



COULSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Rules and Guidance for Allotments 2025-26



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The village allotment sites are owned by Coulston Parish Council. Allotment holders pay an annual rent and are expected to abide by a simple set of rules and guidance to maintain individual plots and in consideration of fellow allotment holders, to help make the allotments a better place for everyone and help to keep it in good order, for future users.

The rules will be reviewed periodically and ratified at the Parish's Council's AGM.

Any non-compliance will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Parish Council, which reserves the right to terminate an allotment holder's tenancy.

Complaints about anti-social behaviour will be considered by the Parish Council and may result in a verbal warning, escalating to a written warning if the behaviour persists. Tenancies may be terminated after three written warnings.

- Rent is charged annually in advance, payable within 30 days of the request for payment. The Parish Council retains the right to review the rent every year and will give holders at least 12 months' notice of any change.
- When a plot is given up the plot and all items on it revert to the ownership of the Parish Council.
- The Parish Council expects plots to be cultivated – in cases of non-cultivation, the plot will revert to the Parish Council after a reasonable period of time.
- A water supply is provided for allotment holders.
- You must get permission from the Parish Council if you wish to erect sheds, greenhouses or poly tunnels or introduce concrete (eg for bases or for securing posts) or introduce other hard construction materials on site. Barbed wire is not permitted on site.
- Permission is also required to keep bees.
- Bonfires are permitted but should not be left unattended.
- Dogs are allowed on the site, but please make sure that you clear up any mess left by your dog and dispose of off-site.
- Parish Council written consent is required for any assigning, underletting, parting with possession or sharing possession of the allotment or any part of it.

- You must not fly tip any materials, arisings or rubbish from your allotment plot, or from off site, anywhere else on the allotment site.
- Fuel such as petrol and diesel must be stored off site.
- Care is required when using weedkillers or other chemicals, specifically in terms of potential impact on the cultivation of allotments nearby.
- Care is also required with tall plants or trees, to prevent the blocking of light to neighbouring plots.

The Parish Council will mediate any dispute between allotment tenants. We will observe proper processes, and our decision is final and binding.