning. However, if there are any issues, for example illness, the committee and the Clerk should be consulted.
4. Tenants are **not allowed** to sublet plots. If you have temporary difficulty in keeping up your plot (e.g. due to illness or absence from home) and someone else is helping you, that is acceptable but please let the Clerk know so that allowances can be made. Also, if you do sub-let your plot in this way, please be aware that the tenancy will not be automatically awarded to your sub-tenant, who should be advised accordingly.
5. The Clerk will take a decision on applications for more than one plot based on local availability and waiting lists.
6. A path one metre wide must be kept between the long sides of each pair of plots. Half the width of the path is to be taken from each plot. The tenants on either side are jointly responsible for its upkeep. **Please note** that weed killer is not allowed as this could adversely affect the allotment plants.
7. Plots may be fenced, the fencing and posts to be kept within the plot area, i.e. inside the lanes and pathways. Fencing should not exceed 6 feet in height and should be 'open', i.e. not solid.
8. Hosepipes may be run from the water taps to individual plots. **Please make sure that the taps are turned off** when you have finished drawing water. A running tap must not be left unattended.
9. No livestock may be kept without written agreement from Tongham Parish Council.
10. Manure, compost etc must be moved to your own plot as soon as practically possible after delivery and before spreading. **Nothing** may be stored or placed on spare plots or in the hedges and ditches.
11. All rubbish must be removed from the site and disposed of – it is not allowed to be left. All compostable materials must be composted; using your own compost bin is strongly recommended, otherwise there are brown wheelie bins which can be used (collected by GBC every fortnight). Any other material must be removed from site and disposed of at home.
12. Please drive and park with consideration for other tenants and for the residents of Spoil Lane.

13. It is forbidden to cause nuisance or annoyance to any other tenant. Any report of anti-social behaviour will result in i) verbal warning, then ii) written warning and finally iii) loss of allotment.
14. **Bonfires are not allowed except between 1st and 10th November after sunset and must not be left unattended at any time.** They must be kept on the Communal plot.
15. If you bring visitors, dogs, or children onto the site, please make sure that they do not trespass on other plots or disturb other tenants. Any dog mess should be collected and disposed of off-site. (There is a poo-bin just down the lane.)
16. Any self-seeded trees must be removed by the allotment holder. Small fruit trees are allowed but **MUST** be kept under proper control and pruned regularly.
17. The allotments are to be cultivated for the benefit of tenants and their families only. Crops are not to be grown for sale on a market garden basis.
18. Tenancies may be ended by one month's notice on either side. Notice will be given if these regulations are not observed. All property, e.g. sheds, greenhouses, must be sold on or removed within that month.
19. Any problems and queries: contact the Clerk, telephone **01252 782893** to leave an answerphone message, which will be picked up on a fortnightly basis, or email: clerk@tonghamparishcouncil.gov.uk. This is also the contact for waiting list enquiries.